

'Gerty, Gerty' focuses on '20s lesbian writer

By Laurie Schwartz

Of the Emerald

Actress Pat Bond will perform the role of writer Gertrude Stein in a one-woman show Saturday night at the EMU as part of Gay & Lesbian Pride Week.

"Stein thought of herself as a genius, and probably was," Bond said Thursday in a phone interview.

"What's really fascinating is her life, and I think that's what she's best known for," Bond said. "So that's what I do on stage."

The actress and comedian from San Rafael, Calif. has toured the country with the show she wrote, titled "Gerty, Gerty, Gertrude Stein Is Back, Back, Back." She performs frequently in San Francisco Bay-Area clubs.

"Stein dared to live as a lesbian," Bond said. "My God, you're talking about 1909. She looked like a man, except she wore long skirts. You could be hung, drawn and quartered for that in that era."

Stein was an American, but she lived most of her life in Paris.

"As a lesbian and whatnot, she wouldn't have been tolerated in America," Bond said.

The Paris house Stein shared with her lover, Alice B. Toklas, was a gathering place for writers and painters, such as Ernest Hemingway, Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso.

"Stein knew everybody of that era who was at all famous," Bond said.

"She influenced Hemingway, certainly," Bond said. "His early work sounds like her. She was a great influence on a great many young writers."

"She did wonderful experiments with the language," Bond said. "She was mainly trying to get cubism into words. What Picasso did with paint, she was trying to do with words."

Bond spent three years writing the play.

"There are about 50 million books written on Stein, and I think I read them all," she said, laughing. "I even know what kind of cigarettes Alice smoked, I know what kind of perfume she wore."

The performance will be at 8 p.m. Saturday in the EMU Gumwood Room. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$4 for students and \$5 for the general public. The show is sponsored by the EMU's Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

Gay & Lesbian Pride Week continues today with a noon rally in the EMU Courtyard featuring Cleve Jones, a founder of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and a candidate for San Francisco city supervisor. Jones was a friend of the late Harvey Milk, a San Francisco city supervisor and hero of the gay movement who was shot to death in the city hall in 1979.

The co-directors of GALA, Tora Shulman and Dave Bowman, also will speak at the rally.

IFC surplus funds targeted for EMU child-care centers

By Carolyn Lamberson

Of the Emerald

The Incidental Fee Committee allocated \$28,000 from an account of surplus money to the EMU Child-Care Centers, but failed to finalize the Athletic Department contract on Thursday.

The child-care request included new equipment for the centers in an attempt to improve the program without raising costs for parents or students through incidental fees, according to the written proposal presented to the fee committee.

Chairwoman Jodie Mooney questioned the method of funding for the new Westmoreland center and the possibility of non-Westmoreland children receiving priority placing there.

Dennis Reynolds, EMU Child Care and Development Centers director, assured Mooney the tenants are funding the new center, which will begin operation in the fall.

He conceded that theoretically non-Westmoreland children could be placed in the new center before the children of tenants. However, he didn't believe this was likely because of the geographical location of the center, he said.

As it is now, some students who are parents commute with their children to centers closer to campus, and this will be eliminated, he said.

The allocation passed 6-1 with Jeff Wheeler abstaining.

The contract signed each year between the Athletic Department, the IFC, the ASUO Executive and members of the University administration proved to be a stumbling block.

Thursday's meeting was

scheduled to be the last, but the committee failed to agree on one clause, so finalization will occur Wednesday, May 20.

Mooney, who has been negotiating the contract with Associate Athletic Director Chris Voelz, said the first difficulty occurred because of the recently passed ballot measure.

"A number of clauses in this year's contract are moot because the ballot measure passed," Mooney said. The ballot measure gives free student tickets, and that aspect had to be taken in consideration, she added.

The decision to postpone resulted from discussion about spouse and spousal-equivalent rates and seating. In past years, spouses and spousal-equivalents were admitted to games at the student discount rate with proof of their status.

Concerns raised from committee members ranged from the possibility of spouses preventing students from sitting in the student sections to whether spouses should be charged for admittance.

Mooney will be meeting with Voelz today and University Vice President for Administration Dan Williams and plans to mention the committee's concerns.

In other business, the committee allocated \$1,100 to the EMU for a video camera and television monitor and \$649 to MECHA (the Latin American student union) for its conference.

The IFC also reconsidered two budget notes — one on the Legal Services budget pertaining to the amount of client counseling provided by the office and the other relating to the EMU budget.

Former University student to join race for presidency

By Will Holbert

Of the Emerald

The Democratic race for the White House now includes Senator Paul Simon, author, former newspaper publisher, and former University of Oregon student.

Simon, 58, will officially announce his candidacy Monday.

Born and raised in Eugene, Simon attended the University in 1945 at age 16 to study journalism. He worked for both the Emerald and the Register-Guard.

Simon moved with his family to Illinois, where at 19 he started a chain of weekly newspapers.

He began his political career in 1953, entering the Illinois legislature. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1974, and to the Senate in 1985.

Simon answered questions at a news-conference here Thursday night via telephone from Washington, D.C.

"I am not joining the crowd that says we (the Democrats) ought to shift the base of our party to please the country club set . . . We have to speak up for the working men and women," said Simon.

"We can be a much better country," Simon said repeated-

ly throughout the conference.

According to Simon, a Gallup poll ranks him third in what's left of the Democratic field of candidates, with 9 percent of the Democratic vote. Simon called the statistics "rather meaningless," but said they prove that he has some small base of support.

Simon thinks he will win the Iowa caucus, and he expects Oregon will be a key state in his campaign.

"We have to create a country where there are job oppor-

tunities for everyone," said Simon, of his reason for running.

During the conference, Simon concentrated on the national debt issue. The debt has become so large that the Department of the Treasury has classified information about how much the United States owes to Japan and Saudi Arabia, according to Simon.

"I don't back away from using government as a tool," said Simon.

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