Questions for students from the standpoint of leadership development and social change:

- What events and arguments help change attitudes about the way gays and lesbians are treated in society? Have you seen examples of gay-bashing? If so, how did you react?

- Would you react as Jodie and Nathan did to support Reichen?

- How does having a personal connection to a person who is gay change an individual's attitudes and behavior toward gays or others who have been the victims of discrimination?

- Reichen was in an environment that was overwhelmingly and systemically anti-gay. Are these anti-gay behaviors and attitudes similar to the environment young people face in colleges and universities generally and the environment you perceive at Stony Brook in particular?

- What do you think of the military indoctrination process as a vehicle to develop shared attitudes and develop leaders? Is this style of military training necessary for an effective defense force?

- What do you think about how religious doctrine influences the military? Should this be changed, and if so, how?

- What skills and personality characteristics are required to come out as Lehmkuhl did? What does your analysis tell you about leadership and change?

- The government is changing its policy about "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." To what extent was Lehmkuhl instrumental in contributing to this change?

- Do you believe that the book makes an effective argument for changing policy about "Don't Ask Don't Tell"? If you were a member of Congress, would this book affect your vote about this issue or related issues, such as gay marriage?

- In your view, is Lehmkuhl an advocate? ...a risk taker? ...an agent of change and social justice? ...a role model?

- What qualities does someone need to be an effective change agent?

- What prompts a person to address a social injustice? What methods work to enlist others to generate support and make a difference? What can you (should you) do when you see a situation that you see as an injustice?

- Can you find examples of people you consider change agents whom you would emulate?