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## Criticism led to firing, says guest instructor

By Shawn Wirtz  
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A former board member of the Oregon Journalism Education Association who taught a class at the University claims he was fired because of a controversy over the University's annual high school press conference despite a verbal agreement that he would teach winter term.

As a result of an Oct. 3 Oregon Daily Emerald article in which Greg Howard criticized the journalism school for not cooperating on a joint conference with the OJEA, he received a letter from Associate Dean Ken Metzler notifying him that he would not be rehired because of differences between the OJEA and the journalism school, he said.

"I think it's because we took the high school press conference away, and I had the audacity to talk to the Emerald about it," Howard said.

After conflicts with the journalism school, the OJEA hosted the conference at Oregon State University for 853 high school students. The University held its own conference without the OJEA and drew 382 students.

"I don't characterize it as a firing in any way," said Journalism School Dean Arnold Ismach. "He was not fired because he did not have a job or a contract with the school."

Howard admitted he did not have a written contract, but "it was clearly understood I was offered the job or there wouldn't be all this contact," he said.

Last winter, Metzler asked Howard if he would be available to teach his class again the next

year, and he agreed, Howard said. "Obviously they don't value verbal contracts very much," he said. Metzler declined to comment.

When the OJEA decided to move the conference to OSU, Howard resigned OJEA position because he "saw a conflict of interest" between being a member and teaching at the journalism school, he said.

"I wanted to make sure when the OJEA teachers went off to OSU for their press conference, I wasn't in charge of it," he said. "Had I then stepped in and offered to do the thing here, then everything would have been fine. I would be on, there's no doubt in my mind," he said.

Howard spent 200 hours organizing last year's press conference for the OJEA and suggested to Ismach that the University hire someone to run it this year, he said. Howard would have applied for the job, but mainly "I was concerned about the quality," he said.

The University's last director of the Oregon Scholastic Press (OSP), Mary Hartman, used to organize the conference as well as publish a bi-monthly newsletter, oversee OSP scholarships and distribute Eric W. Allen awards.

In the Emerald article, Ismach said Hartman devoted much of her free time and was not paid for many of the things she did. Hartman, however, said in a telephone interview that she was paid for those services.

"Apparently what they did was let go of a position that

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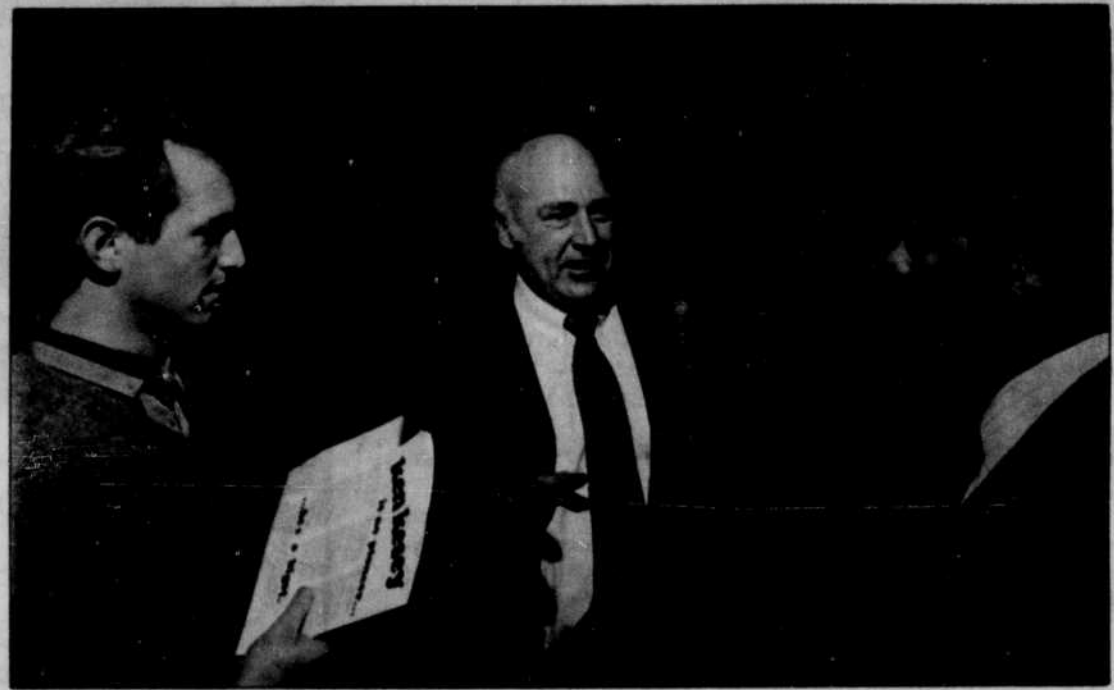


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Protesters Scott Seibert (left) and Mike Kennedy (right) talk to author Ken Kesey about comments he made in a magazine article, which they say are discriminatory.

## Activists protest Kesey's award, calling author's comments bigoted

By Scott Maben  
Of the Emerald

Two gay activists protested Thursday night's presentation of the University's Pioneer Award to author Ken Kesey, claiming that a magazine article containing statements from him discriminated against homosexuals and people with AIDS.

Protester Mike Kennedy of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance said Kesey blamed the AIDS virus on homosexuals having sexual intercourse with animals in a June 1986 Esquire magazine article.

But Kesey, author of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," said the article misquoted him, attributing comments to him that actually were made by others at a two-day panel discussion.

"Kesey's whole attitude toward homosexuals is disgusting," Kennedy said. "It's enraging knowing that he's perpetuating these false stereotypes — gay promiscuity, etc."

Kennedy said remarks in the article indicate Kesey is a bigot, an accusation GALA printed on flyers along with an excerpt from the article.

Kennedy and former Lambda Chi Alpha president Scott Seibert stood outside the EMU Ballroom handing the flyers to guests attending a recognition dinner honoring Kesey and four other winners of the awards.

Word of the demonstration brought reinforced security, but Kesey arrived after a book-signing appearance at the University

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## Policy change allows gay, lesbian students to file grievances

By Sarah Kitchen  
Of the Emerald

The Office of Affirmative Action has recently had a policy change that will allow it to represent and counsel students with sexual orientation grievances.

Until the new policy, which was passed last month by University President Paul Olum, the office could not give full representation to gay or lesbian students who had discrimination inquiries or grievances.

The change was initiated by Lucille Kaplan, Office of Student Advocacy director, who spoke to Bean Comrada, Office of Affirmative Action director, about the fact that gay and lesbian students had nowhere to go for help with a formal grievance.

"In September I learned, for reasons that are still unclear to me, that the Affirmative Action office was unable to treat cases like that in the same way they are able to treat discrimination cases for race or gender, etc.," Kaplan said.

Kaplan and an assistant, Ann Morrisson, researched into the history of the discrimination policy and the role of the OAA. After that, Kaplan formed several arguments that she hoped would convince the University administration, which

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## Herpes victims deal with stigma, work to remove social taboo label

By Lucinda Dillon  
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Editor's note: Because of the sensitivity of this subject, some sources will be known by their first names only.

Herpes.

Most people don't even say the word aloud, and those who do rarely deal with the virus in its medical context. Although the term can refer to something as common as a cold sore, more often it is known as the sexually transmitted virus that is genital herpes.

People who have contracted the virus say it is a constant battle to educate ignorant people about herpes and to dispel myths about its causes, severity and implications.

When Ann, a University junior, sought treatment for what she thought was a troublesome yeast infection, a local gynecologist told her she had genital herpes. The virus has no known cure and affects upwards of 70 million Americans, according to the American Social Health Association.

Her doctor was sympathetic, but made no suggestions about where to turn to get answers to Ann's many new questions.

Until March of last year, there was no support group where people with herpes could go to

work out their feelings about the virus. Then two independent groups joined to form the Herpes Information and Support Group, which now meets every two weeks at Sacred Heart General Hospital.

Carolyn Pursley and Sharlene Simon are currently coordinators of the group. Pursley has had herpes for 10 years and thinks the group acts to deal with the severe trauma of getting herpes while addressing the societal implications versus the actual physical symptoms of the disease.

"There is such a God-awful stigma attached to this virus, yet it's not fatal and it's not extremely infectious," Pursley said. One of the goals of the support group is to break down some of those stigmas and to make people feel comfortable with their own situations.

When Simon contracted herpes a year and a half ago, there were no local support groups. "I worked through a lot of it on my own and accepted it as an inconvenience in my life, but not much more than that."

Margaret Bailey, a nurse practitioner at the University Health Center, says 55 students have been diagnosed with new cases of herpes since the beginning of the term. "We get perhaps one

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