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Shibley: Gay unity key to equality

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Although Oregon's gays and lesbians represent a broad range of backgrounds and interests, they should unite in the fight against discrimination, state Rep. Gail Shibley told a crowd in the Ben Linder Room on Monday night.

"The homosexual community is incredibly diverse; that is our greatest strength and our greatest weakness," said Shibley, a Democrat from Portland and the Legislature's first openly lesbian lawmaker.

"Gays need to unite our community, or else our enemies will follow the old Machiavellian dictum of 'divide and conquer,'" she said.

Shibley, one of nine gay or lesbian state legislators in the United States, was invited to speak on campus as part of Gay and Lesbian Pride Weeks.

One of the greatest threats to the gay and lesbian community is political apathy, she said.

Though she acknowledged the risks of becoming political-



Rep. Gail Shibley

ly active, she said gays and lesbians don't have "the right of being afraid."

"Our lives and the lives of our loved ones and the lives of our families are at risk," she said.

Education is the most valuable tool of the gay and lesbian community in their struggle for equality, she said.

"We need to stretch other people's comfort levels," she

said. "We have to reach out and encourage our straight allies and encourage our families and friends."

Most people are eager to learn about the gay and lesbian community, Shibley said. "Only a small faction are all hostile — foaming at the mouth hostile," she said.

Shibley said she has seen signs of improvements for gays in the state. For the first time in years, an omnibus gay rights bill currently in the Oregon Senate has a good chance of passing, although it probably won't make it past the Republican-dominated House, she said.

Gov. Barbara Roberts testified on behalf of the bill, the first time in history that a state governor testified on behalf of such legislation, she said.

For equal rights to become a reality, it's vital for the gay and lesbian community stay united in its efforts, she said.

"We have to realize that we are in this together," Shibley said. "We can't break up and pretend that we're whole."

IFC continues budget hearings

MEETINGS

Incidental Fee Committee meets at 8 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. The following budgets will be discussed: Black Student Union, Student Bar Association, KRMA, Sister University Project, Survival Center, Student Insurgent, Vietnamese Student Association, USSA, ASUO Child Care Subsidy and International Student Association.

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Student Senate meets in Room 159 Straub at 6 p.m.

Pre-Law Society meets in Room 155 Straub at 7:30.

Asklepiads meet in Room 179 Straub from 6 to 7 p.m.

RELIGION

Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St.,

sponsors a question and answer session for those interested in the Catholic faith at 7:30.

Christian Science Organization meets in EMU Century Room E from 5 to 6 p.m.

"**Is the Earth our mother?**" is the topic for Roundtable discussion at 7 p.m. in EMU Century Room D. The meeting is sponsored by the Restoration Campus Ministry.

Grace Lutheran Church hosts a presentation by Marvin Schaus, from Lutheran Bible Translators, discussing the Gola people in Liberia. The presentation is at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church on 18th Ave. and Hilyard St.

MISCELLANEOUS

"**Nowhere to Hide**," a film about bombing during the gulf war, will be shown at 7 p.m. in Room 110 Willamette. This event is sponsored by the No Gulf War Coalition Media Committee.

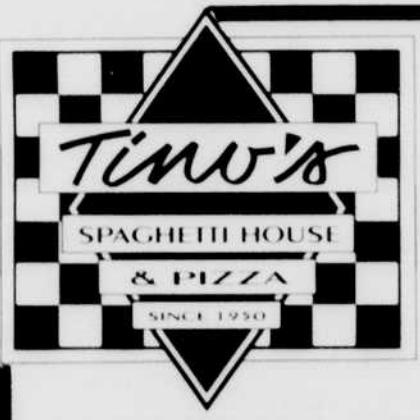
"**Remediation of Contaminated Sites: Do**

we start with earth science or engineering?" is the topic to be discussed by R.L. Perrine, UCLA, in Room 202 Cascade at 1:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Department of Geological Science.

Cholesterol screening will be offered to people with University identification at the Health Education desk, Student Health Center from 9 to 11:30 a.m., sponsored by the Lifestyles Planning Program.

"**The Red and White**," a film of Jancso's visions of the Russian Civil War in 1918, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in Room 115 Pacific Hall. This film is part of the series of the Soviet and East European Film Series and is sponsored by the University Russian and East European Studies Center.

CD-ROM Tutorial: Science Citation Index is a session for those interested in learning to use the library's computerized databases to find information in general science. The session is in the Science Library Reference Area at 10:30 a.m.



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