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Ole Larson, known on stage as Lady O, performs with junior Shannon Galloway in the EMU courtyard Wednesday afternoon as part of "Coming Out Day" for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals.

Supporters 'come out' together as one

■ **DEMONSTRATION:** "Coming Out Day" acknowledges gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals in today's society

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

Although the sun never came out during Wednesday's "Coming Out Day," almost 20 people did publicly.

Gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals were invited to share their feelings at an open micro-

phone and to walk through a symbolic closet door. The annual event, which has taken place at the University since 1987, was sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance.

At its height, the demonstration attracted about 150 people, said Margaret Butler, director of the LGBA. Supporters in the crowd waved rainbow colored flags and cheered on speakers who discussed the problems facing the gay and lesbian community and others who talked about the nature of homosex-

uality. Three homosexual entertainers from Portland took the stage between speeches.

Several speakers' discussions concentrated on the pride they felt in their sexual orientations. Many also talked about problems, hardships, and prejudices.

"Now I know that coming out is about power and strength," Butler said. "Every time I come out ... I empower myself."

Stephanie Carnahan, coordinator of education and support for the

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OSPIRG event sparks strong interest among students

■ **MEETING:** More than 150 students attended the group's first general interest meeting of the year Wednesday night

By Abe Estimada
Community Reporter

Like most of the other students assembled in 123 Pacific Wednesday night, Lily Mai had never been to an OSPIRG meeting before.

But after a rousing 30-minute presentation that had the audience slapping their hands together and stomping their feet, Mai was convinced that her participation in OSPIRG could make a difference.

"There are a lot of things students don't know about," she said. "OSPIRG opens up people's eyes. There are too many things happening underneath our noses."

Mai is planning to join OSPIRG's hunger and homelessness group. "I plan on sticking with it for the rest of the year. I like the idea of OSPIRG not only helping everyone but everything," she said.

OSPIRG's first general interest meeting of the school year drew 175 students such as Mai who were both entertained and educated by the interest group's leaders. The students were also asked during the meeting to join one of six project groups OSPIRG oversees during the school year.

The six project groups are environmental education, endangered species, stream walking, hunger and homelessness, higher education and recycling. OSPIRG's latest project, stream walking, has students working for the first time with Americorps volunteers to clean up and test the purity of local waterways.

"It's a great way for community service to solve problems rather than rely on other people," said Shani Abell, an Americorps volunteer from Texas working on the stream walking project. "It really gives people the power to clean up the environment by themselves. I feel like an integral part of the community because I've invested into the community. It's something I've

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Paulus outlines key campaign issues in race for Senate seat

■ **CONGRESS:** Senate candidate proposes increased funding for higher education

By Marcelene Edwards
Community Editor

This country does not funnel enough money into higher education, which deprives people of needed skills, said Norma Paulus, Republican candidate for Oregon's vacant U.S. Senate seat, in a press conference Wednesday.

"This country depends on having a skilled and literate society,"

she said.

Paulus proposed adding more student loans at the federal level to allow people to pursue an education.

As the superintendent of public instruction for Oregon, Paulus had a hand in implementing the school reform package, the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st century.

She said most people look to her for education issues, but she is focusing on much more for the election.

Paulus said she is concerned

that Congress spends too much money on itself. One of the ways to alleviate that problem is to reduce congressional perks. She also wants to clean up campaign finance laws so campaigns are not run by political action committees.

A balanced budget amendment and a line-item veto would reduce government spending.

While welfare reform could allow some to stay on the plan until they get a job, it could also allow mothers to have child care so they could obtain skills they

need to get a job.

Paulus also talked about her dedication to term limits similar to the two-term limit Oregon has for the governor. In keeping with her pledge, Paulus said she will not seek re-election after two terms in office.

If elected to the Senate seat, Paulus plans to involve voters in much of the decision-making process. She said she would like to send the power back to state and local government because Oregonians should have local control over what happens in Washington.

CORRECTION

A headline and article in the Oct. 11 issue of the *ODE* incorrectly said that six former University students are drop-outs and employees of The Pond. The six employees of The Pond are current students at the University. Brett Mitchell, the owner of the business, left school when he was offered financing for the project. The *Emerald* apologizes for the error.