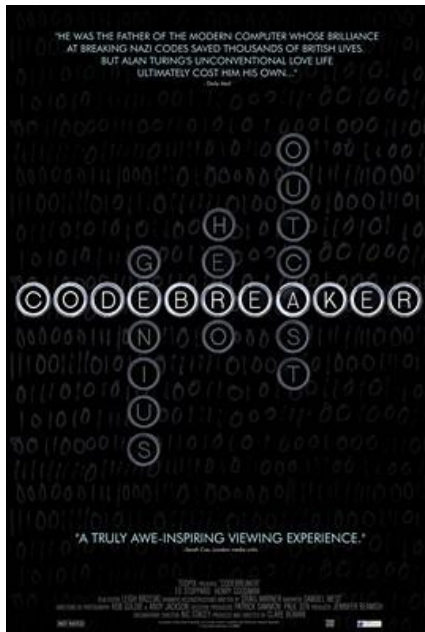


## Session 7: Training Rules

and



## Codebreaker

## Today's first film: *Training Rules*

- Co-Producer/Co-Director: Dee Mosbacher
- Co-Producer/Co-Director/Cinematographer: Fawn Yacker
- Narrated by Diana Nyad
- All are openly lesbian
- Premiered April 2009, at Philadelphia Film Festival
  - Also screened at gay film festivals in: Ireland, Paris (France), Montreal (Canada), Slovenia, Belgium, London, Melbourne, and many other USA cities
  - Also screened on many USA college campuses, including UIUC (April and October 2010)

## Today's first film: *Training Rules*

- Awards:
  - Won Audience Award for Best Documentary at Frameline (San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival), 2009
  - Won Pink Peach (LGBT content) Jury Selection Award at Atlanta Film Festival
  - Won Audience Award for Best Documentary at Birmingham (Alabama) SHOUT Festival
  - Won Best Documentary Award at Pikes Peak Lavender Film Festival
  - Won Accolade Global Film Competition's Award of Merit, 2010

# Dee Mosbacher



Left: Dee Mosbacher, from her English-language Wikipedia entry

Above: (L-R) Dr. Nanette Gartrell, President Barack Obama, Dr. Mosbacher

## Mosbacher resume summary

- Daughter of Robert Mosbacher, U.S. Secretary of Commerce under George H. W. Bush (1989 – 1992)
- She has earned a Ph.D. (social psychology, Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities) and an M.D. (Baylor)
- Founder and President of Woman Vision (1993 – present)
  - Non-profit organization whose mission is to promote social justice through the production of educational films and video
  - Nine documentaries produced

## Mosbacher resume summary

- *Training Rules* (2009) was her 9<sup>th</sup> (and most recent) documentary film
- Other works include:
  - Co-Director/Co-Producer: *Straight From The Heart* (1994)
    - Received an Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary Short
  - Executive Producer/Director: *Radical Harmonies* (2002)
  - Collectively, her director and/or producer credits have garnered 46 awards, from LGBT, Black, Latina, Latin American and Aging film festivals



# Fawn Yacker



## Yacker resume summary

- *Training Rules* is her only credit as (co-)Director or (co-)Producer
- More established as a cinematographer
  - 18 credits (all documentaries), including:
    - *Pride Divide* (1997)
    - *Paris Was A Woman* (1996)
    - *Waging A Living* (2005, P.O.V.)
    - *Justin Bond Is Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex* (2010)
- Currently works as owner/instructor of Mud Shed Ceramics, in San Rafael, CA
- Also a project director for “The Last Closet”
  - Web-based campaign and video project to end homophobia in men’s professional sports, founded in 2012



Today's first film:  
*Training Rules*

- Expository documentary
- This film “Examines how women's collegiate sports, caught in a web of homophobic practices, collude in the destruction of the lives and dreams of many of its most talented athletes.” – IMDb.com
- Let's watch ...

# Brief epilogue

- Rene Portland resigned from Penn State on March 22, 2007, “effective immediately”
- Coquese Washington was hired as her successor on April 23, 2007
  - Washington remains as current PSU head coach
- Jerry Sandusky child molestation scandal broke in November 2011, following a 2 year investigation
- Current PSU athletic director, Sandy Barbour, hired August 2014

# Brief epilogue

- Jennifer Harris and PSU settled her lawsuit out of court in February 2007, with terms to remain confidential
- She finished her collegiate basketball career at James Madison University
  - An ankle injury ended her playing career
  - Earned a degree in Psychology, 2008
- Her Facebook page says she currently lives in Harrisburg, PA
  - Divorced co-mother of twins



## Today's second film: *Codebreaker*

- Dramatic documentary type

## *Codebreaker*

- Directed by Clare Beavan
- British filmmaker with long career at BBC
- Identified as Lesbian in the gay press
- Mainly interested in biographical documentaries



# Codebreaker

- Awards include:
  - Nomination, 2013 GLAAD Media Awards
  - Screened at 27 different LGBT and Science Film Festivals around the world. No awards however.
  - Festivals include:
    - Tel Aviv, Paris, Hong Kong, Oslo, Brussels, Moscow, Zurich, Bern, Torino, San Francisco, Hamburg, Cologne, Amsterdam, Czech Republic, Athens, Mexico City, Auckland, Wellington, Barcelona, and Sheffield, England.
  - Shown at the Reel It Up Film Festival, Champaign, Illinois, June, 2013
  - Never shown in any Icelandic Film Festival