

GAYouth appeal of 4-J ad ban denied

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Thursday night's hearing to decide whether Growing Alternative Youth (GAYouth) should be able to advertise in School District 4-J publications concluded after five hours of testimony when the three-member panel made their recommendation to Supt. Thomas Payzant that GAYouth should not be allowed to advertise because "the ad could promote illegal sexual offenses."

The quasijudicial hearing was an appeal of an administrative decision to deny a request by GAYouth to advertise in the South Eugene High School student newspaper. Representing GAYouth was Charles Hinkle, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ACLU entered the case last November in challenging an earlier decision that would not allow advertising space for GAYouth in the South Eugene Axe.

Chris Johnson, a member of GAYouth, made a request two months ago to purchase adver-

tising space in the Axe announcing meetings of the gay group, but was denied by the paper's faculty advisor, who acted in behalf of school principle Donald Jackson.

Doug Schultz, representing the school district, said advertising of this nature could lead to illegal sexual activity and could be a material educational interference.

In April 1976 there was an advertisement placed in the Axe by GAYouth. The ad told of meeting times of GAYouth. According to Hinkle there was no illegal conduct or interference of the educational process because of the ad. "This supports our view that a similar ad published again does not justify the school district's concern," Hinkle said.

Schultz's first witness was child psychiatrist Dr. Jerome Vergamini, who said that both homosexual and heterosexual orientation deal with learned behavior rather than genetically induced behavior.

According to Vergamini basic sexual orientation comes in the early years, about age one or two. During adolescence there is a questioning of

identity, and it is possible that the individual may go one way or the other. With this testimony Schultz tried to show that a GAYouth ad could influence those in their adolescence years who may be "going either way."

Schultz's next witness was South Eugene High School principle Donald Jackson, who said he would not allow GAYouth to advertise because the ad may materially interfere with the education of students. According to Jackson fostering the social development of the student is part of the educational process.

He said the ad would be adverse to the social development of students.

"The student body is not in concert with what the GAYouth is trying to explain to the community."

Jackson said he did not know of any homosexual activity in South Eugene High School.

"By offering the ad we would be offering an alternative way of life that students may not be able to cope with. I've implemented district policy. If the ad meets the norm of district

policy I would have no objection to it."

With this testimony Schultz based his case on the theory that an ad by GAYouth in a high school paper could lead to illegal sexual offenses and could interfere in the educational process. But, Hinkle maintained that the ad that was printed in April 1976 caused neither of these problems; therefore a similar ad by GAYouth would not cause any problems either and thus the school district had no reason for a ban.

Hinkle's first witness was Carol Queen, the co-founder of GAYouth who explained the importance of such an organization as a way for gays to unite, that gays in high school feel alienated and know of no place to turn. She said GAYouth is a place for gays to get together and overcome individual problems. She said the advertisement that they wanted to run in the Axe merely told of meeting times of GAYouth and invited anyone interested to come to the meetings.

Chris Johnson testified,

speaking of the alienation he felt as a gay when he attended South Eugene High School Johnson denied that the ad was trying to "recruit" saying that it was only designed to make their activities known.

The three panel members were Kathy Moulton, Warren Weiseth and Churchill High School student Dave Daikh, who was the chairman. After the testimony the panel deliberated for about one half hour before reaching their decision.

As the panel read their decision, the disgust was apparent in the face of Charles Hinkle.

"The panel after listening to testimony of both sides and considering the facts, recommends to you (Payzant) that the GAYouth be denied the right to place an ad in any District 4-J school publication. The panel believes that the ad could promote illegal sexual offenses under ORS 163 and could disrupt the education of students."

Carol Queen said there is a possibility that they could take it to federal court, but that she would have to discuss it with Hinkle. Hinkle would make no comment about the decision.

Prostitution

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three-block area and hauled them to jail because they were offended by women on the streets. "I'm offended by overweight, cigar-smoking men," she said, "but I can't have them arrested for it." The police don't inform women of their fourteenth amendment rights, she said.

"It's a woman's right to trade her body, or the illusion of her body for money," Newby asserted. "Every woman sells her body — it's usually called marriage." Society uses women's images to sell things, but let a woman try to sell her image — she said.

Newby is a member of COYOTE, the political support group for prostitutes and other women in need. She has formed an offshoot hooker's union in Marin County. Newby's goal: a hooker's union backed by the AFL-CIO with health insurance and a federal credit union.

Newby doesn't want to totally decriminalize prostitution. "How can I ask you to decriminalize prostitution while you must have licenses to drive a car," she said. Newby advocates licensing prostitutes with a small business license. She told the audience that organized crime has left prostitution for business and government.

"The percentage of unethical hookers is smaller than the percent of unethical used car dealers," she said. "Ninety per cent of prostitutes are in the business because they need the money. We get education poured into our brains and then go for a job interview and he asks, 'how fast can you type and are you available tonight.'"

Newby was employed as one of those secretaries waiting for the commuter traffic to clear after work when she turned her first trick. She was approached by a French man who spoke only broken English. After attempting to explain that she wasn't a prostitute and re-direct the man — she decided to go ahead. It meant \$100 for only half hour's work and new tires for her car.

It wasn't until financial difficulties kept cropping up that Newby actually became a prostitute. Her 13-year-old daughter has a learning disability that requires expensive therapy. Prostitution paid for that and put Newby through graduate school where she studied psychology.

She says women don't have to solicit the act. "You walk into a hotel any slower than a dead run and a guy will solicit you."

Many prostitutes help men who

have problems dealing with women on a sexual level. "There's something wrong with the system when you have to break the law to help a man," she says.

Newby's first arrest came after she was solicited by a plain-clothes policeman. A few moments later six drunk, plain-clothes policemen crashed through the door. Newby says she was so naive that it took her 15 minutes to realize "he set me up. I thought they were sickos, not policemen."

"They wouldn't read me my Miranda rights like on Kojak," she said. Her bail was set higher than for a man arrested for stealing a motorcycle. A policeman appeared in front of the cell, yelling "you whore, you filthy whore, I hate you." Newby says she turned around to see who he was talking to.

There were 49 women in a big tank that night — and like many of the women working on the streets, they were ignorant of their rights. Forty-six of those women were arrested in illegal street sweeps and accepted their fate. COYOTE arranged to have her released the same night.

Newby says she became the victim of a gross, disgusting disease called female — being born with a vagina — after the arrest. It

was only eradicated through therapy.

Newby says she wouldn't want

to see her daughter, or any young woman go into prostitution without positive male experiences.



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