

Gay magazine emphasizes diversity

PREMIERE: New *View Magazine* seeks to entertain and enlighten its readers from a gay and lesbian perspective

By **Marcelene Edwards**
Community Editor

Kellee Weinhold and Kate Conley will present their new *View* of gay and lesbian culture on Nov. 1.

The premier edition of the monthly *View Magazine* will hit the stands this week with a 6,000-copy run showcasing a broad editorial content from politics to gardening tips, all from the gay and lesbian perspective.

"I don't want it to be 'it's a poor, pitiful us publication,'" Weinhold said. "It is true struggles — wonderful, funny, great things about gay and lesbian culture that we want to lift up and celebrate," she said.

Weinhold, who completed a bachelor's degree in journalism last spring and is now working on her master's degree at the University, hopes that her new publication will serve the people in Oregon communities who do not get local information on gay and lesbian topics.

The cover story of the first issue is on the race for the U.S. Senate seat. Inside is a story on the second wave of HIV among young gay men and a review of gay and lesbian characters in new



television shows. Weinhold said the magazine will also offer some conservative views, which are usually perceived as nonexistent in the gay and lesbian community.

"Gay and lesbian conservatives are fairly invisible," she said. The name of the magazine reflects Weinhold's desire to present these different views. Although she didn't think about the possibilities that went along with it, the name allows her to present different sections that play off the word view.

Weinhold wants to focus on the lives of the readers and to run stories that deal with being gay or lesbian in Oregon.

One of the great tragedies, Weinhold said, is that the gay and lesbian community in Oregon has allowed political focus to force them to take their focus away from their real concerns.

The gay and lesbian community has not spent enough time talking about the other issues that involve them.

"The OCA will pass, but we have to be here and deal with our lives in Oregon," she said.

Conley, who is Weinhold's

business and life partner, works as a managing editor at Advanstar Communications. She said both she and Weinhold got tired of being in the dark about events in the community.

The community has been without a local gay and lesbian publication since last year when *The Lavender Network*, also run by Weinhold, went under.

The Lavender Network, after being plagued with financial problems, closed in 1994, after nine years. Weinhold had been involved with the magazine since 1992.

A year later, Weinhold turned her journalism and management skills from *The Lavender Network* to create a new magazine that would have a clearer focus.

"I needed more professional journalism experience and I needed to work and earn money," she said.

Weinhold is encouraging anyone who wants to write for the magazine to do so, although she does want contributions to be from a gay and lesbian perspective.

View Magazine is a for-profit venture, unlike *The Lavender Network*, which was a nonprofit magazine. The initial run will be distributed in the Eugene-Springfield area at Mother Kali's Music, Hungry Head Books and in other areas around the state, including Ashland and Bend.

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UO considers student-faculty dating policies

PROPOSALS: Intimate student-faculty relationships present significant conflicts

By **Colleen Pohlig**
In-Depth Editor

Joining many universities and colleges across the nation in a controversial trend to form policies that discourage students and professors from dating, the University is considering two policy proposals of its own.

A committee, which former University President Myles Brand started two years ago to form a policy, presented the first proposal to the administration at the end of this summer. The policy states that professor-student consensual relationships are conflicts of interest and are "strongly discouraged."

Ken Lehrman, the head of the committee and the director for the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, said he believes the University should implement a policy to protect both students and professors and/or supervisors.

"For example, if a student gets involved with her professor and

then wants out of the relationship in the middle of the term, she may feel fearful that he could retaliate by giving her a bad grade," Lehrman said. "With a policy, we're saying let's see if we can manage this before a problem occurs."

The proposal requires that a professor or supervisor who is intimately involved with his or her student or employee must report the relationship to the department head, and must act immediately to remove the conflict of interest. The supervisor must then arrange for the student's class work to be evaluated by a third party.

In the proposal, conflict of interest is defined as "incompatibility of the interest of the University in securing detached, objective performance of instructional or supervisory evaluative duties and the personal interest of the instructor or supervisor involved in a sexual relationship with a person he/she supervises."

The proposal states that in the event of a sexual harassment claim against the instructor or supervisor, those who fail to report relationships will be sanctioned. This could include

anything from a letter of reprimand in the individual's personnel file to, in very extreme cases, the University moving to remove the individual from his or her position.

In addition, the person in the "status or power advantage" will have the burden of providing evidence that the relationship was consensual, if a sexual harassment claim is filed against the professor or supervisor.

After reviewing the policy proposal, University President Dave Frohnmayer recently asked the committee to create a second proposal, this one minus the reporting component. Lehrman said the second proposed policy will basically state that student-professor dating is a conflict of interest and one that is potentially sanctionable.

Lehrman said Frohnmayer is not necessarily opposed to the first proposal, but he does want a second option to consider.

Lehrman said Frohnmayer will receive the second proposal after Lehrman circulates it to certain professors, committee members and administrative officials this week for their comments.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 26 issue of the *Emerald*, The School of Music's Beall Concert Hall was reported as celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Hall is actually celebrating its 75th anniversary on the University campus.

Also, it was incorrectly reported that Mike Krostag was a graduate student. He is working on his second bachelor's degree in business finance.

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