

# Gingrich

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her sexual orientation and have been generally accepting of it. Gingrich, the only liberal Democrat in her family, quoted Newt as having said to their mother, "That's Candace's life and she has every right to live it as she wants."

Although hopeful her brother will become more supportive of gay rights, Gingrich is unsatisfied with his current position. The Speaker opposed the anti-discrimination bill that Candace lobbied for last March. The bill, formally known as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, would protect homosexuals from being fired based on their sexual orientation.

Former State Senator Lori Lipman Brown attended the event and was pleased with Gingrich's message.

"If someone were sitting

here trying to spy on us what they would've seen was a normal person with a normal life who's not a weirdo," Brown said.

In his first public statement concerning his sexual orientation Deputy Attorney General, Victor Schulze told the crowd, "I represent breaking stereotypes and expectations.

"I have not let straight people tell me what kind of life I have to live because I'm gay."

LGBA Co-Director Joel Castillo said, "I'm not a label, I'm a person. My sexual orientation is only a part of who I am."

Todd Story, assistant director of Nevada Student Affairs spoke of the need for greater acceptance of a diverse community.

"As Americans the United States is a melting pot, and the population is made up of all different kinds of people," Story said.

Not all view Gingrich's message as a positive one.

Lt. Governor Lonnie Hammargren said, "I guess I learned that free opinion is alive and well in Nevada from

the opinion that was put forth here tonight."

UNLV College Republican Club Chairman Vern Williams said, "Candace is just cashing in on her brother's fortune of being Speaker of the House. I think this whole gay rights issue is just ridiculous.

"We feel it's pretty one-sided," Williams added. "Straight people don't go around saying, 'We're straight, we're straight.'"

Williams feels the controversial gay rights debate divides the campus.

"Making gay rights an issue polarizes the campus. It makes a controversial issue more controversial," Williams said.

As for Gingrich, her message remains clear.

"For those of us who are gay it's sometimes easy to view it as a problem - to see being gay as a road block that stands in the way of our fulfillment of happiness," Gingrich said.

"There's no such thing as a problem without a gift for you in its hands. If you're gay what you have is actually a gift. Take your gifts and share them."

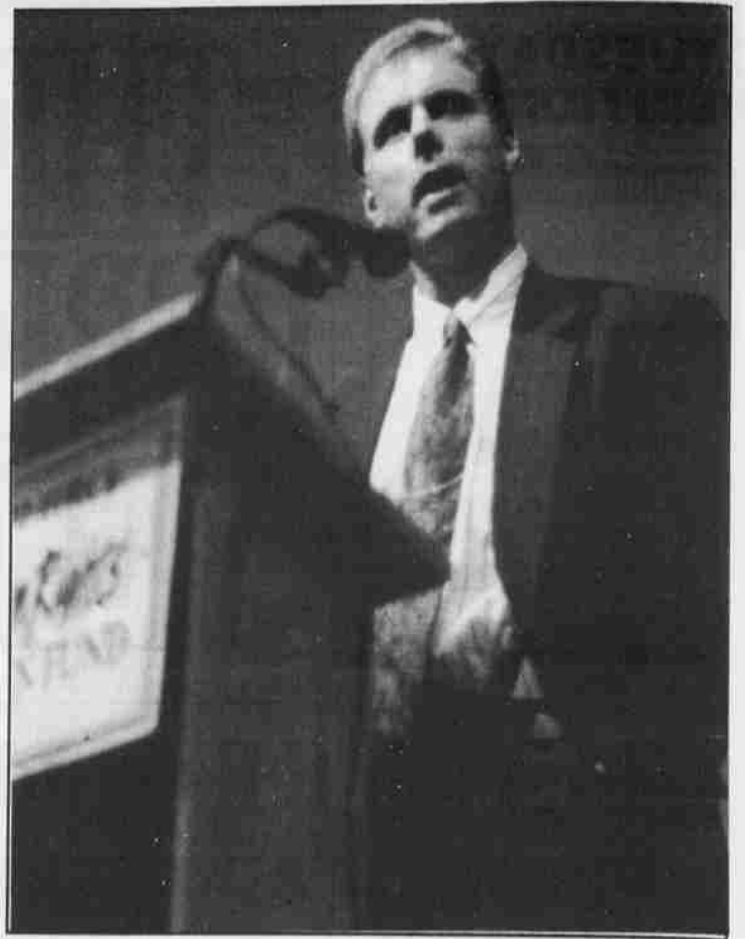


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through the convention center," Christenson said. "We couldn't afford to pay for the expansion."

Although the T&M is unable to finance an expansion, Christenson said the center could easily afford the operating costs.

According to Christenson, university officials have met with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority about possible funding for the projects.

"They (LVCVA) now know what we can do with the expansion," Christenson said.

The possibility of extending the bond that was used to finance the T&M has also been discussed, according to Christenson. As it stands, the \$90,000 per year bond will be paid off by 2001.

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