Gay Pride Week kicks off today

By Demian McLean



In keeping with 22 years of tradition at the University, today kicks off the first events of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Week.

Being visible is a vital concern, said Sue Dockstader, codirector of the Lesbian, Gay

"It's important to show who we are, to let people know that there are all different kinds of gays and lesbians and bisexuals walking around on this campus," she said. "We're trying to put a human face on gay, lesbian and bisexual Eugene.

Pride Week commemorates the June 1969 incident in which patrons of the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York, rebelled against repeated police raids by barricading themselves in the bar for two days, holding police at bay.

Since then, colleges and universities across the country have remembered the June event with celebrations during the early spring when students are still in school.

Last year, Pride Week began at the same time Senate Bill 708, which proposed a ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation, was being considered in the state legislature.

This year, the week's events are accompanied by a different prospect, namely the Oregon Citizens Alliance's anti-homosexual rights petition.

"In general, there are a lot of negative messages about gays and lesbians out there," Dockstader said. "Now I think we've reached the pinnacle of that with the OCA's campaign against us."

Pride Week organizers expressed concern for how the OCA campaign might affect participation in this year's events.

Dominick Vetri, University law professor and co-chairman of the President's Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Affairs, said he doesn't expect any negative effects.

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German language retreat: Students who have not paid in full will be dropped Tuesday. See Mr. Plant in Room 414 Friendly or call 340-4059 to 244-0748. "Nicaragua Today. Women's Struggle for Bread. Health and Degnity" is the tutle of a free lecture by Dorothy Granada and Charles Gray of the Maria Luira Orsiz. Women's Cooperative in Mulukuku, Nicaragua today from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in the EMU Gumwood Room.

A tax workshop for international students and faculty will be tonight from P to 9 in the EMU Gumwood Room Graduate funding Introduction to the Graduate Funding Library will be today from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 125 Chapman Career Planning and Placement office

turn out and show their support because of the OCA's campaign," he said.

Dockstader was less optimistic.

"I think that a lot of people who have something to lose - who have a position on the University - are affected by this initiative, as far as whether they're willing to come out or not and be identified," she said. "I think there will be fewer faculty and staff that may come.

The key to countering hostile attitudes toward gays and lesbians, Dockstader said, is education

Highlights of Pride Week include Friday's 'Queerfest," a daylong celebration with a drag show, food, music and an address by Gail Shibley, Oregon's first openly lesbian state representative. On Wednesday, LGBA, along with the President's Task Force, have arranged a "Queer Life at UO Campus" panel, in which faculty, staff and students share experiences about being gay or lesbian at the University.

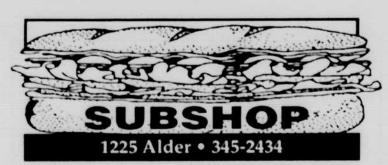
Vetri sees the panel as an important tool for education. "Gay men and lesbian women have done what all other minorities have done in the past. We've gone to court, to the public forum." he said. "Through the political process, we educate people. It's a chance to show that we're ordinary people, and that we deserve the same respect within society as other minority groups.

Pride Week this year also features a film festival, a first in its University history. The films embrace a diverse range of gay and lesbian issues with movies such as Sex and the Sandinistas, a film chronicling the experience of gays and lesbians during the Nicaraguan revolution.

For a full schedule of events contact the LCBA office in Room 319 EMU.

Today's events include-

- 1-2:30 p.m.— Fatism Panel, Ben Linder Room. • 4-6 p.m. - Pride Week Kickoff Mixer, International Lounge.
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- 7 p.m. Film Festival: Tongues United and Looking for Langston Hughes, 150 Columbia, \$2 admission charge.



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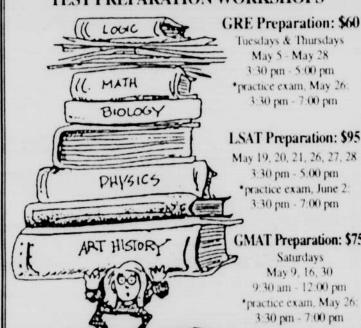
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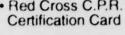
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