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Protesters disrupt Burger King filming

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About 30 University students Thursday night disrupted filming of a Burger King commercial outside the Knight Library.

Production crews were filming in the library's special collection area on the third floor late Thursday afternoon when about a dozen students tried to disrupt filming. A dialogue with administrators ensued while filming continued, according to several protesters.

A coalition of student groups, including members of the Survival Center and Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, were on hand to protest Burger King's use of beef and the use of public lands for grazing the cattle.

The number of protesters swelled to about 30 as crews moved outside the library for filming. The crowd chanted and displayed signs condemning Burger King.

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Photo by Sean Poston

Nearly 50 people turned out in front of the Knight Library Thursday to protest the filming of a Burger King commercial.

Briefly

Lane County Waste Management is sponsoring its second Household Hazardous Waste Round-up of the year and organizers expect the biggest turnout ever at Saturday's event.

People with toxic waste, ranging from paint and paint thinner to pesticides and insecticides, are encouraged to bring it to the Glenwood Dump, 3100 E. 17th Ave

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Randy MacDonald and Dick Briggs are two highly qualified political newcomers vying for the Ward I seat on the Eugene City Council.

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Almanac

REMEMBER: Tomorrow is the last day to drop a class without a recorded "W."

Sports



Bill Musgrave

In the last 50 years, Oregon has beaten Washington only six times in Seattle and the last time the Ducks beat the Huskies in Husky Stadium was 1980.

Given those odds, it would seem that Washington has a huge advantage going into Saturday's Pacific-10 Conference game

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Entertainment

Their original name has been slammed as abusive sexual innuendo and their music has been branded as sexist.

But Eugene's own Bad Daddies have ignored the controversy, in which they say, they are innocent victims, and continue to perform to a huge following of fans in sell-out concerts.

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Rally celebrates Coming Out Day

By Catherine Hawley
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Gay and lesbian University students urged each other to "break down the closets" and openly acknowledge their sexuality at a rally held in the EMU Courtyard on Thursday to commemorate the second annual National Coming Out Day.

Sue Dockstader, new co-director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, stressed the importance of coming out to "put a face on gays and lesbians" and break stereotyped ideas held by members of the straight community.

She also urged gays and lesbians to take part in campus activities, to be more visible and to work with other campus student groups, such as MEChA, the Jewish Student Union and the Black Student Union, as a united front against prejudice and discrimination of all types.

"Traditionally, we've held apart from other student groups on campus," Dockstader said. "But we can't be a single-issue group. ... With the rise in hate crimes, we can't ignore people in other groups being harassed."

About 50 students and a steady stream of passersby listened to Dockstader and others who volunteered to come to the microphone and talk about their own coming-out experiences or about their pride as gays or lesbians.

Some, such as Betsy Brown of Eugene, said they had long ago acknowledged to friends, family and employers that they were gay or lesbian.

"Anyone who knows me and doesn't know I'm a lesbian isn't paying attention," said Brown, 34, who told the crowd she has been out since 1978.

Others said they were only "part way out of the closet" and talked about the difficulty of telling family members — some with strict religious backgrounds — that they are gay or lesbian.

Brown, who called herself a lesbian separatist, also affirmed the right of gays and lesbians to be different and to question the "family" values of mainstream society — a society that Brown said often discriminates on the basis of race, sex and class.

"When gays and lesbians say that we're just

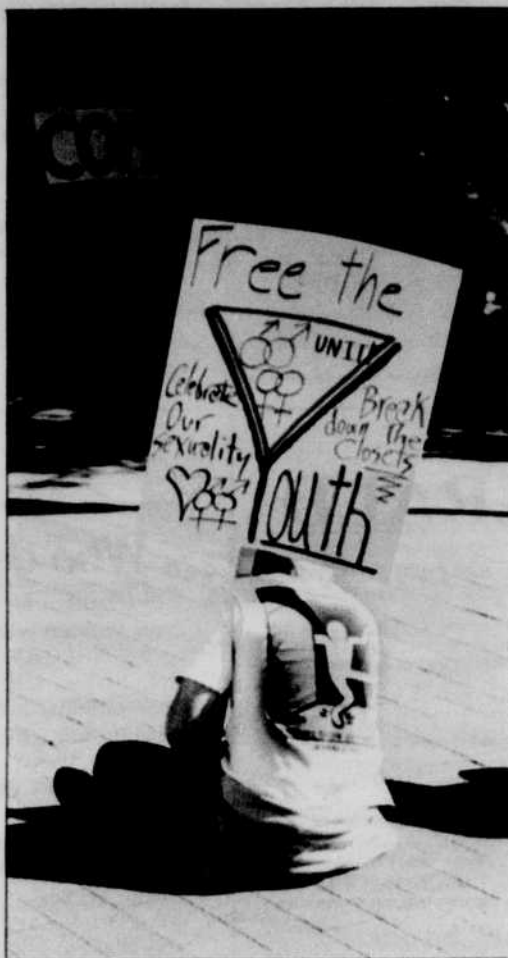


Photo by Eric Evans

Gays and lesbians gathered in the EMU Courtyard Thursday to urge a united front against prejudice and discrimination.

like everybody else, we need to ask, who is everybody else and do we want to be just like them?" she said.

Michael Peeler, former GALA co-director, said every gay and lesbian who comes out reaffirms that sexuality is "no longer a dirty little secret."

"Closets are for clothes," Peeler said. "And I've never really thought of myself as a suit."

Brand labels Measure 5 as harmful

By Bob Waite
Emerald Reporter

Efforts to provide a "world-class" university are in progress, but Ballot Measure 5 could damage hope for the academy environment, University President Myles Brand said at an informal press conference Thursday.

Brand held the press conference to discuss the state of the University now that the academic year is in progress.

If passed, Ballot Measure 5 would limit state property taxes, which would greatly reduce funding for the state's public school system.

Gov. Neil Goldschmidt has proposed a \$50 million budget that would help increase faculty salaries at the University, Brand said, but there are threats to this budget.

"The financial impact (if Measure 5 passes) on the University of Oregon would be very severe," Brand said.

Even if voters approved a state sales tax, Brand said there would still be a one to two year time-lag in which funds would be limited and academic service would suffer.

In a worst case scenario of voters approving the measure and not approving a sales tax, Brand said there would be an immediate freeze of faculty salaries, followed by cuts of 8 percent over the next

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