

Steve Attack, president of the Eastbourne Young Liberals. He also owned the Hartington pub, Franco's wine bar in Grove Road and the Rainbow Roof Club in Terminus Road

HORNSEY SPEECH: 'I WASN'T BEING CONTROVERSIAL'

YES I'M GAY, SAYS YOUNG LIB ATTACK

by Gazette Reporters

YOUNG LIBERAL'S leader Mr Steve Attack, 22, has confirmed a Sunday newspaper report that he told a meeting in Hornsey at the weekend that he was a homosexual.

Mr Attack, current national chairman of the Young Liberals, told the Gazette, 'I wasn't being controversial. I

decided that it was time I and every other person who is gay was open about it instead of trying to hide it.'

Mr Attack, who is also president of the Eastbourne Young Liberals and a member of the Eastbourne Liberal Association executive council, was addressing a meeting of Young Liberals at Hornsey on Saturday.

He told the Gazette, 'I don't regret stating my feelings in public. I hope that it will help others who find themselves in a similar situation.'

Mr Attack said his speech would not affect his position as national chairman of the Young Liberals.

He said the Liberal Party had always believed in homosexual equality and had supported the controversial Wolfenden Report in the early 1960s.

In recent years Mr Attack has been actively engaged with

the national Gay Rights Campaign.

A former student at the Eastbourne College of Education, Mr Attack was president of the Students Union during his college years.

A leading member of the local Liberal Party, he was responsible for the growth of the Eastbourne Young Liberals group which at one time was the biggest YL branch in the country. He and the Young

Liberals played a leading role in the Liberal success in the 1973 borough council elections.

Mr Attack is currently Kent area organiser for the Age Concern organisation.



MR STEVE ATTACK

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