

LGBA wants student charged with assault expelled

□ Witness says assault had nothing to do with man's sexual orientation

By Pat Malach
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The co-director of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance asked Wednesday that a University student charged with assaulting a bisexual Eugene man be expelled from the University.

Speaking to a crowd at Eugene's Free Speech Platform, LGBA co-Director Sarah Ross said the University should expel freshman Todd Linwood Pendexter, 18, for his role in the Jan. 29 assault of two men police say Pendexter believed to be gay.

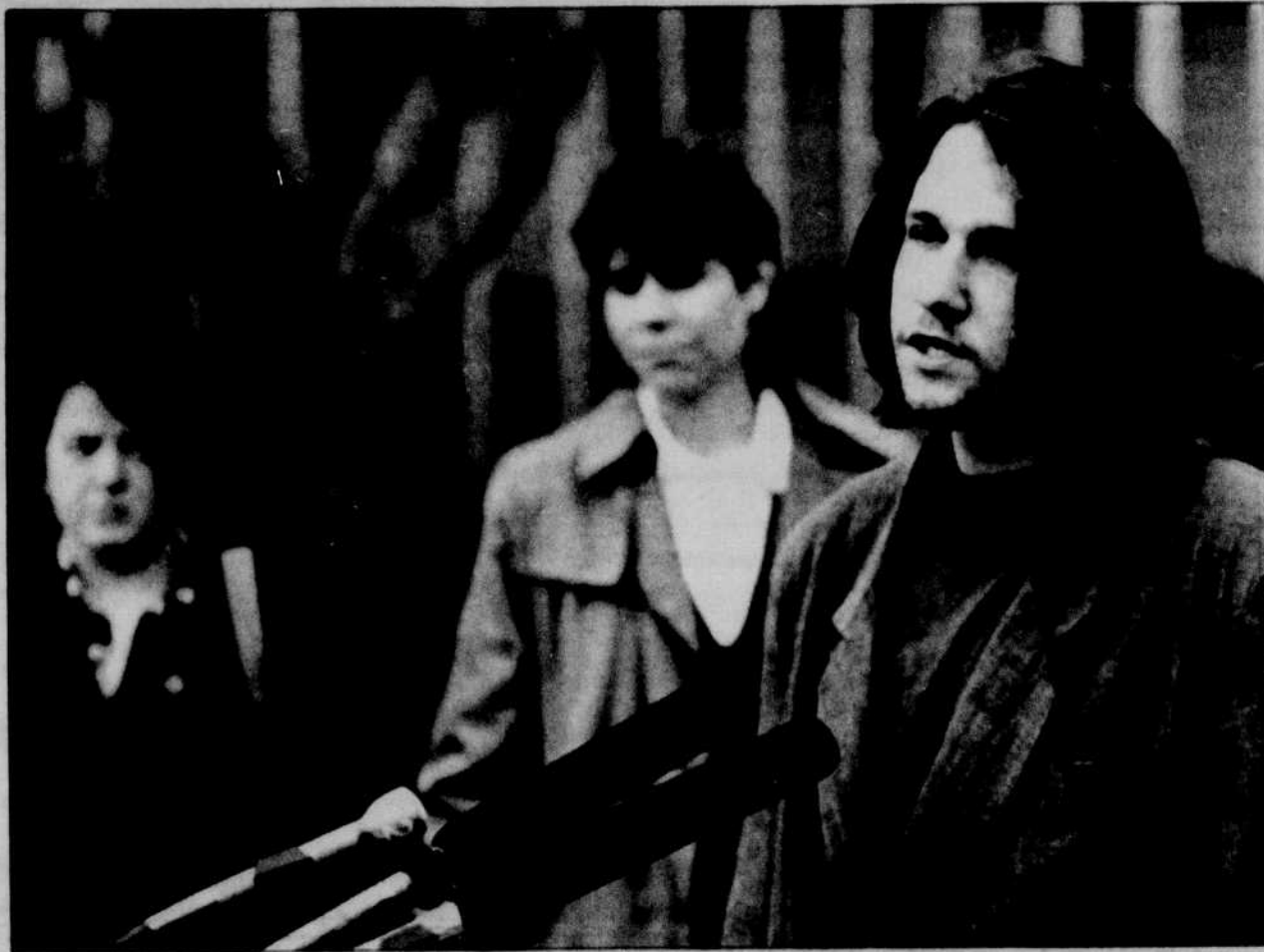
Ross also asked that Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the fraternity Pendexter is pledging, deny his membership bid "after careful consideration of its due-process procedures."

"The message must be clear," Ross said. "Mr. Pendexter's actions will not be tolerated, not by the academic community at this University, not by the larger community."

Pendexter has been charged with second-degree intimidation, stemming from an incident where he allegedly assaulted two men, one of whom is bisexual.

Intimidation is charged when an assailant has assaulted or threatened someone based on the perception of that person's race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation, said Tim Birr, Eugene police department spokesman.

Second-degree intimidation, a Class A misdemeanor carrying a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine, is charged when only one assailant is involved. First-degree intimidation, a Class C felony with a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a



Steven Laliberty speaks at Eugene's Free Speech Platform Wednesday. Laliberty has said several people assaulted him Jan. 29 because of his sexual orientation. Photo by Michael Shindler

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Senate delays vote on courses

□ Race/gender/non-European course discussion to continue

By Sarah Clark
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The University Senate adjourned Wednesday before taking any action on a proposal to change the race/gender/non-European requirement.

Discussion of the proposal barely began before the Senate adjourned. Discussion will continue at the Senate's March 10 meeting.

The proposal would change the current one-course requirement to two courses. One course would deal with race relations in the United States. The other would study how gender, race, class and/or ethnicity affect society.

Supporters of the proposal said the University needs a requirement that prepares students to live in an increasingly multicultural society.

Race separates society more than gender, social class or any other factor, said Ethnic Studies Director Quintard Taylor, a member of the committee that drafted the proposal. Students must understand racial issues in order to solve larger problems such as welfare, he said.

ASUO President Bobby Lee said he's wit-

nessed racial stereotyping on campus. Eliminating those biases must begin in the classroom, Lee said, where students could hear others' viewpoints.

Although no one spoke against the proposal at Wednesday's meeting, Senate Secretary Keith Richard predicted that most opposition will come from faculty whose courses currently fulfill the requirement and might not under the proposed guidelines.

Some people may oppose increasing the requirement to two courses, he said, because they believe students have too many requirements.

Other opponents may say racial issues should be incorporated in every course — not a separate one, Richard said. Financial impact is not a great concern, he said.

The proposal asks the University to fund additional classes during the next two years to implement the requirement. The Provost's Office will submit a cost estimate at the March meeting.

The costs should be relatively small, said University President Myles Brand, because the University already has the faculty to implement the requirement. The University's Strategic Planning Fund could pay for the curriculum changes, he said.

Council unanimous; campsite will open

□ Some hesitant about decision

By Daralyn Trappe
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The Eugene City Council unanimously approved a temporary homeless campsite in the Alton Baker Park parking lot Wednesday, although several council members expressed some reservations.

The site, which will be adjacent to the Willamette Science and Technology Center, will likely be open within the next few weeks and will provide spaces for people to camp in their tents or cars, which is illegal in Eugene.

The site will remain open until May 31 and is expected to cost the city between \$10,000 and \$15,000, with most of that money going to a camp manager.

The city's Human Rights Commission proposed the idea to the City Council last month.

Prior to the final vote, council members said they hope the site will not distract the council from its goal of providing stable and permanent housing for the homeless.

Councilman Kaye Robinette said he had misgivings about the campsite and said he believed the decision was being reached without enough analysis.

"We've gotten ourselves into situations before that we later regretted," he said. "I do not feel the council should put itself in a position where we have to act in haste on a major issue, and I regret that we are doing that."

Councilman Paul Nicholson said he hopes the council will look at the project as an experiment that will provide a better

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WEATHER

Cloudy skies continue as temperatures drop. Rain very possible, highs in the 40s.

Today in History

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

FOR ADULTS ONLY

BOSTON (AP) — Three zoos are giving lovers the chance to study monkey business with the pros this Valentine's Day weekend.

The Boston, San Francisco and Brookfield, Ill., zoos plan adults-only lectures, tours and videotape shows about sex in the animal kingdom.

The message: There are parallels between animal and human sexual behavior.

For example, the male dance fly gives the female food in return for mating privileges. The bigger the gift, the longer she will copulate with him.

"It's kind of like the difference between dinner at the Ritz and takeout from KFC," said Ed Marshall, spokesman for Boston's Franklin Park Zoo.



SPORTS

The University announced Wednesday linebacker Terrell Edwards, who started the last 10 games for Oregon's 1992 Independence Bowl football squad, has been dismissed from the program for disciplinary reasons.

Edwards was credited with 43 tackles last fall, including 10 for negative yardage and six quarterback sacks.