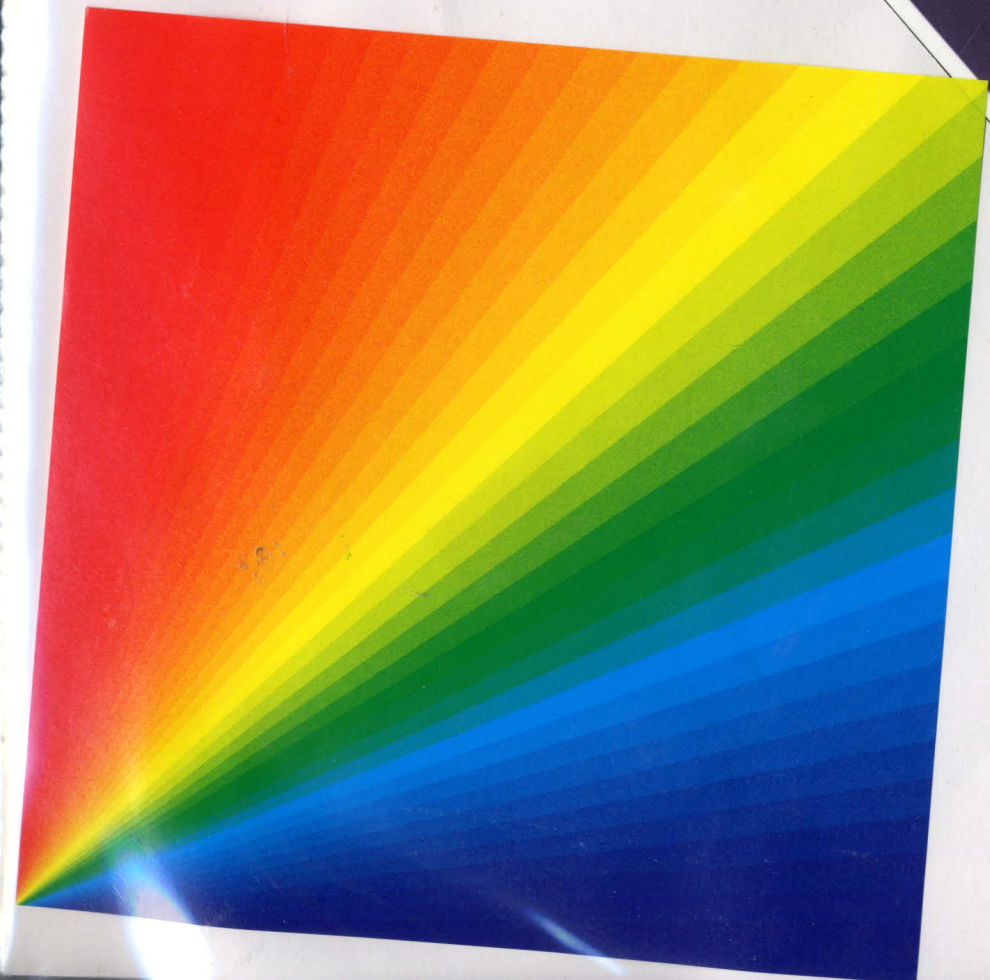




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Queer History Month

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Open House, 5-7pm @ Pride Center
 Film Festival, 3-5pm @ Pride Center
 Policy Changes, 12-1pm @ Main Lounge
 Covenant Sign, 12-1pm @ Main Lounge
 Reception, 4-6pm @ Pride Center
 Career Queers, 4-5pm @ MU 206
 Film Festival, 3-5pm @ Women's Center
 Relationships, 1-2pm @ MU 208
 Film Festival, 2-4pm @ Black Cultural Center
 Guess the Hetero, 12-1pm @ MU 208
 Treasure Hunt, 10-5pm @ Pride Center
 Film Festival, 5-7pm @ Asian & Pacific Cultural Center
 Queers & Religion, 2:30-4:00pm @ MU 208
 Drag Competition, 8-10:00pm @ MU Ballroom

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Queer History Month



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Open House, 5:00-7:00pm @ Pride Center

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Thursday

Film: Assault on Gay America, 3:00-5:00pm @ Pride Center

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Monday

Non-Discrimination Policy Changes, 12:00-1:00pm @ MU Main Lounge

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Tuesday

Covenant Signing, 12:00-1:00pm @ MU Main Lounge

Covenant Reception, 4:00-6:00pm @ Pride Center

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Thursday

Career Queers, 4:00-5:00pm @ MU 206

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Friday

Film: The Celluloid Closet, 3:00-5:00pm @ Women's Center

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Monday

Domestic Violence and Healthy Relationships, 1:00-2:00pm @ MU 208

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Tuesday

Film: Off the Straight and Narrow, 2:00-4:00pm @ Black Cultural Center

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Wednesday

Guess the Hetero, 12:00-1:00pm @ MU 208

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Friday

Queer History Treasure Hunt, 10:00am-5:00pm @ Pride Center

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Film: Times of Harvey Milk, 5:00-7:00pm @ Asian & Pacific Cultural Center

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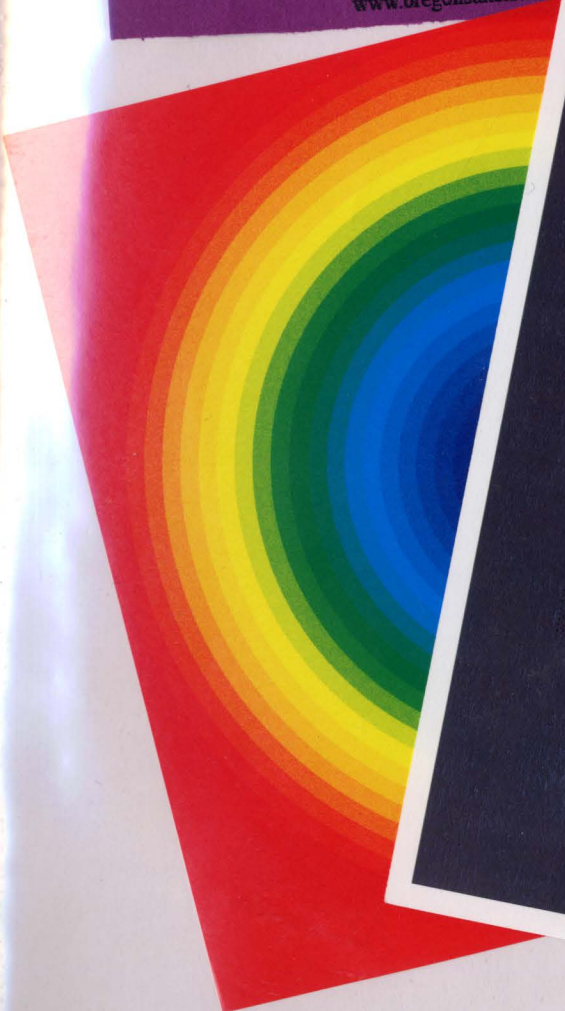
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Drag Competition, 8:00-10:00pm @ MU Ballroom

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A Statement of Vision and Charter Commitment ✕

The Pride Center Covenant Signing Ceremony

Tuesday, October 11th 2005
Memorial Union Main Lounge
12:00 – 1:00pm

✕ **Introduction**

By Gretchen Bates and Luke Sugie, 2004-2005
Coordinators of the Pride Center

✕ **A Welcome Message**

By Edward Ray, President of Oregon State University

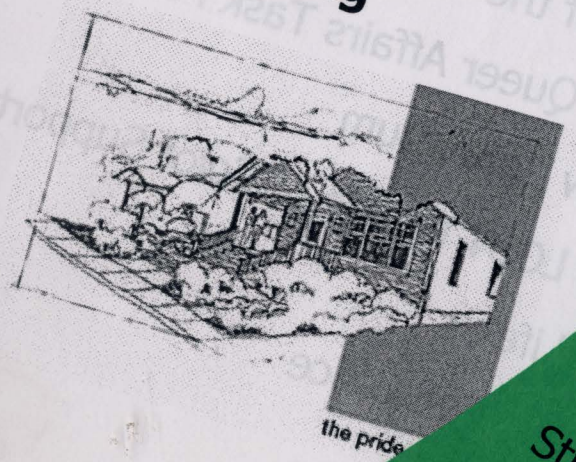
✕ **A Keynote Speech**

By Phyllis Lee, former Director of the Office of
Multicultural Affairs

✕ **Introducing the Covenant**

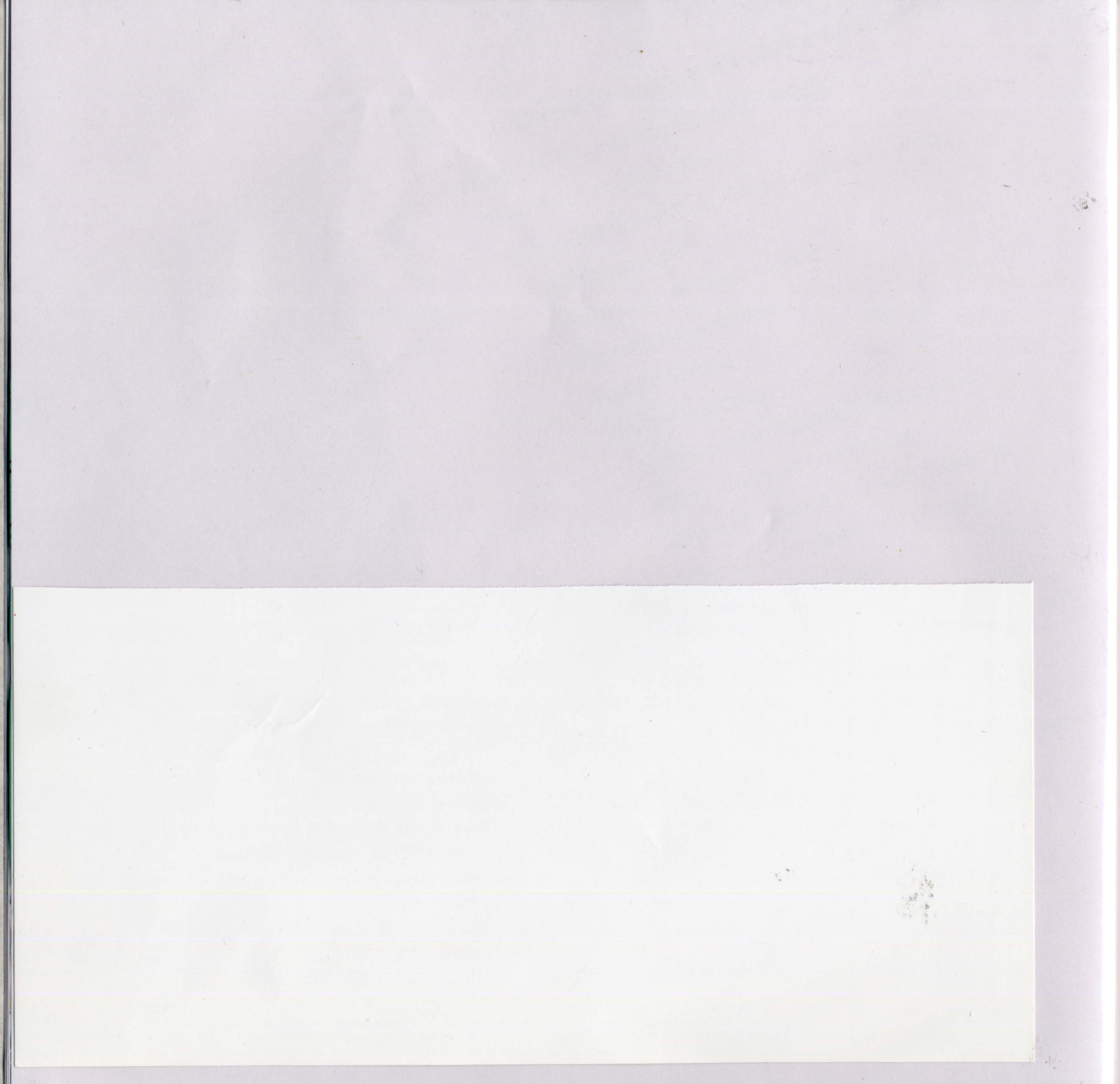
By Gretchen Bates and Luke Sugie, with a performance
by the Black Poets Society

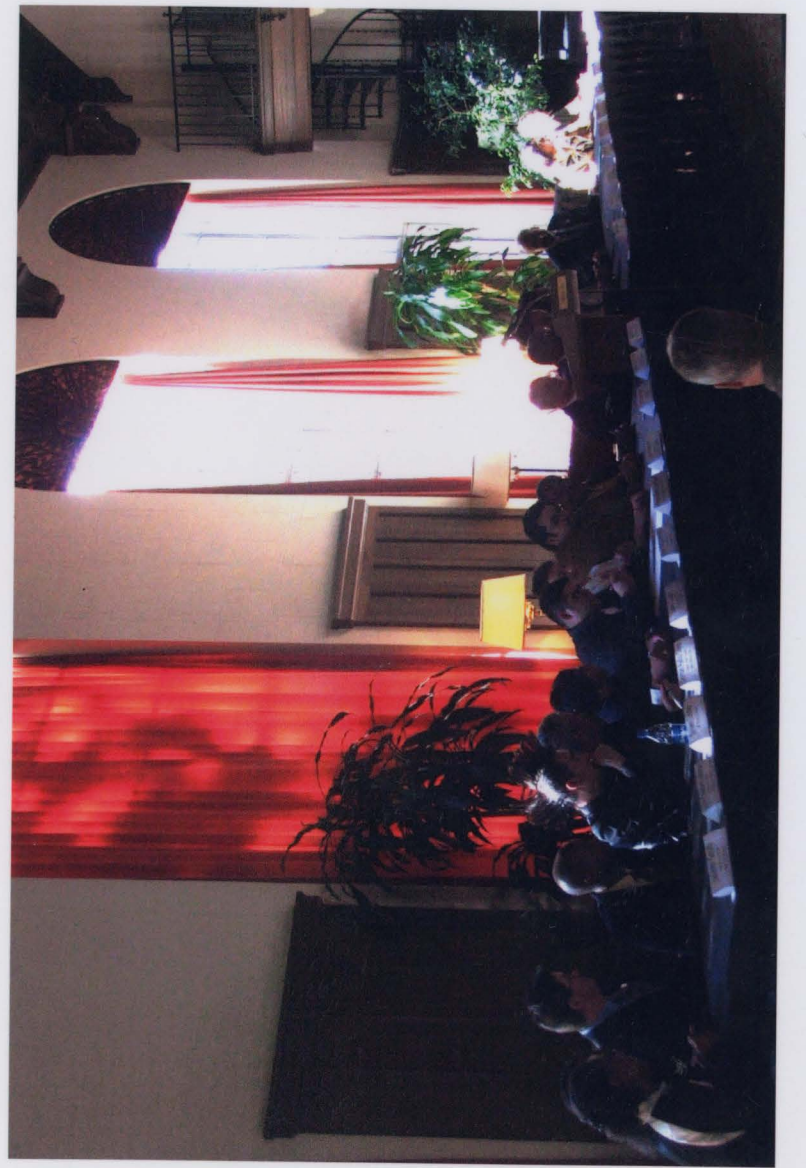
✕ **The Covenant Signing**



✕ **A Special Thanks to All of Our Supporters**

- Asian Pacific American Educational Office
- Asian Pacific Cultural Center
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- Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez
- Diversity Development Office
- Faculty Senate
- Indian Education Office
- Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center
- Native American Longhouse
- Office of Finance and Administration
- Office of Community and Diversity
- Office of the President
- Office of the Provost & Executive Vice President
- Office of the Vice Provost of Student Affairs
- ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force
- Rainbow Continuum
- Sol, the LGBT People of Color Support Network
- Student Life
- Ujima Education Office





Guest Book

Math Hwang-Melwell
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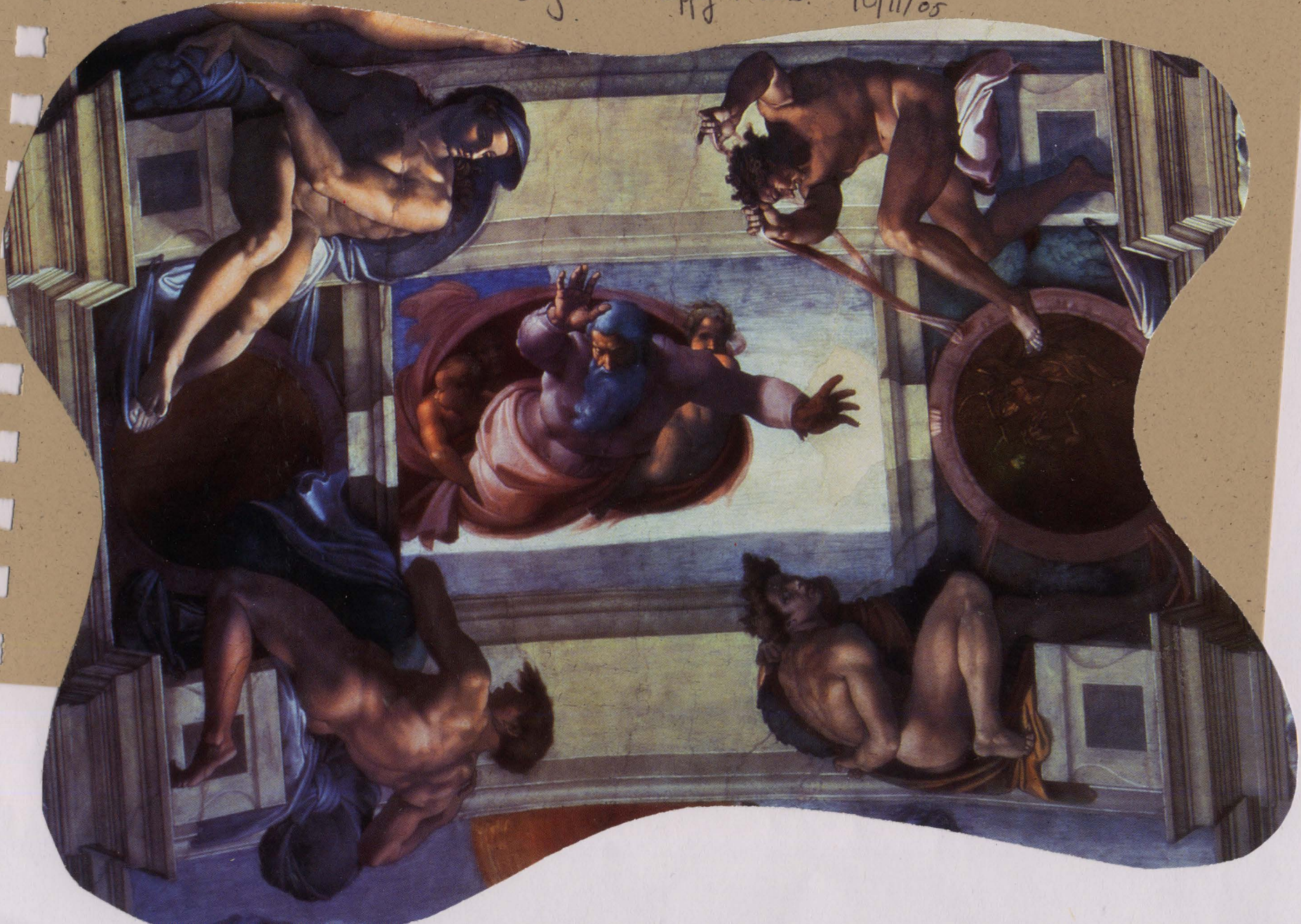
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Love Sugie

Happy NCOD!

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Guest Book

Angie Baxter

Sam Lee (APU)

Shawn Palakiko

Janet Nishihara

Lauren M. Smith

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Javier Cervantes

Phil Zeeman

Jack Rogers

Jeff Long

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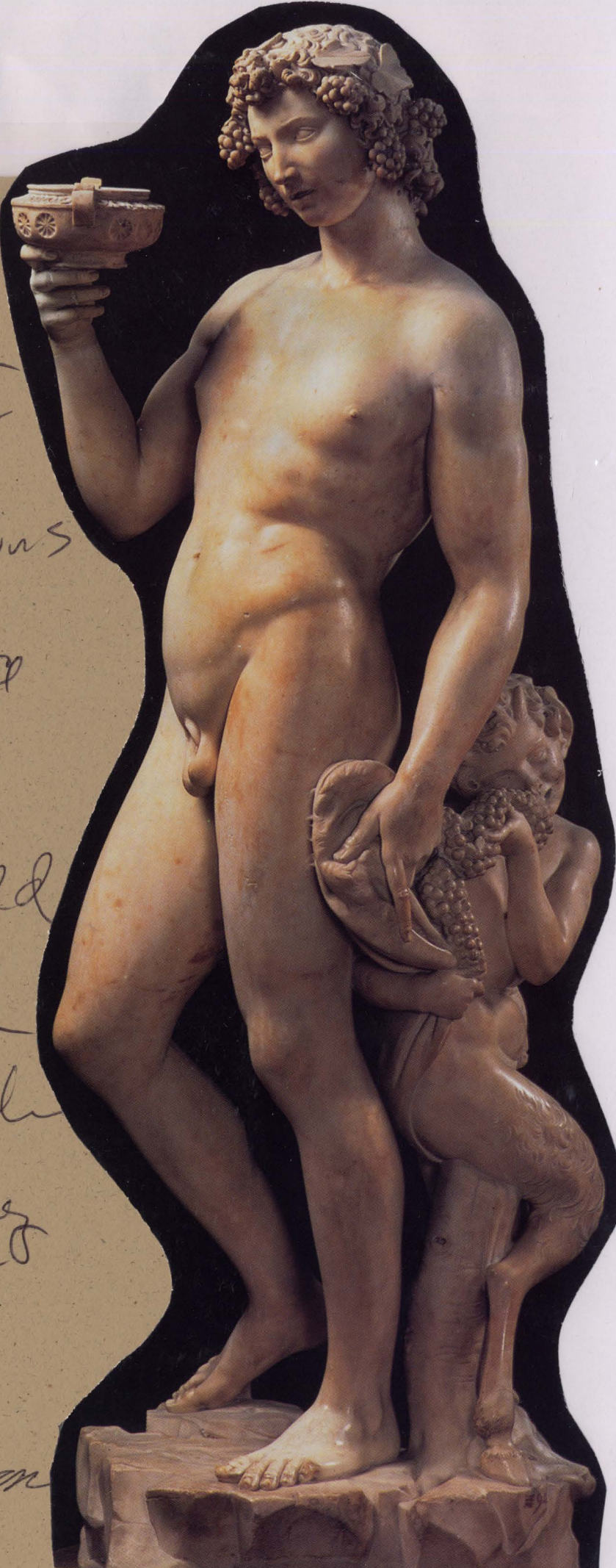
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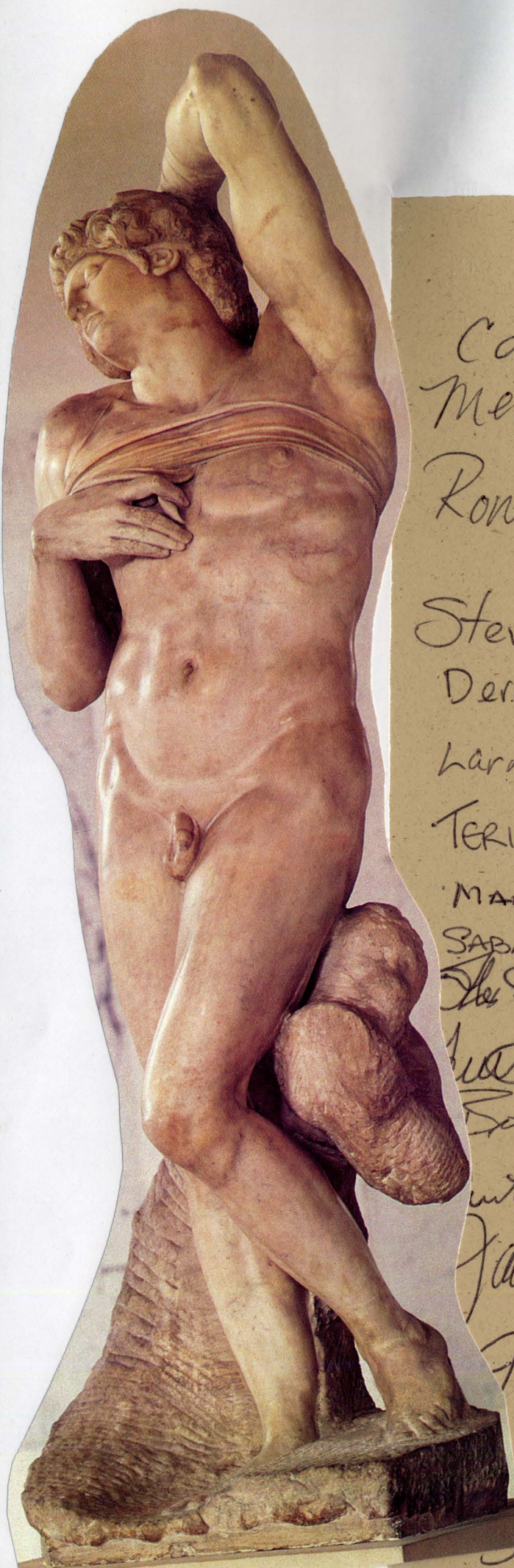
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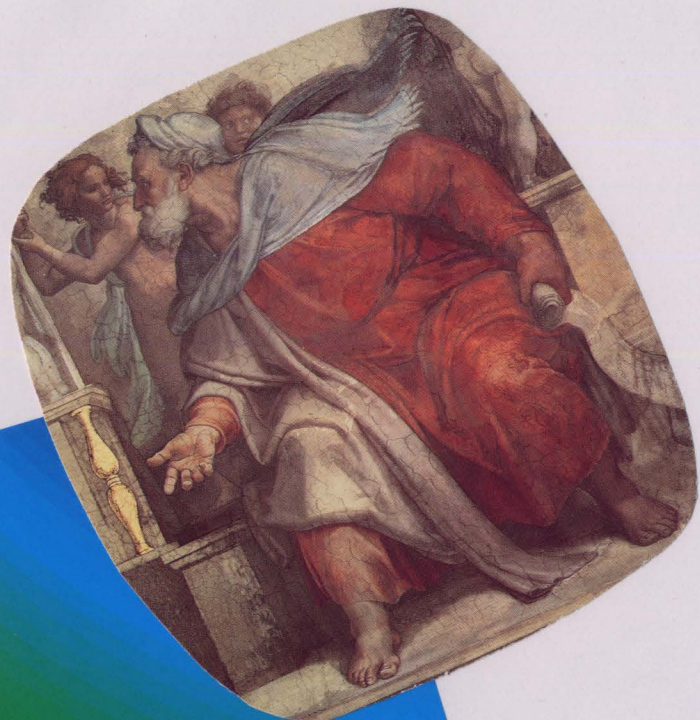
GLITTER, GLAM AND GENDER

Friday, October 28th

MU Ballroom, 8:00 PM

Tickets are \$2, available at

Student Involvement, the Rainbow Continuum
and Roaming Drag Queens starting Monday, 10/24



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- Do You Want To?

4. LADY REMEDIOS - Out Tonight

6. POTPURRI ALI - A Little Respect

7. IVILL CUM - Lose My Breath

9. SIERRA MYST - Do Ya Think I'm Sexy

10. DEAN HUNG LO - Jump Around

11. POTPURRI ALI - Hanky Panky

12. DEL SAVAGE - Let Me Rest in Peace

13. IVILL CUM - 1, 2 Step

14. LADY REMEDIOS - Sabotage

15. BROCK - Number One

15. BROCK - Don't Turn Around

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16. MAX PHEROMONE and APPALONIA PEACHFISH - It's Going Down

17. MERCEDES PLATINUM - Good Luck

18. ROXIE COX - Special

19. MISS VEGAS BEYONCE - And I Am Telling You

20. DAU - Sky

21. LUCILLA and MONA - This Will Be

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Drag Competition

Glitter, Glam and Gender

Friday, October 28th

8:00pm at the MU Ballroom

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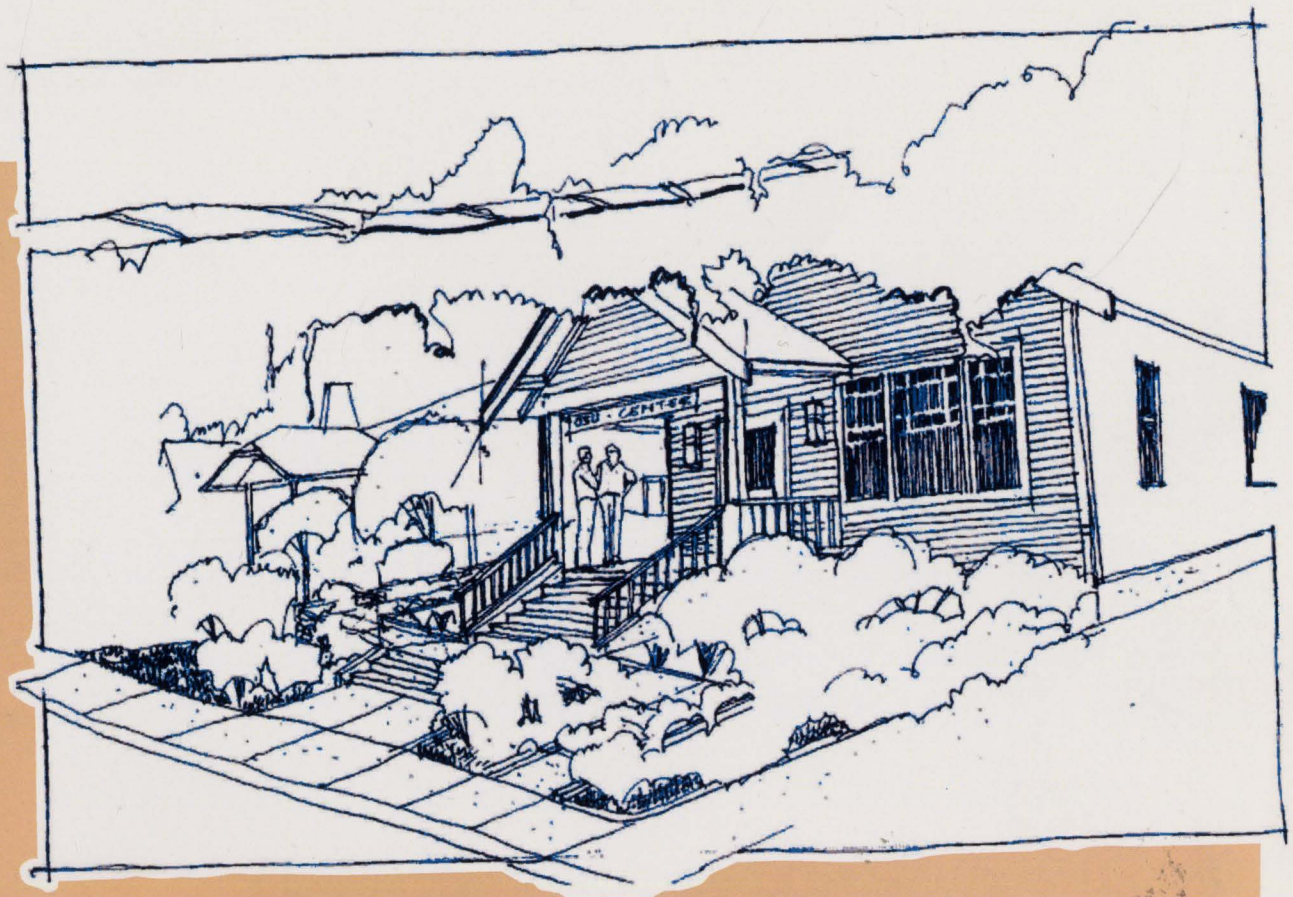
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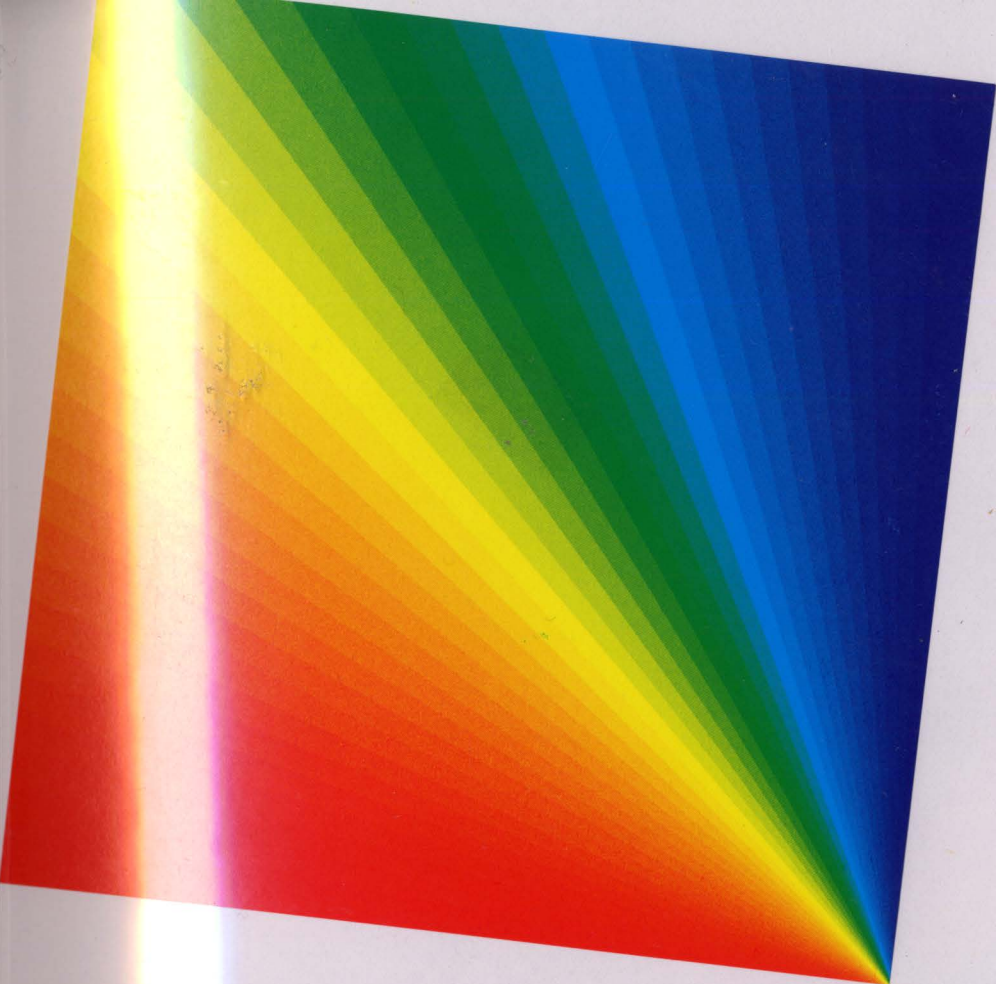
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**Memorial Union
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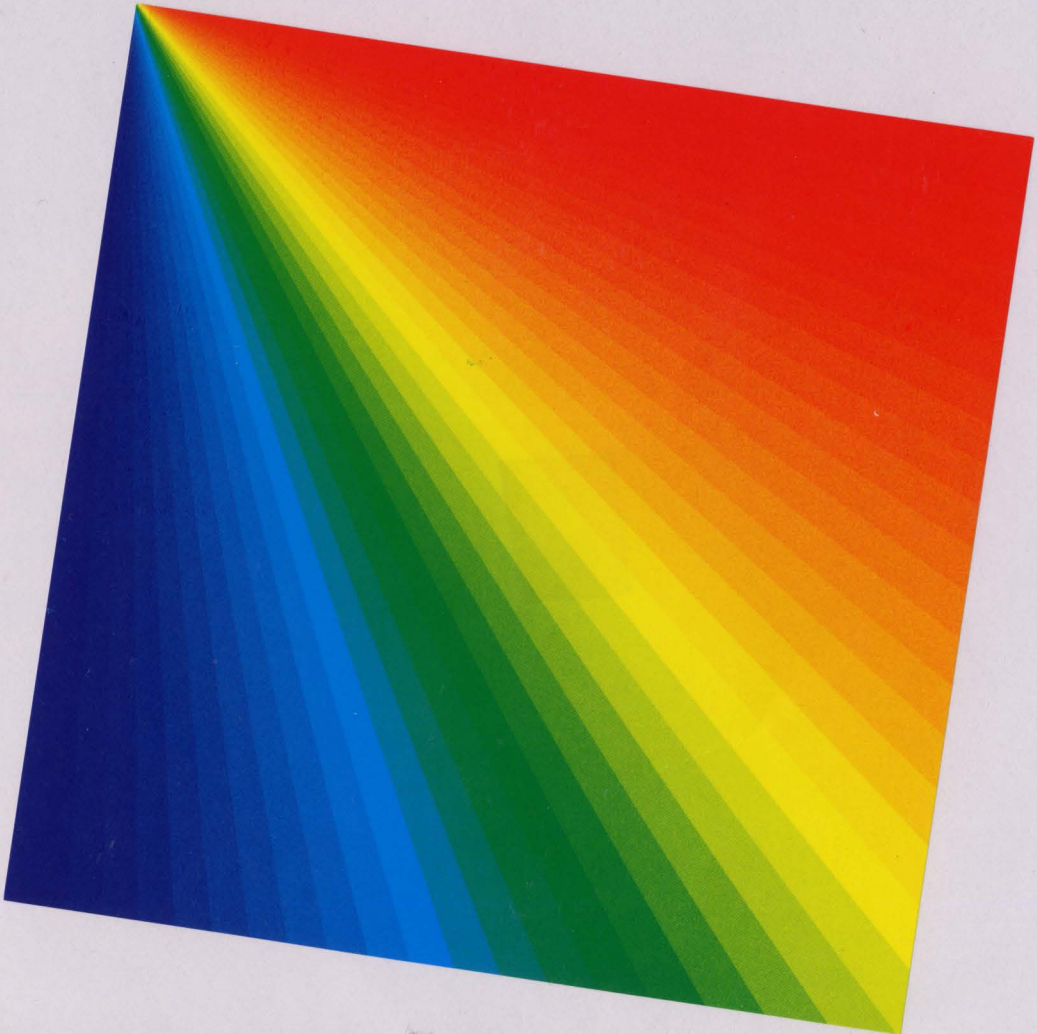
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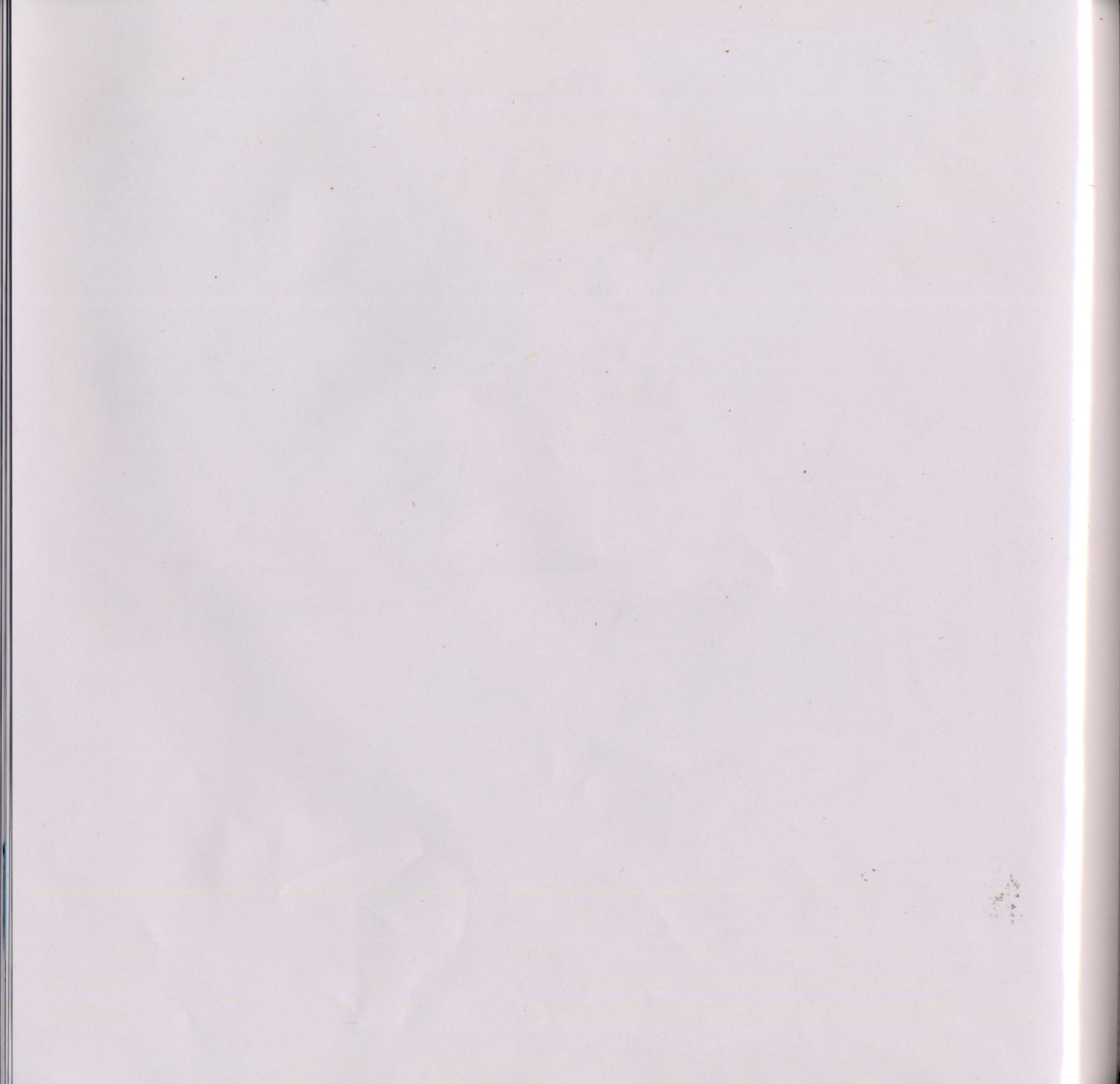
Drag queen Lucilla DeMore hands out flyers in front of the MU Thursday to promote the upcoming Drag Competition scheduled for Friday, Oct. 28. The fourth annual event is sponsored by the Pride Center and the Rainbow Continuum.

JACOB GREGORY
THE DAILY BAROMETER



FRIDAY
October, 21 2005







Young man goes on a rampage at gay bar with a gun, hatchet

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — A young man dressed all in black went on a rampage at a gay bar with a hatchet and a gun Thursday, wounding three patrons in what police said appeared to be a hate crime.

One victim was in critical condition.

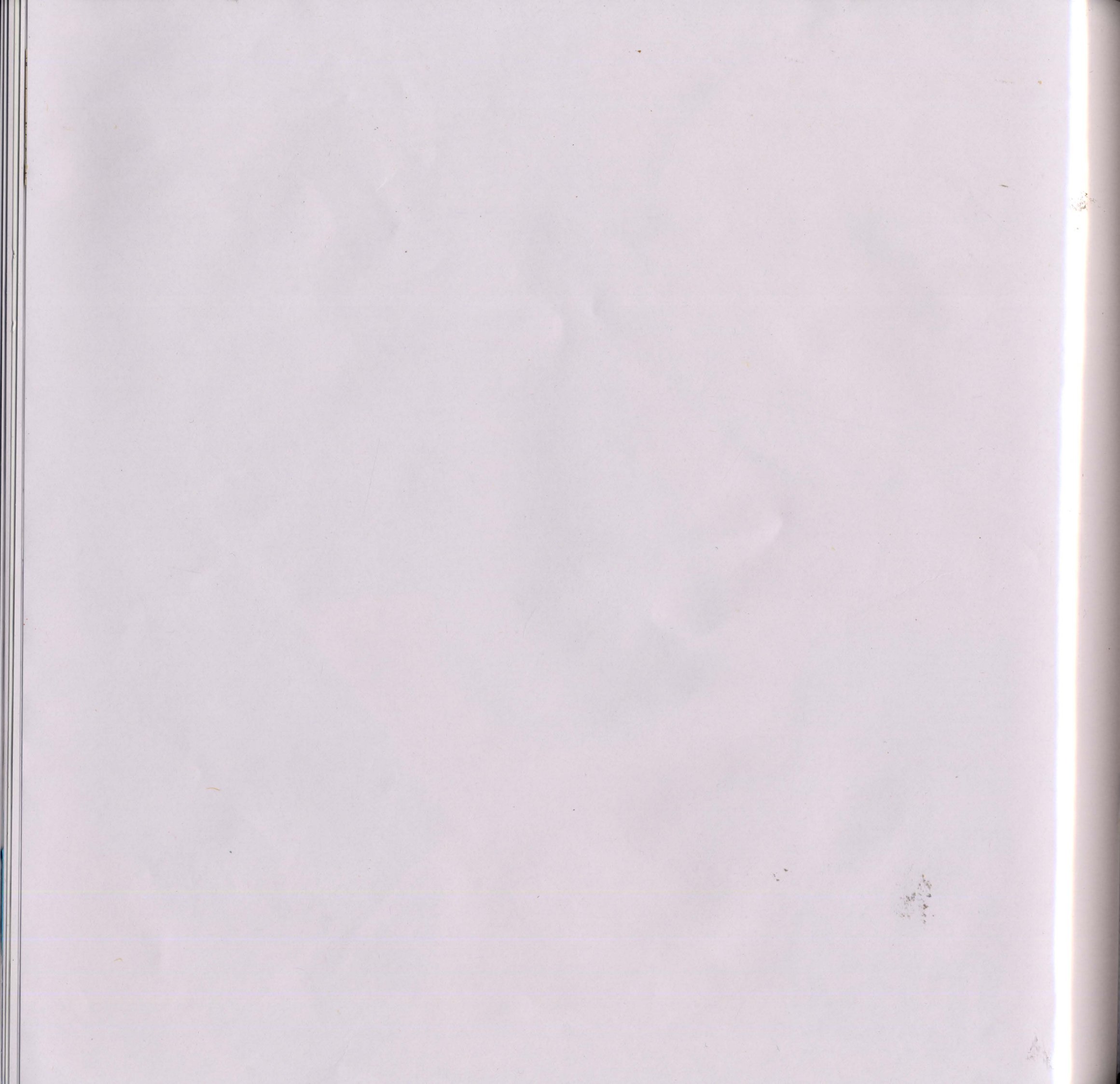
Police searched for 18-year-old Jacob D. Robida, who was wanted on charges of attempted murder, assault and civil-rights violations.

According to court papers, Robida's mother told police that he briefly stopped by the house less than an hour after the brawl and was bleeding from the head. In Robida's bedroom,

officers found Nazi regalia and anti-Semitic writings on the wall.

A bartender said it was around midnight when a teen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black pants walked into Puzzles Lounge, a gay nightspot in this historic seaport city of 94,000 people, about 50 miles from Boston.

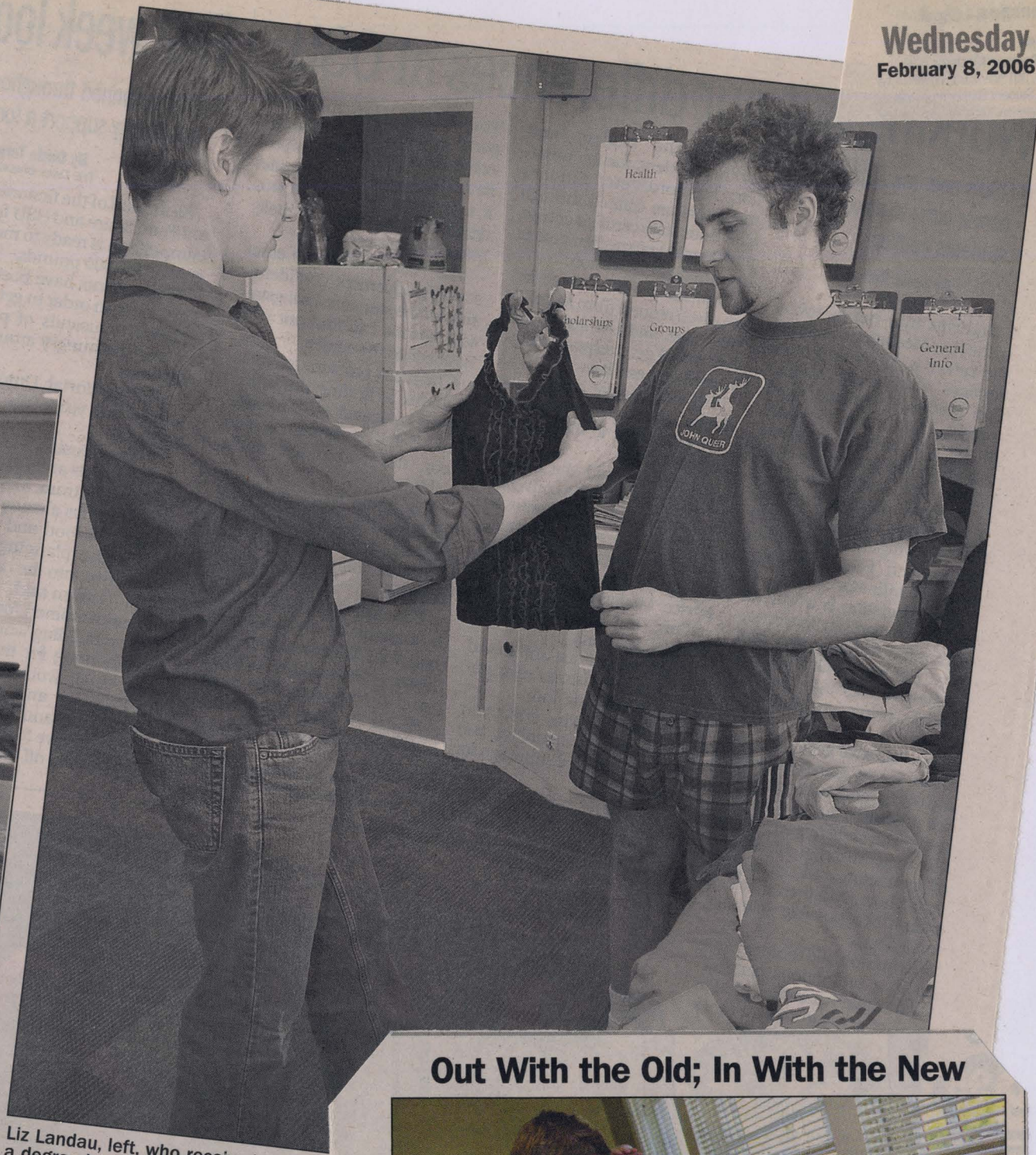




Digging for Fashion

Photos by
Peter Stong

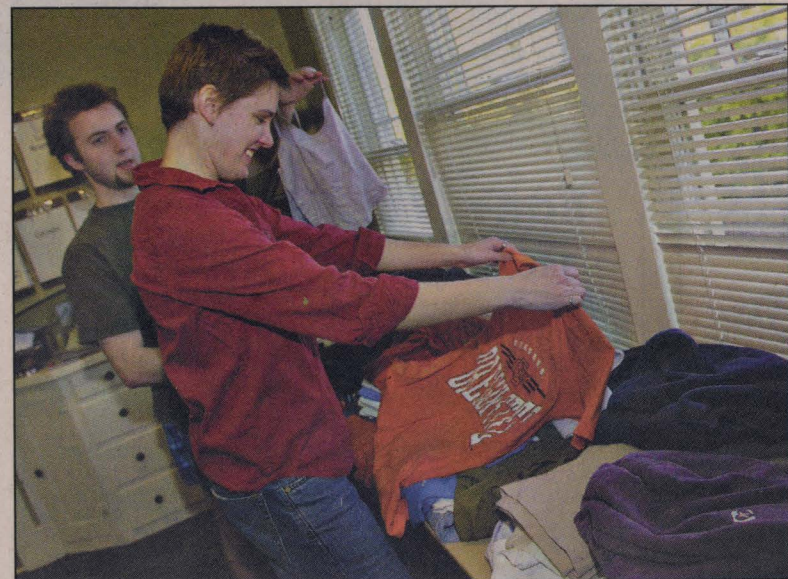
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Katie Eaton, left, an undeclared sophomore, and Liz Landau, a recent graduate, eye the selection of scarves and sweaters left near the end of the clothing swap Tuesday afternoon.

Liz Landau, left, who received a degree in HDFS in December, and Ben Grimes, a senior in philosophy, hold up a ruffled tank top they discovered hidden among the sweatshirts and jeans at the Pride Center's clothing swap.

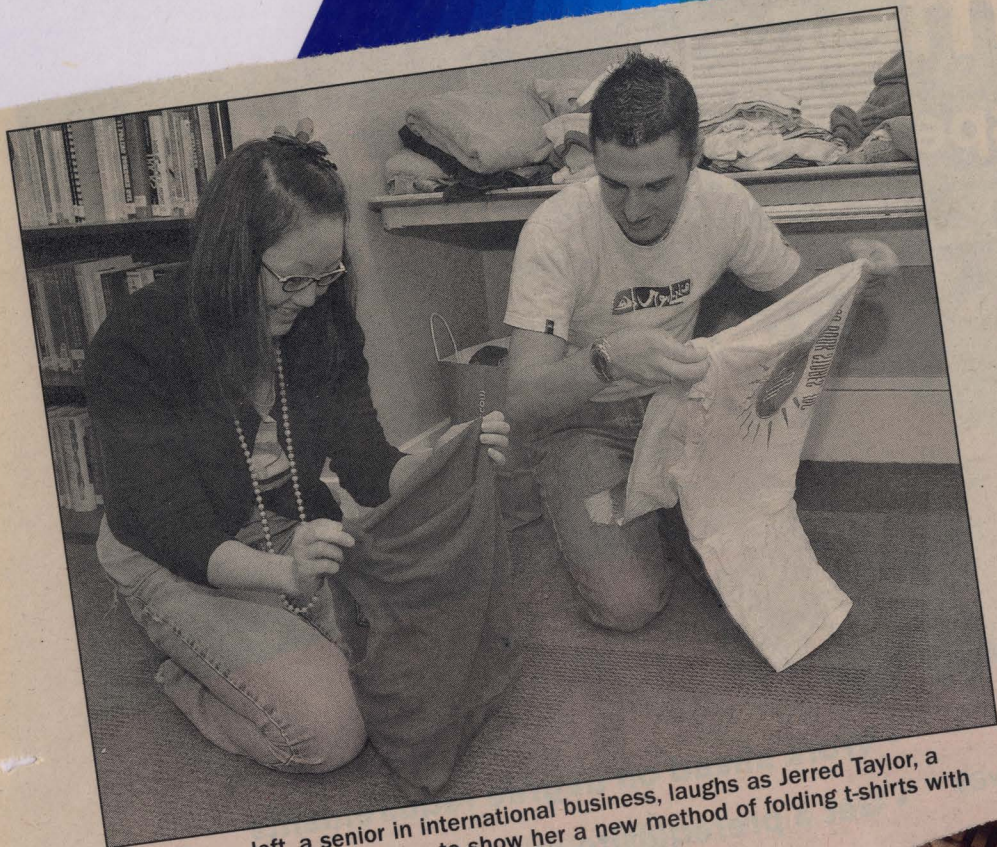
Out With the Old; In With the New



PETER STRONG / THE DAILY BAROMETER

Ben Grimes, left, a senior in philosophy, and Liz Landau, a recent graduate in HDFS, go through stacks of clothes in the Pride Center Tuesday during the center's free clothing swap. See page 8 for a photo essay.

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Carey Lawry, left, a senior in international business, laughs as Jerred Taylor, a senior in bioengineering, tries to show her a new method of folding t-shirts with little success.

Robert Brown, a senior in exercise and sports science, digs to the bottom of a box of clothes in hopes that the crowd earlier in the afternoon may have overlooked something of interest.



Friday
February 10, 2006

Governor raises gay rights issue again

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Ted Kulongoski says he will keep pushing for legislation to ban discrimination against gays and lesbians and allow civil unions for same-sex couples and that doing so shows he's a "great Democrat."

Kulongoski's comments came only days after former state Treasurer Jim Hill announced he will try to unseat the incumbent governor in the May Democratic primary because Kulongoski "is not a good Democrat." Having failed to win legislative approval last year of his bill to ban discrimination against gays and lesbians, Kulongoski announced Thursday that he would appoint a task force to recommend ways to promote equality for homosexuals.

Kulongoski also said that if he's re-elected in November, he will be back at the 2007 Legislature promoting a bill to allow civil unions for same-sex couples.

"One way or the other, I will push this as long as I'm the governor of this state," he said. Asked by reporters about Hill's charge earlier this week that he had abandoned Democratic principles, Kulongoski said his new task force is aimed at ensuring job security and equal opportunity for all Oregonians, regardless of sexual orientation.

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Anti-gay adoption bill has no merit

A *The Post (Ohio U.)* THENS, Ohio (U-WIRE) — A proposed bill to prevent gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender citizens from adopting children - or serving as foster parents - has been introduced to the Ohio House of Representatives. Under the pretense of the bigoted stigma of unwarranted lawmaking at its denunciation, this bill is a grim reflection of the reduction of homosexual and transgender individuals' civil rights.

rather than to consider the best interests of the thousands of Ohio children in state and county custody. And thankfully there are Ohio legislators who feel the same way. Yesterday Ohio House Speaker Jon Husted, R-Kettering, said he won't allow the bill to move forward. Citing his own experience as being an adopted child, he said: "If we had a situation where there were no children waiting to be adopted some place, I guess the landscape for the debate might be different ... But we have a lot of children in need who need homes, and until all of them are adopted, I'm not going to restrict any loving family's opportunity to adopt and to care for those children."

A person would be hard pressed to find truer words, and Husted's comments cut straight to the heart of this issue. It is society's obligation to find homes for these children, and in doing so it is wrong to ban potentially loving, capable parents based on antiquated views and bigoted beliefs.

It is ridiculous that such an outdated, religiously-driven mindset that believes same-sex households are more detrimental to a child than heterosexual households is worth some of our representatives' time. But at least the public can rest assured that some of Ohio's representatives are more concerned with solving real problems - finding places for children to live - than advancing a religious agenda. Because scientific studies have shown that healthy sexual orientation has no effect on the ability of prospective parents to provide a loving home for their children. In this case a large amount of potential parents - to adopt one of the thousands of children in foster homes or orphanages should not pass, regardless of stigmas against these couples.

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Many oppose the show for its depictions of rape, homosexuality, violence, brutality, indecency, female prostitution and molestation. In the same breath, we are often told that the show relies purely on shock tactics, and should thus be discredited as feminist propaganda. However, the fact remains that these issues do exist. Closing your eyes and focusing only on more "sensible" topics will not bring an end to the violence. These are the actual experiences of several of our mothers, sisters, aunts, nieces, friends, lovers and even selves.

Could we also hold more "serious" conversational groups and lectures about these issues? Absolutely. In fact, the University and its affiliated programs have held several over the years. Perhaps instead of advocating for the removal of The Vagina Monologues, time could be better spent bringing an educational speaker to campus or passing out purple ribbons to raise awareness of abuse. Why spend so much time fighting with each other over the best way to end the violence toward women? Why not get out and take action? Especially if we're all supposedly working toward the same goal.

GRETCHEN BATES
senior, German

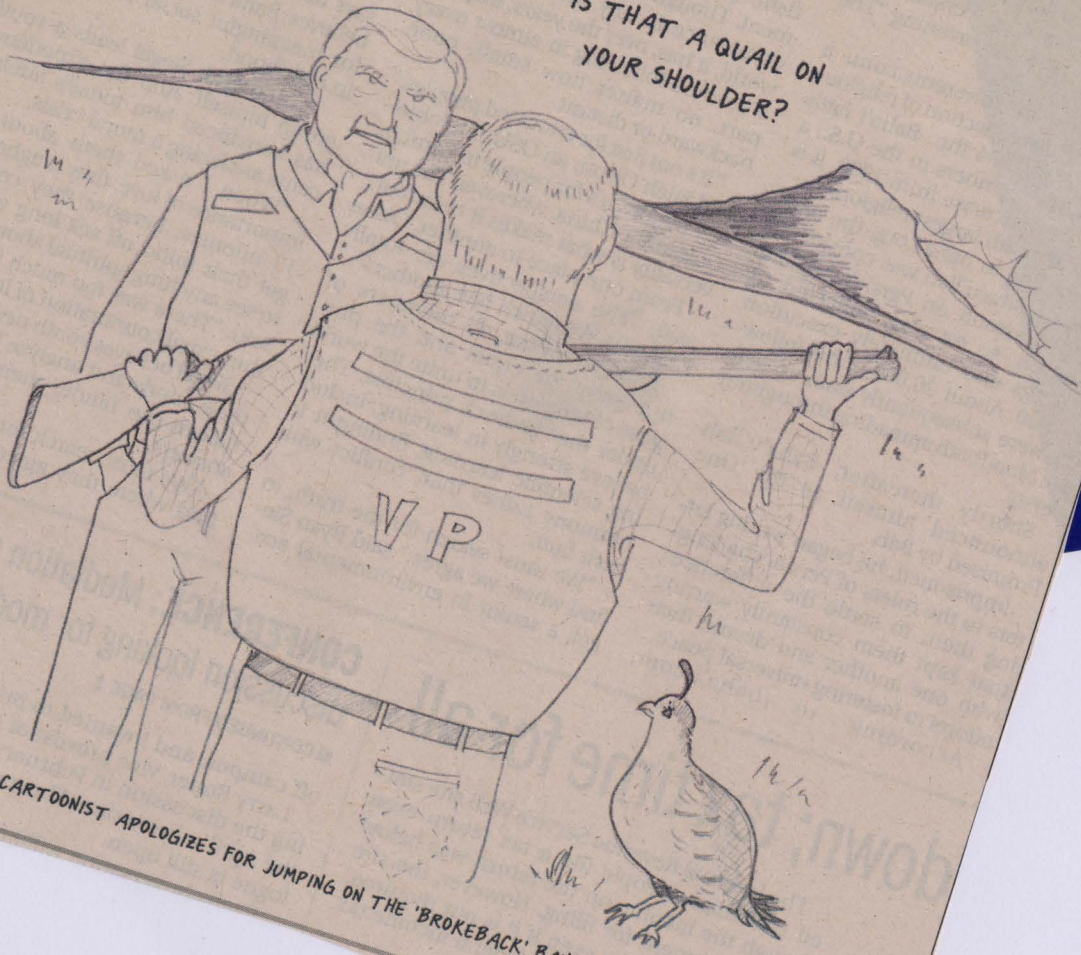
Wilson Column

Monologues serve purpose

I would like to thank Eric Wilson for his article on Feb. 13, in which he so boldly tells women how to feel about the Vagina Monologues. Brilliant. That's why straight people are often asked to explain how the LGBT community feels about "gay bashing" and we turn to rich people when we want to know what it's like to live in poverty. Sarcasm aside, yes, there are some women who dislike the image presented by the Vagina Monologues. There are also women myself included, for whom seeing the show is a very healing process.

YES, IT IS A BEAUTIFUL
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GOOD BUDDIES, BUT THE ONLY
WAY THAT YOU AND I ARE
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IS THAT A QUAIL ON
YOUR SHOULDER?



DISCLAIMER: THE CARTOONIST APOLOGIZES FOR JUMPING ON THE 'BROKEBACK' BANDWAGON, BUT I COULDN'T RESIST

Supreme Court gives military a recruiting victory

By Gina Holland
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Critics of the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays found no support at the Supreme Court.

With the country at war, justices sharply rejected a free-speech challenge from law schools and professors who contended they should not be forced to help military recruiters because they disagree with the policy.

Schools had become the latest battleground over the military policy allowing gay men and women to serve only if they keep their sexual orientation to themselves.

Justices, on an 8-0 vote Monday, said that closing their campuses to recruiters was not the answer.

Chief Justice John Roberts said that campus visits are an effective recruiting tool. And, he said, "a military recruiter's mere presence on campus does not violate a law school's right to associate, regardless of how repugnant the law school considers the recruiter's message."

The ruling does not, however, answer broader questions about the policy itself. Challenges are pending in courts in Boston and Los Angeles that could eventually reach the high court.

Justices seemed swayed by the Bush administration's arguments that after the

terrorist attacks, and during the war in Iraq, the government had a responsibility to bolster its recruitment.

The 8-0 decision upheld a federal law that says universities must give the military the same access as other recruiters or forfeit federal money.

Justices ruled even more broadly, saying that Congress could directly demand military access on campus without linking the requirement to federal money.

"When you're in the middle of war, even if it's not a terribly popular one, courts are hesitant to tie the hands of the military," said Jon Davidson, legal director of gay rights group Lambda Legal.

Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice, called the decision "an important victory for the military and ultimately for our national security."

The military's policy had put college leaders in a thorny situation because of campus rules that forbid participation of campus representing agencies or private companies that have discriminatory policies.

Most college leaders have said they could not afford to lose federal help, some \$35 billion a year.

Roberts, writing his third decision since joining the court last fall, said there are other less drastic options for protesting

the policy. "Students and faculty are free to associate to voice their disapproval of the military's message," he wrote.

E. Joshua Rosenkranz, the attorney for the challengers of the law, said "the government played up 'at a time of war' arguments.

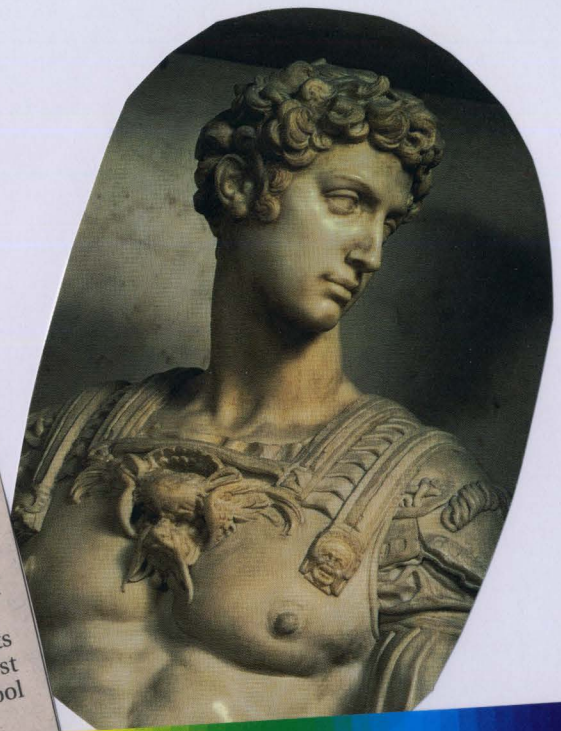
"A silver lining to the Supreme Court's opinion is the court made it clear," he said, "law schools are free to organize protests."

Roberts' decision carefully sidestepped taking a stand on the policy itself, although he explained in a footnote that under don't ask, don't tell, "a person generally may not serve in the Armed Forces if he has engaged in homosexual acts, stated that he is a homosexual, or married a person of the same sex."

The court roundly rejected arguments that the policy raised important First Amendment free-speech issues for school leaders.

"Compelling a law school that sends scheduling e-mails for other recruiters to send one for a military recruiter is simply not the same as forcing a student to pledge allegiance, or forcing a Jehovah's Witness to display the motto 'Live Free or Die,'" Roberts wrote.

Roberts filed the only opinion, which was joined by every justice but Samuel Alito. Alito did not participate because he



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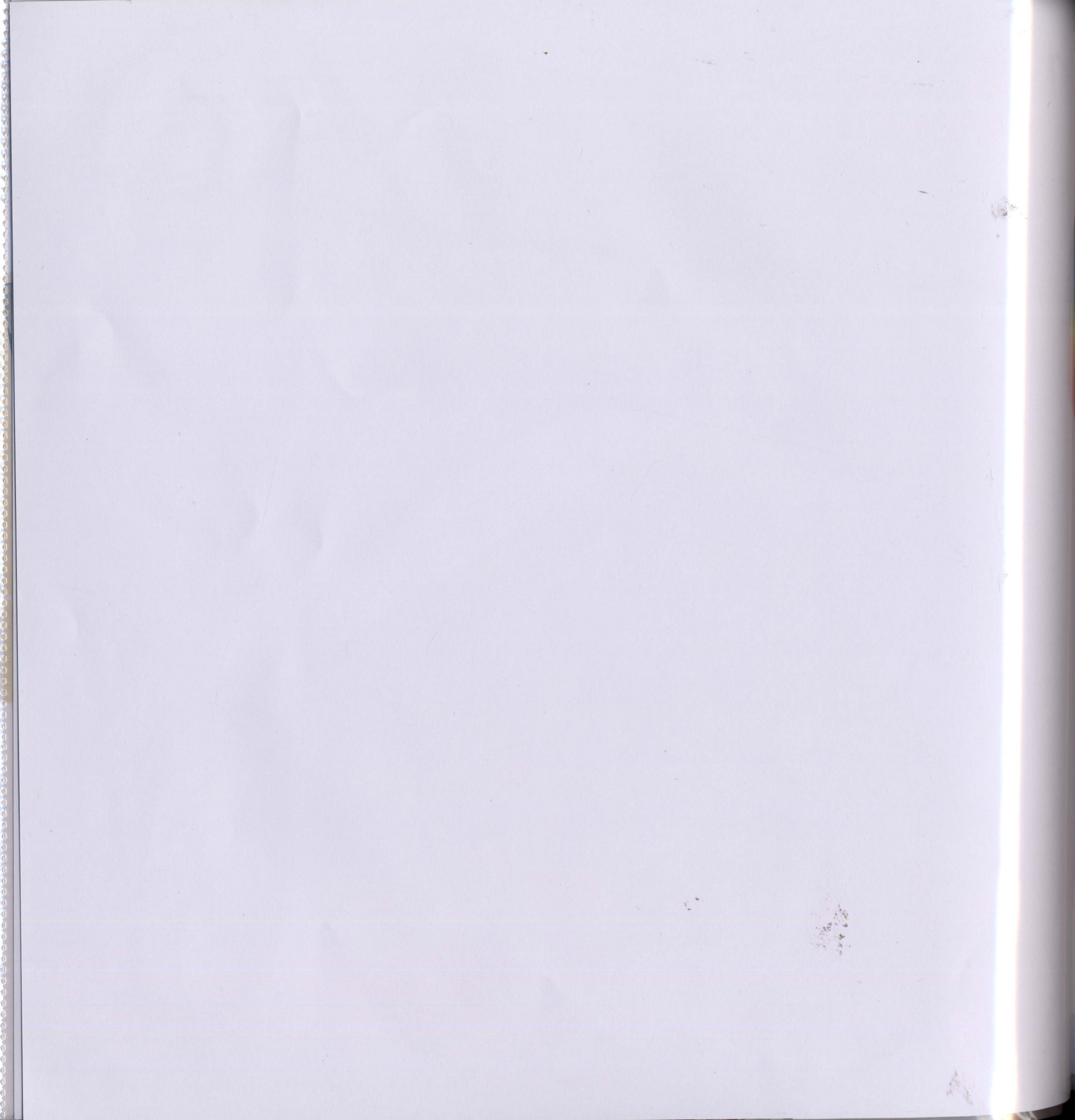
Editorial Yeas & Nays

Nay to "Brokeback Mountain." We preferred "Bubble Boy," which was most groundbreaking role ever.

Yea to "Brokeback Mountain." While it didn't win the coveted best picture award, in our book, it was by far the best gay cowboy movie of 2005.

Yea to the new gay cowboy genre in American cinema. A new version of "The Magnificent Seven" is due this summer — featuring the guys from "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

Nay to us for taking advantage of the opportunity to make gay cowboy jokes. But it's either that or more Dick Cheney-shot-a-guy-in-the-face jokes. Your choice. E-mail forum@dailybarometer.com with your thoughts.



Moonlight Breakfast



STRESSED OUT?
WE'VE GOT SOME FREE
FOOD FOR THOUGHT!!!!

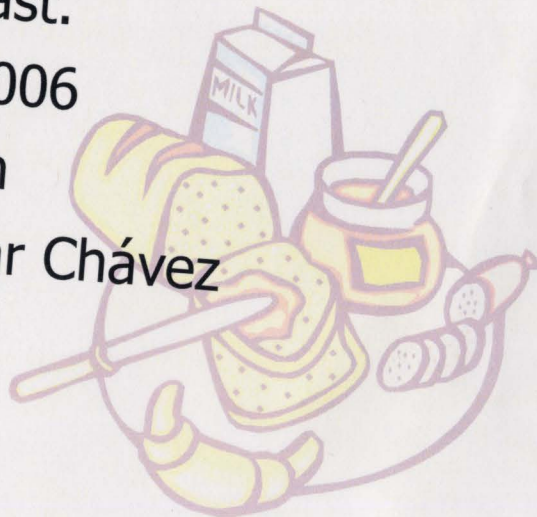
Please join the NAL, APCC, BCC, PC, CCCC's for
a multicultural breakfast.

When: March 14th, 2006

Time: Starts at 8pm

Where: Centro Cultural César Chávez
1969 A St.

(541)-737-7504



PRIDE CENTER BROWN BAG LUNCHES

Legal Advocacy & LGBT History

Thursday, March 2nd
11:15-12:30

at the Pride Center

This discussion will be hosted by Prudence Miles from Affirmative Action, and Cindy Empey from University Housing & Dining Services.

LGBTQQIA Identities: Defining the Terms

Friday, March 3rd
11:00-12:00

at the Pride Center

Cat McGraw will bring in a fun game, to help define OSU's longest acronym: LGBTQQIA. At this brown bag lunch we will talk about the terms lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, and ally.

Gender Identities

Friday, March 10th
11:00-1:00

at the Pride Center

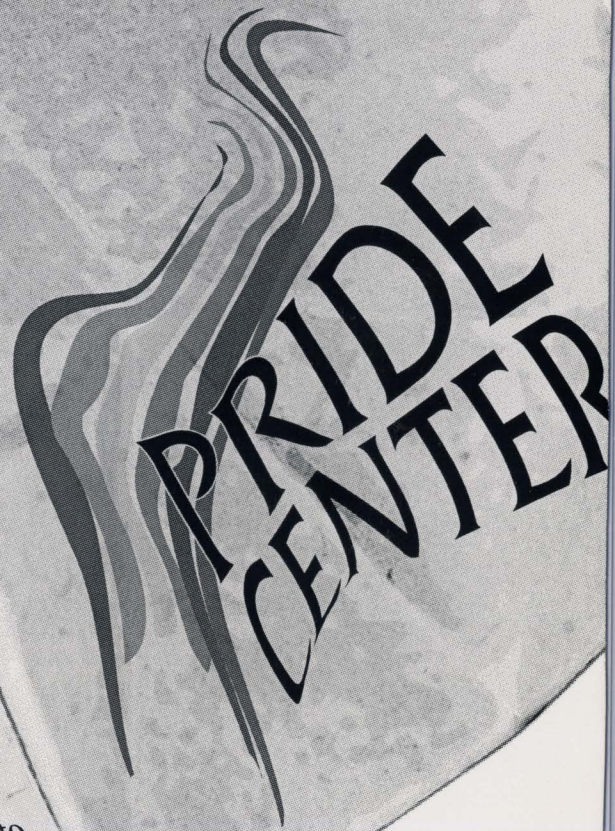
This discussion will be facilitated by Angi Baxter. Learn about gender identities and get your questions answered.

Honest Questions Honest Answers

Tuesday, March 14th
12:30-2:00

at the Pride Center

Come have lunch with a panel of students. We will be there to honestly answer any questions that you may have about the LGBTQQIA community.





Tuesday
April 4, 2006

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Friday, April 21, 2006 •

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Dismissing gay student may not affect accreditation request

■ Student kicked out of school after saying online that he is gay; State has no laws protecting gays from discrimination

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky. — Dismissing a gay student may not hurt the University of the Cumberlands when it applies for accreditation for a pharmacy school it is planning.

Peter Vlasses, executive director of the Accrediting Council on Pharmacy Education, said Wednesday his organization does not have an application from the university, and discussion of it would be hypothetical.

But in general, institutions would follow non-discriminatory policies against gays only in state that have such laws, he said. Kentucky has no law protecting gays from discrimination.

Vlasses' comments came as about 50 people were protesting over the expulsion of Jason Johnson after he posted on the Internet that he is gay. Protesters said the private Baptist school should not receive state funding to build a pharmacy school.

University attorney Jamie Jordan of Nashville, Tenn., said that he was "really pleased" by the news and remains "completely comfortable" that the university will meet pharmacy accreditation standards.

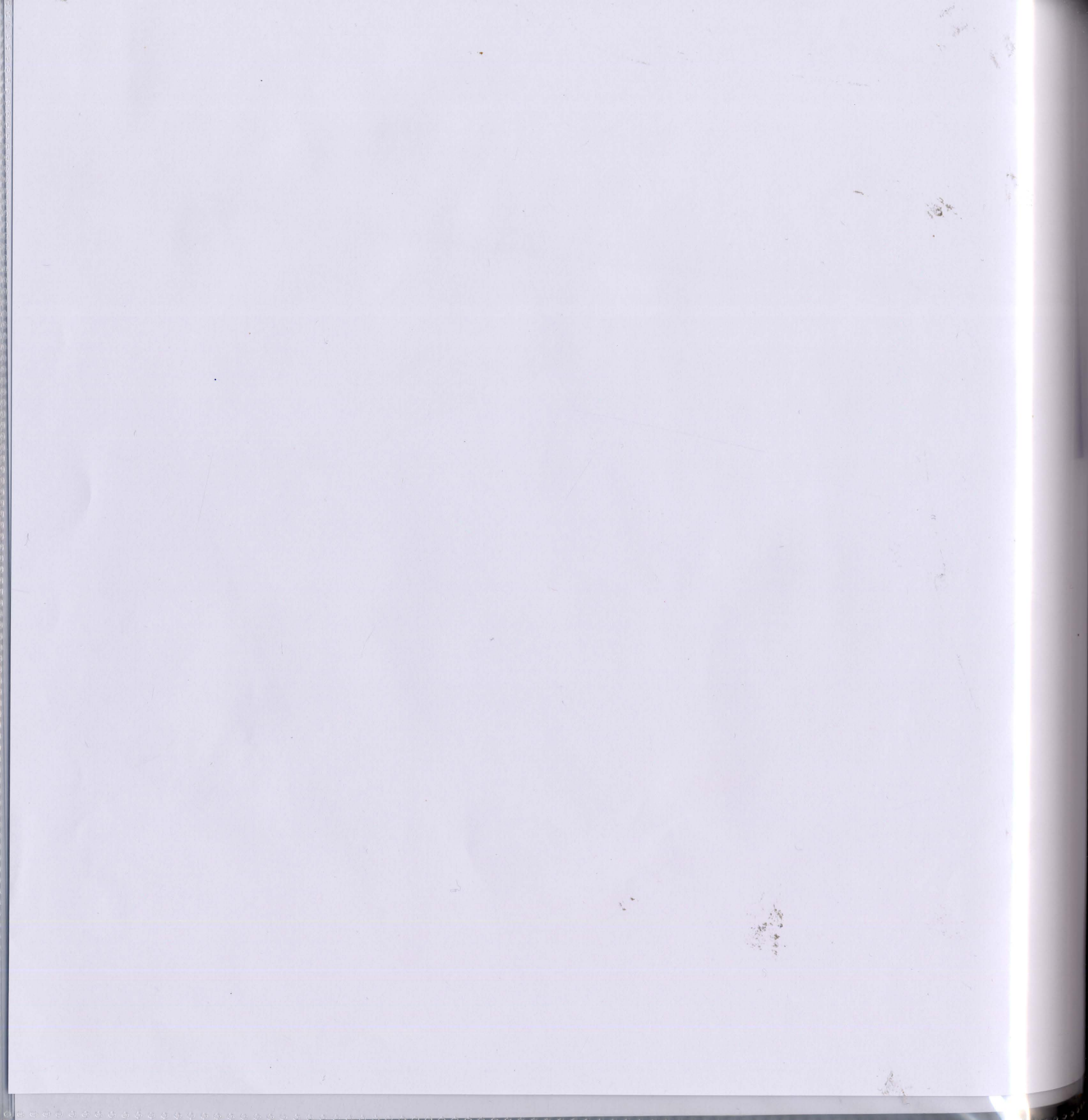
Vlasses said the national pharmacy accrediting agency's standards are intended to "stay within state and federal laws and regulations and not supersede them."

The agency would consider any discrimination allegations when an application is filed.

"Every circumstance and every application and every complaint will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis," he said.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has accredited the university. The pharmacy accrediting agency would work with it to determine whether the university can support a pharmacy school.

Jim Taylor, president of the university, has not said when the school will apply. He has said students could begin taking pre-pharmacy courses through the university's existing programs this fall, and that he expects the pharmacy building to be ready for the fall 2007 semester.



Monday
May 1, 2006

Pride Center targeted by vandals

Center has now been vandalized
twice since opening last year

By Susie Baffco
THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU's Pride Center was the target of vandalism Friday morning, police and staff said. A center employee discovered that two windows were broken by rocks.

Ben Grimes, an office assistant for the center, was the first to arrive Friday morning; he discovered the damage.

Grimes said rocks, each about the size of a computer mouse, must have been "thrown with exorbitant force" because one rock appeared to have hit a bookcase and flown back to the window it entered.

The OSP log said "one rock went into the front room area and the other into the office."

The damage is estimated at \$150. Nobody was in the center when the vandalism occurred, and police said no other similar incidents occurred on campus.

Grimes said police arrived on scene almost immediately after his call, and the windows were replaced that afternoon by Facilities Services.

"The saddest part of this is that the windows were original (to the historical house), so they can't be replaced," Grimes said, explaining that the new windows are modern.

This is the second vandalism attack on the Pride Center since it opened last year. Friday's case caused the most damage, said Steven Leider, LGBT Outreach and Services Coordinator and Pride Center director.

However, many members of the Pride Center stated that terrorizing acts against the LGBT community have been happening at a pace of usually once each year, even before the Pride Center opened.

The members agreed that this specific attack was meant to terrorize the group.

Grimes added that in his opinion, the tensions building from the "Genocide Awareness Project" display in the MU Quad and the ASOSU elections may have added to the timing of the attack.

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PRIDE: While staff wants security at center, they also want to keep an open atmosphere

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Friday afternoon, members of the Pride Center gathered to discuss security for the future.

Gretchen Bates, internal coordinator at the center, said they want to protect the house in the future but still maintain the open atmosphere and the look of the building.

"While we don't want to condone what happened in any way, we can use this as an opportunity for an open dialogue," Bates said.

Lt. Phil Zerzan of the OSP said the primary focus is to find out who vandalized the Pride Center and what the motive was.

Bates believes that whoever is responsible wanted to cause fear. However, Zerzan hopes the motive is not

to intimidate the members of the Pride Center, because any such action would "not be tolerated" at OSU or by OSP. Oregon calls such an act — intimidation in the second degree — a Class A misdemeanor.

In a statement released Friday, the Pride Center stated that they are in communication with OSP and OSU's Bias Response Team and will continue to look for the people responsible for the damage.

A Corvallis resident has offered a reward leading to the arrest of the persons responsible for the act.

"We will not be moved," Leider said.

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Tuesday
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The power of our OSU community

Joscelyne Kravitz
Pride Center

Lately, I have been thinking a lot about community. It's been becoming clearer to me everyday — without the support and friendship of generous and caring people, life gets hard very quickly. Even before I got that phone call at 8:30 Friday morning that told me two rocks were thrown through two of our windows at the Pride Center, I knew that it is my community that gets through the day. So when the impact of the vandalism finally started to sink in, I had two immediate impulses. One was to call my mother. The other was to call "The Glitter Squad," the fabulous group of queer student activists on campus, into action. How does my community respond to violent actions against us? With giant pink hair and a lot of laughter.

Nobody, as I write this, knows who threw the rocks through our windows early Friday morning or why. Was it just some people leaving a party drunk and looking to do something destructive and the Pride Center just happened to be the closest house? Or was our building specifically targeted? I have been an out lesbian for more than 10 years and because of the harassment and hostility I have had to bear over the years, those rocks were thrown deliberately at our building because certain individuals wanted to send you a message. When actions for so long, it is easy to interpret situations like this one within that framework, regardless of any lack of evidence.

When I arrived at the Pride Center that Friday morning, I found a whirlwind of activity. Pride Center staff, friends and partners were busy cleaning up glass and tidying up, while others were on the phone reporting the vandalism to

our administrative and community network. As soon as I walked in, one of my co-workers stopped me to marvel at where one of the rocks had landed. Somebody threw that rock through the window and it landed clear across the building and onto the couch on the opposite side of the room. All day we spoke of the throw with half-admiration at the skill of the thrower, while our stomachs turned at the probable motivation behind the throw. Message received.

So how did our community respond to that handheld message? The message hurt, yes, but it's nothing a little 'drag' couldn't fix. Ah, drag. My royal queens donned their pink lacy tank tops and foot tall hair, while I as their king applied my kingly beard, zipped up my leather boots, and strutted my stuff down the quad. We were not going to let a couple of rocks stop us from promoting our favorite week of the year. Yes, Queer Pride Week is coming soon and it will be fabulous. The roaming band of drag queens and kings, the glitter in "The Glitter Squad," can sometimes be found passing out fliers in the MU and quad. On Friday, we were on the loose passing out Pride Bucks and sharing our celebration and parody of gender. And if you found yourself laughing at us as we walked by, then we did our job well.

The great thing about community is that it makes times like these, times when one is the recipient of open hostility, a moment that strengthens rather than weakens. Because most of us know very acutely how much of the wider culture as a whole views us, we lean on each other and pro-

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vide comfort to each other when times are hard. It is this warmth of spirit and generosity of heart that I love most about my community. Not only was every one of us looking out for the others, but because of the lighthearted playfulness of queer culture, we were able to laugh — glitter lipstick and all. Some of us cried, to be sure, but we cling to the laughter. We celebrate in each other and all the differences that make up our ragtag band of drag queens and social misfits.

We are hurt and we are angry, but we do not want to bring these emotions to the rest of our larger campus community. We do not want to let the actions of individuals reflect badly on those who simply are uncomfortable with our community, but would never act hatefully or with malice. We do not want to cast blame. We would rather heal.

The hard fact is that actions like the ones early Friday morning create fissures and divide folks into an 'us' or a 'them.' Attitudes like this de-humanize and make violence possible. Community, on the other hand, views each of its members as valuable assets and encourages conditions that help everyone thrive. The inescapable fact in all this is that when the queer community on the OSU campus is attacked, everyone is attacked. Like it or not, we are a part of your community too and every one of you is invited into ours. We would like to thank MU Facilities, Campus Security, Diversity Development and the Dean of Student Life's office for your show of support and solidarity. You remind us that OSU is a community to be proud of.

This new broken glass

Dan McCarthy
Op-Ed

As a representative of the OSU community I am disheartened when informed of any act harmful against any of our communities. I assert that the rocks thrown through the windows of our Pride Center were not a random act of destruction. I interpret this as an intentional message to a community to make them feel unsafe, unwanted and disrespected.

We have an active population of gay, lesbian, queer, transgender, bisexual and questioning citizens in our community. They contribute to our diversity through their unique values, beliefs, identity and experiences. When rocks are thrown, windows are shattered; the entire community suffers. Students whom society labeled with a bright red "misfit" stamp do not feel safe. Many, including myself, have a hard time comprehending the extreme barriers someone must face if safety is constantly being questioned.

When the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center first opened, lynchings were hung on trees from hate-filled bigots. The effects of this racist behavior are equivalent to the homophobic behavior we witnessed at our Pride Center. The United States' history of violence, enslavement and hate toward those who are perceived as unequal is our nation's greatest embarrassment. Are we capable of learning from Matthew Sheppard, Brandon Teena, Bella Martinez, and

countless others that have been murdered?

I came to OSU four years ago with a personal disregard and prejudice to men who preferred men, women who preferred women, and did not understand their sexual orientation. I had the misfortune of living in a community where being homophobic was a societal norm. It is through the brilliant leadership and personal experiences I have shared with Christian Mathias, Robin Ryan, Clinton Downs, Luke Sugie, Jeff Otis, and countless others that make me the ally I am today.

The Pride Center is all of ours to enjoy. I encourage all of those who hold homophobic perceptions to volunteer at any of the events during the upcoming Pride Week; you may gain a greater understanding. Whether or not you accept or agree with lifestyle orientations these individuals live, I truly believe we must respect people for being human beings and waking up each morning. I look forward to watching our community repair a window, help each other heal some wounds, and become stronger.

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DRAG SHOW!

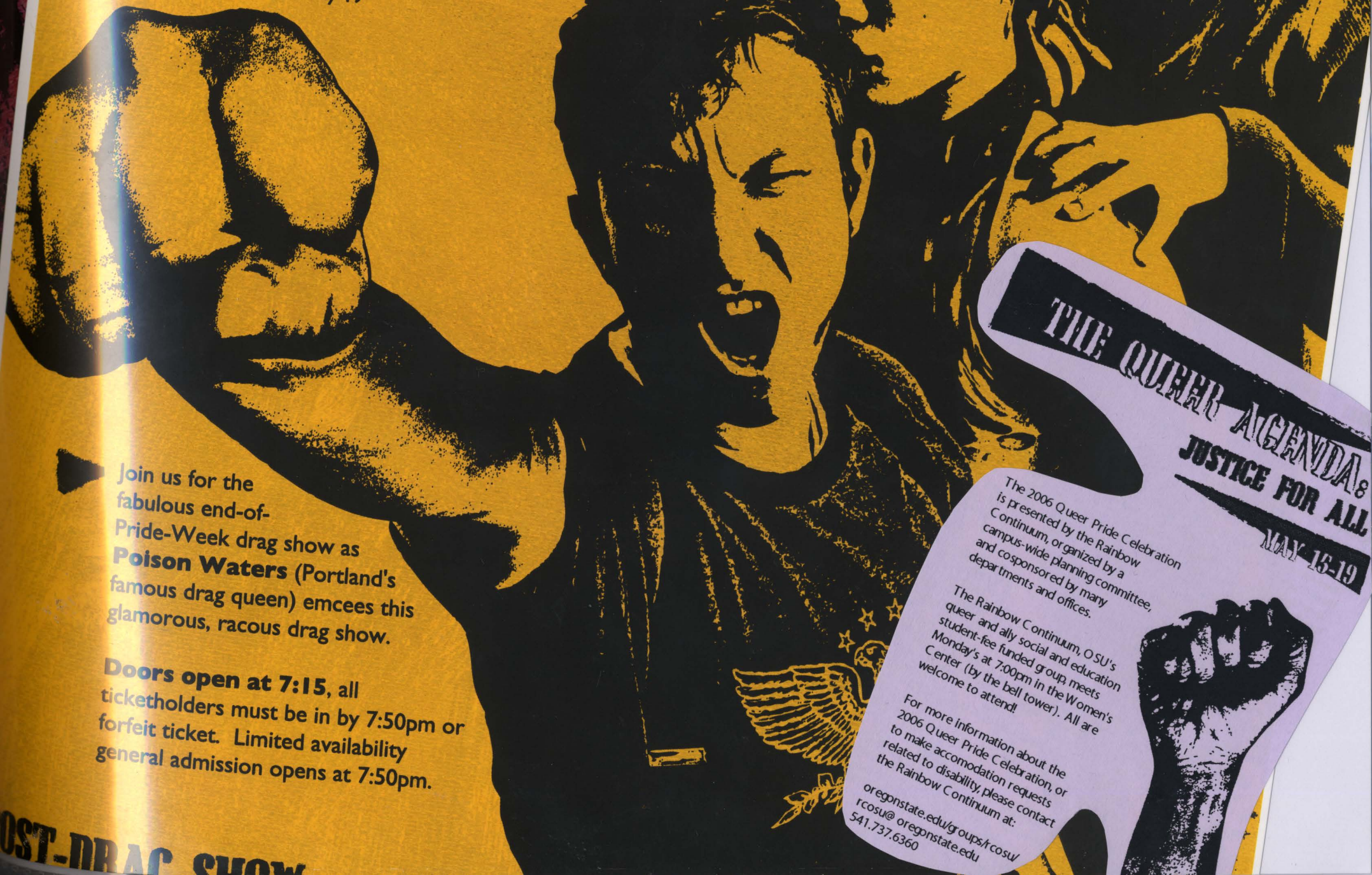
► **FRIDAY, MAY 19TH**

8:00 - 10:00 PM

MU BALLROOM

TICKETS: FREE!

Tickets available in Student Involvement 5/15 and at Queer Pride booth in MU Quad 10:00am - 5:00pm May 15 - May 19



Join us for the fabulous end-of-Pride-Week drag show as **Poison Waters** (Portland's famous drag queen) emcees this glamorous, raucous drag show.

Doors open at 7:15, all ticketholders must be in by 7:50pm or forfeit ticket. Limited availability general admission opens at 7:50pm.

POST-DRAG SHOW

**THE QUEER AGENDA:
JUSTICE FOR ALL**

MAY 15-19

The 2006 Queer Pride Celebration is presented by the Rainbow Continuum, or ganized by a campus-wide planning committee, and co-sponsored by many departments and offices.

The Rainbow Continuum, OSU's queer and ally social and education student-fee funded group, meets Monday's at 7:00pm in the Women's Center (by the bell tower). All are welcome to attend!

For more information about the 2006 Queer Pride Celebration, or to make accomodation requests related to disability, please contact the Rainbow Continuum at:

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Monday
May 15, 2006

Practice what you preach

▶ MONDAY 5-15-06

10am-4pm	Pride Week Info Tent & Prize Depot	MU Quad
12pm-1pm	Opening BBQ	MU Quad
12pm-1pm	Live Homosexual Acts	MU Quad
1:30pm-3pm	Ally Panel	MU 208
3pm-5pm	Art Show	Pride Center
4pm-6pm	LGBT Staff, Faculty & Alumni Reception	MU 208
5:30pm-7:30pm	Experience Family	MU Main Lounge
7pm-9pm	Rainbow Continuum Pride Week Meeting	Women's Center

▶ TUESDAY 5-16-06

10am-4pm	Pride Week Info Tent & Prize Depot	MU Quad
10am-12pm	Exploring Gender	MU 208
12pm-1pm	Lunchbox Discussion	MU 208
1pm-3pm	Film: I Exist	MU Journey Room
3pm-5pm	Fun in the Sun for Kids	MU Quad
3pm-5pm	Homosexuality & the Bible	MU 208
6pm-8pm	LGBT Adolescence	MU Main Lounge

▶ WEDNESDAY 5-17-06

10am-4pm	Pride Week Info Tent & Prize Depot	MU Quad
12pm-1pm	PFLAG Lunchbox	MU 208
3pm-5pm	Queer Sex	MU 208
6pm-8pm	Film: Brokeback Mountain	MU Main Lounge
8pm-late	Slumber Party!	Pride Center

▶ THURSDAY 5-18-06

10am-4pm	Pride Week Info Tent & Prize Depot	MU Quad
11am-1pm	Lube Olympics & Drag Racing	MU Quad
12pm-2pm	Speaker: Ron Buford	MU Journey Room
2pm-4pm	Student Affairs Roundtable w/Ronni Sanlo	MU 208
4pm-6pm	Film: Call Me Malcom	MU 208
6pm-7:30pm	Honoring Ceremony	MU Ballroom

▶ FRIDAY 5-19-06

10am-4pm	Pride Week Info Tent & Prize Depot	MU Quad
12pm-1pm	Lunchbox Discussion	MU 208
8pm-10pm	Drag Show	MU Ballroom
10pm-2am	"The Experience" Post-Drag Show	Club Escape

▶ SATURDAY 5-20-06

8pm-10pm	Queer Vox	Interzone
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Tuesday
May 16, 2006

**Light on a
traditionally
dark issue**



Wednesday
May 17, 2006

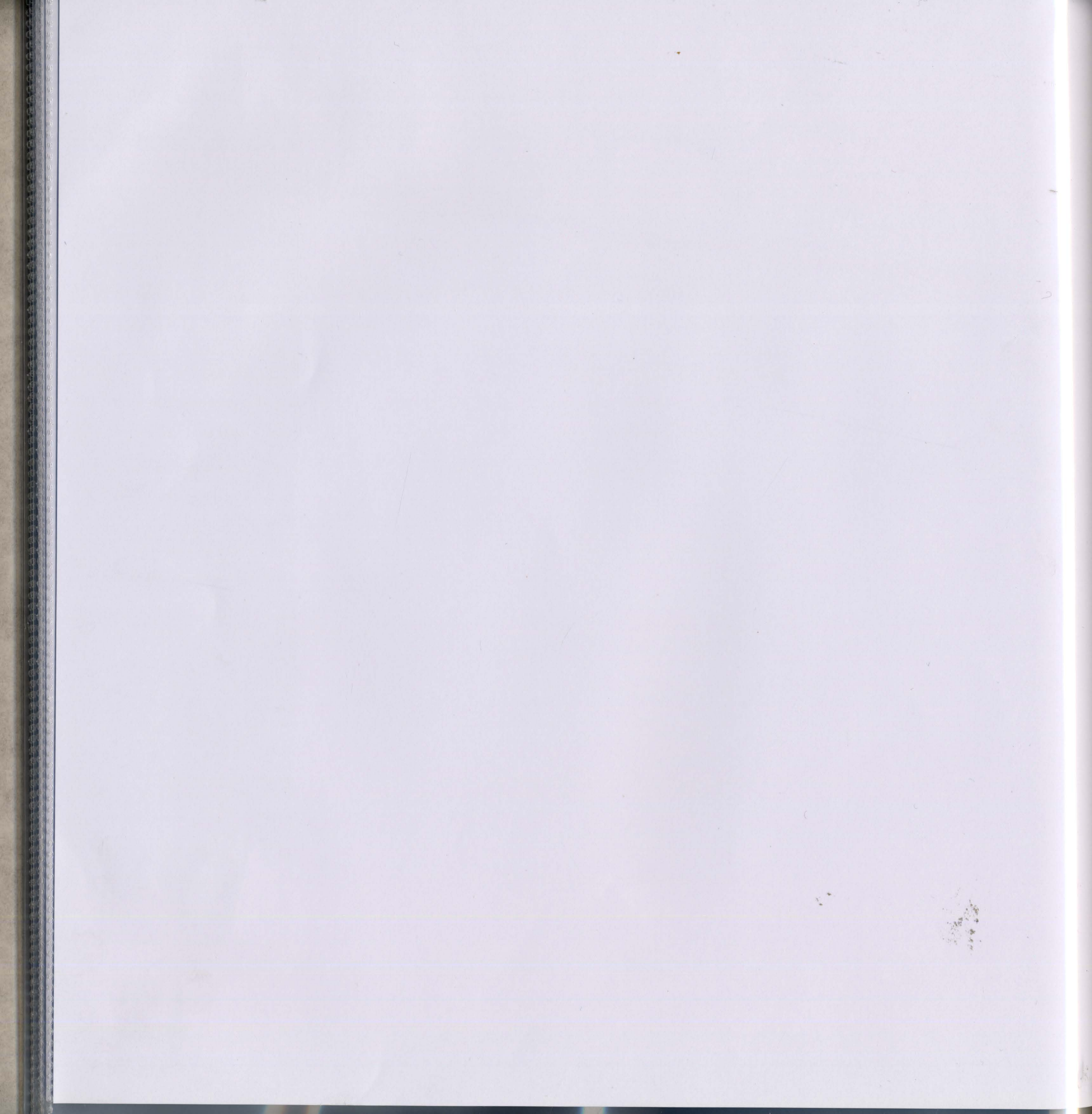
'Queer Agenda' revisited

The Pride Center is Hiring!

- > Community Outreach and Activities Coordinator
- > Publications and Media Coordinator
- > Office Assistant

Applications are due Friday! Pick one up today at the Pride Center at the south end of campus at 1553 SW 'A' Avenue.

An illustration showing a raised fist in the foreground, with a group of diverse people in the background, some looking towards the fist. The style is high-contrast and graphic.



Info tent a Pride Week focal point

■ Pride Week Information tent seeks to raise awareness, break stereotypes and build community

By Andrew Burton

THE DAILY BAROMETER

As Pride Week and its numerous events continue to unfold in the MU Quad, one thing is staying consistent: the informational tent.

"We're here to let people know about the Pride Center and the LGBTQQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual-Trans, Queer, Questioning, Intersex-Ally), give them information about us and tell them about up coming events," said Gretchen Bates, the internal coordinator for the Pride Center. "Plus, we're here to have a good time."

Throughout the week there are at least two people running the tent at all times and it is generally considered a station for all the Pride Week happenings.

Events include speakers, film screenings, ceremonies and physical challenges such as the "Lube Olympics" and "Drag Racing."

The tent also stands as a makeshift trading post for everyone earning pride bucks. Students can earn pride bucks by attending events, showing up and being enthusiastic or simply asking the right people.

With the cash, students can buy numerous prizes including pencils and rainbow bracelets. For instance, a rainbow colored, "Pride Bracelet" costs \$3 — which translates to 10 pride dollars.

The money is a light pink and states "Queer money never looked so good."

Beyond pride bucks, information is available about the LGBTQQIA community, such as magazines, queer ribbons, gay Portland phone-books, brochures, ally Buttons and scrapbooks from previous years. Visitors can also pick up free condoms and lube.

Lydia Forester, a senior in HDFS, started volunteering as an ally for the Pride Center after last year's Pride Week got her interested.

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PRIDE: Homophobia is built on ignorance, student says

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"Pride week is about trying to clear up misunderstandings. People tend to focus on the sexual orientation (of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals) when they're people too. It's just acceptance of people," Forester said.

Rebecca Parker, a sophomore at Mills College said, "A lot of people don't know they know anybody who is gay."

"A lot of homophobia is ignorance; but once you put a face on your prejudice, it's a lot

harder to be intolerant," she added.

"We're not asking for acceptance, but we're here to show our agenda and that we are an open community," said Dau Nguyen, a junior in graphic design.

The tent stands to "give a face to the LGBTQQIA community," Bates explained, "which breaks down stereotypes and gives better understanding about all the different issues."

As Nguyen declared, "it's all about educating."

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Friday
May 19, 2006

Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.

A Smooth Battle



ANDREW BURTON / THE DAILY BAROMETER

Matt Keetle, a senior in psychology, kicks up a blanket of lube during Pride Week's "Lube Olympics." Pride Week ends today with a drag show in the MU Ballroom. The event, featuring a well-known drag queen from Portland, opens its doors at 7:15 p.m. Also on Friday, a one-hour discussion about resistance to LGBT people and lifestyles has been scheduled for MU 208 at noon.



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