

OCA screens video to support initiative

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The director of the Oregon Citizens Alliance was in Eugene Monday showing a video portraying homosexual activity that he hopes will persuade voters to support an initiative labeling homosexuality as abnormal.

Lon Mabon said the outrageous homosexual behavior depicted in the videos could provide "a glimpse as to what could happen in Oregon."

Mabon, along with other officials from the OCA, showed the video to *The Register-Guard* editorial writers to gain support for their petition to change the Oregon Constitution.

In the video, gays and lesbians parade in gay pride marches in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. In many cases the marchers were nude, and they participated in what some might call lewd behavior.

The video shows a person dressed as a transvestite Jesus, and "hookers from hell" wearing habits. The video also had a section on sadomasochism, showing scenes from an "S & M Leather Coalition" march.

The video periodically flashed "this is what gay rights means" below different march scenes.

Mabon said distributing some 5,000 videos will promote the statewide initiative that would amend the state Constitution outlawing anti-discrimination laws for gays and lesbians.

According to their referendum statement of legislative intent, OCA's objective is to "distinguish between private behavior and public policy, and to prevent the establishment of

special rights, taxpayer funding, or authorized access to public schools for individuals or groups who promote, encourage, or facilitate homosexuality...."

Three other unacceptable activities listed on the OCA's legislative intent were sadism, masochism and pedophilia.

Mabon said the video is part of the OCA's drive to get signatures for the initiative. He said the video is also an attempt to stop the political agenda of the gay and lesbian movement.

"They have a goal in mind," Mabon said. "They are not going to stop political action until their behavior is accepted as normal."

Mabon said he believes homosexuality is wrong and that gays and lesbians should not receive special rights and public money to promote homosexuality.

The OCA's state political director and the initiative's chief petitioner, Phillip Ramsdell, said once homosexuals reach a minority status, they will be able to compete with blacks, women and hispanics for jobs.

These are groups that have been discriminated against by laws in the past, but homosexuals have not, Ramsdell said.

Ramsdell said although homosexuals claim they are discriminated against through hate crimes, the cases have not been investigated thoroughly.

Mabon has visited such cities as Springfield, Portland and Corvallis in an effort to publicize the OCA's referendum.

The OCA's proposed legislation does not prohibit homosexuality, Mabon said, just the laws that legitimize and protect homosexuals.

State system funds campus safety

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Trying to keep University staff and students out of harm's way is an expensive business.

In fact, the state higher education system this year has allotted \$1.8 million — about \$100 a student — to fund the Office of Public Safety.

That money rents the services of six full-time Eugene police department officers, 15 OPS officers and 49 other public safety personnel, said Carey Drayton, OPS director.

That money also pays for one-third of the cost, or \$18,000, for EPD officer Ken Saxon, who patrols 13th Avenue in the University Bookstore area. Another third of Saxon's salary is paid by the city of Eugene and the re-

maining third by campus businesses on 13th Avenue.

Moreover, the University contracts with an additional six EPD officers at a cost of around \$350,000, EPD Sgt. Mike Cline said. These officers are all volunteers because "we want people who are willing to deal with the diverse communities on the campus."

Those officers patrol the campus area, which stretches south from Autzen Stadium to 18th Avenue and east from Kinkaid to Villard streets. But the officers will respond just outside the area if University students are causing problems just beyond the boundaries, Cline said.

Most of the criminal investigation Cline's officers handle involve theft, with substance abuse as the second

biggest problem, he said.

"Students can be a real pain in the neck," Cline said. "Most of them are into substance abuse of alcohol and other substances."

The six EPD officers work with OPS, which serves to insure the health and safety of staff and students at the University, Drayton said. This includes, among other things, locking and unlocking doors, maintaining fire-alarm equipment, patrolling campus and raising crime awareness.

To fulfill its mission, OPS has 15 non-police security officers and 49 other employees. These other employees include clerical personnel, supervisors, locksmiths, radiation safety personnel and a hazardous waste specialist.

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Coulter said he also talked to several administrators, and said he sensed that "it is all about priorities."

Coulter said he was told the University will know what its exact budget is in two to three weeks, and will then decide what its spending priorities are.

"We hope to make it clear that the library is a priority," he said.

Coulter said one reason that library hours need to be restored is that the "modern student" has many responsibilities besides school.

"By the time you spend the early part of the day in classes, then take care of other responsibilities, like work, then go home and have some dinner, it's about 8:30 p.m. before you can get to the library, and that's just not enough time," he said.

The Knight Library used to stay open until 11 p.m. Now it closes at 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and even earlier Fridays and Saturdays.

Coulter said that although Measure 5 cuts are affecting many individual programs, the library is one program central to everyone, and deserves priority.

"(The library) is the symbol of academia, and it's inextricably tied to all majors and all schools," he said. "Cutting the hours sends a message that academics are not important."

Concerned Students for Library Hours will hold its first public meeting today at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Oak Room.

Coulter said the meeting will provide specific information about the reduced library hours and allow people to organize into specific action groups, such as petitioning and letter writing.

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