

Breaking schmooze: A Baton Bob sighting, tutu and all

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GAY FEUD: Pride St. Louis, an organization that runs the annual PrideFest and supports gay rights, and some members of the gay, lesbian and transgender communities are divided over the group's selection of **Charles Stadlander** to receive the group's annual John Van Voris academic scholarship. The complaint is that Stadlander heads the Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis, which is the local arm of the GOP's national group for gays and lesbians. The group supported President **George W. Bush** for re-election and **Matt Blunt** for governor. Neither the president nor the governor supports the same agenda that is endorsed by the vast majority of those in the gay, lesbian and transgender communities. For its part, Pride officials have said that as a nonprofit agency, the organization cannot take political affiliation into consideration when awarding its scholarship. Some Pride authorities have also said that Stadlander was the best applicant for the scholarship.