

Students to protest wet T-shirt contest

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Of the Emerald

A group of University students will stage a demonstration tonight at Heaven's Gate Bar and Lounge to protest what the manager of the bar describes as "just some people having a whole lot of fun."

In response to a classified ad announcing a wet T-shirt contest that has been running in the Oregon Daily Emerald for more than a week, several students have organized a protest of the event, which takes place every Thursday night at the Springfield tavern.

"It's a demonstration against the degradation of women," said Jim Shoemaker, co-director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

"Do women really, really choose to degrade themselves, or does society instead predetermine the ways in which women can attain a sense of worth?" he said, quoting from a flier that was distributed to promote the protest.

Shoemaker, who helped organize the demonstration, believes that not just women, but men and women should band together to speak out against the event.

"Contests like these objectify women down to a set of glands," Shoemaker said, explaining that this kind of activity dehumanizes women and makes them more vulnerable to oppression by men.

"It's easier to rape a set of glands than a woman," Shoemaker said.

He admits that the six contestants do have the right to

choose what they want to do, "but when it has far-reaching effects on women in general, something must be done to change the attitude that it's OK," he said.

Andy Gussin, manager at Heaven's Gate, does not believe the contest is degrading to women.

"We're not forcing anyone to do anything. The girls are proud of their bodies and they enjoy it," Gussin said. "Everybody is just having fun."

Gussin, who says the organizers are trying to run the contest as demurely as possible, doesn't think the contest will be discontinued unless there is strong opposition by the women and the customers. So far, that has not been the case.

In the 11 weeks since the contest began, Gussin said he received no complaints until the ad ran in the Emerald.

"If there is a huge majority that oppose it, we'll stop it," Gussin said. "But if it's a small minority of ladies who are just looking for a fight, then we'll continue."

Protesters will meet in the EMU Courtyard at 8 p.m. tonight, and carpools will leave for Heaven's Gate about 8:30 p.m. Although the contest starts at 10 p.m., the demonstration will begin at 9 p.m.

Shoemaker thinks the protests will continue until some sort of action is taken. They also have plans to picket Springfield Spas, which is offering a gift certificate for the third place winner of the contest.

Civil rights advocate to speak

Civil rights activist and Georgia state senator, Julian Bond, will speak tonight at 7:30 in Room 129 Law Center.

Bond first achieved national prominence when he was denied a seat in the Georgia Legislature because of his objections to U.S. involvement in Vietnam. But the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that he had to be seated.

At the 1968 Democratic National Convention, Bond became the first black man to be nominated for the vice presidency. Bond, however, was only 28 years old at the time and not eligible for the post.

Bond was born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1940, the son of a teacher and college administrator. As a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Bond helped start the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights. He also helped organize the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee and became its communications director.

Bond worked on the Atlanta Inquirer as a reporter, feature writer and managing editor, before winning a seat in the Georgia House of Representatives in 1965.

Fellow legislators did not welcome him warmly, however, keeping him from taking his seat for a year because of his outspoken opposition to U.S. military involvement in Vietnam. The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled this action unconstitutional.

Bond became a state senator in 1974.



Julian Bond

Bond's University speech is sponsored by the ASUO, the Student Bar Association, the EMU Cultural Forum and the Black Student Union.

Bookstore elections held today

Both students and faculty will go to the polls today — not for the ASUO general election, but to cast their ballots for the University Bookstore's Board of Directors.

The bookstore's annual elections do not coincide with the ASUO elections because the store must hold its elections at a certain time each year.

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Apalategui are running for the two-year freshman positions.

A record number of people are running for the sophomore position, said Jim Williams, bookstore manager. Those running include Debra Liebowitz, Gwen Roedel, Kirsten Beck, Ken Turton, Lisa Douglas, Dan Goulet, Dan Marks, Darryl Joanides, Deidre Piccione and Allen Ricks.

Four candidates are vying for the graduate-student position, including Ken Thowais, Joern Wettren, Tom Ryan and John Bowman.

All students, faculty and classified staff are members of the bookstore and, therefore, eligible to vote in the election, Williams said. All voters can cast ballots for all positions, he added.

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