

chancellor's determination to adopt a three-year compliance schedule" for the statute, Gillette wrote.

The court found that the revenue-generating ability of a sport is a valid criterion to be considered in an assessment of the "reasonableness" of the University's actions. But, Gillette said such ability should not be viewed as a static situation.

"With an emerging sport such as women's basketball, the University must take into account not only its present revenue generating capabilities, but also the possibility of increasing its revenue-generating capabilities by the use of increased funding and support."

The court also ruled that discriminatory treatment authorized by athletic conferences is no defense for the University's actions. "A conference may permit unreasonable discrimination;

Oregon law does not."

The level of development of ability and interest in the women's program would be an obvious factor in considering whether the University's actions and omissions have had a disparate effect on opportunities for participation, the court noted.

But this factor requires the testimony of women athletes which was absent, the opinion stated.

Robert Aiken said Monday that he thinks the University "still has a long way to go" toward providing equity between women's and men's athletics.

"More things are being offered to women, but the relative positions of men's and women's sports programs are the same," he added.

But for now, two years after the incident which prompted Aiken's case, that issue has yet to be completely decided.

Gay panel relates hardships of 'coming out' of the closet

Coming out of the closet isn't always a pleasant experience for homosexuals, a panel of four gays said Monday.

The discussion, held in the EMU Forum, began Gay Pride Week, sponsored by the University's Gay People's Alliance.

"Coming out comes in many colors, some of them painful," said Marilyn Osgood-Knight, who added accepting and admitting she was gay took her nine years.

"I was trying to do all the nice things girls were supposed to do, but I wasn't doing well, and I felt miserable," she said.

Panel members Bill Dunlap and Bill Farrell both said they played straight roles during high school.

"It wasn't until I left high school that I started going out; they just don't do those things in Klamath Falls," Dunlap said.

Farrell said he had to be "dragged out" and wouldn't admit to his dormitory friends he was gay until after he worked to defeat the anti-gay Ballot Measure 51.

Director of the Gay People's Alliance, Carol

Queen, talked of the stages she went through in coming out.

She said at first she had a "jolly, rosy, intellectual acceptance" of her sexual attractions, but had problems allying with the label of being gay.

"It was hard because the image I had of myself as being bisexual didn't seem to fit in, and I didn't want to curb myself to fit in. But once people told me I could be as gay as I wanted to be, I felt comfortable."

Telling her parents was not the traumatic experience she thought it would be, she said, and both of them accepted her homosexuality.

However, one audience member said his family could not accept it, and he is living with the situation as best he can by repressing his emotions.

"Often times family units are broken by rejecting a homosexual member," Queen said.

Osgood-Knight recommended counseling, seeking the advice of others and reading books like "Loving Someone Gay" to help gays work out the problems of coming out.

Whiteaker

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in Butte, Montana last December. Guidelines for the grant proposal were established at that meeting.

The Whiteaker Community Council, in conjunction with other community groups and city county government, developed a proposal incorporating projects for the five designated problem areas.

The University Urban Farm, University Solar Energy Center, Community Health and Education Center, Cascadian Regional Library, Amity Foundation, Blackberry Management Consultants, and

Lane County Health Department are among the organizations that aided WCC.

The Whiteaker grant is the largest grant to come out of NCAT. Previous grants ranged from \$5,000-\$10,000.

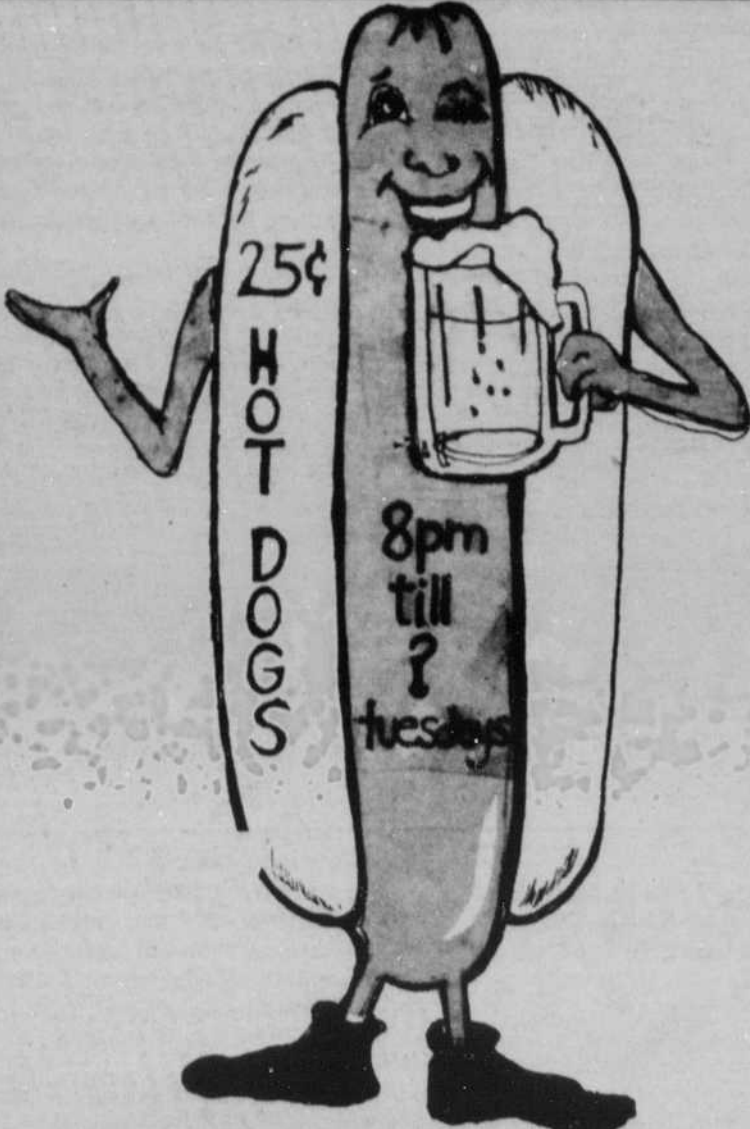
The highlights of the plan are:

- Food production — to identify possible sites for cooperative farming, to develop a plan for better use of fruit and nut trees, and to plan a school garden program and gardening curriculum for implementation at the Whiteaker Community School.

- Energy — to study what kind and how much energy the neighborhood is using, to monitor energy use and change after weatherizing target homes.

- Housing — to use Whiteaker's current cooperative housing project as a spot to test block gardening, to do energy monitoring and to use it as a target home for weatherization.

- Health — to plan a medical training program with emphasis on preventive medicine and to research the possibility of a pre-paid medical plan for low income people.



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