

Event: UO has obligation to let all groups use Autzen, official says

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said. "We're not going to turn anyone away."

Blevins said he doesn't think women would be interested in attending Promise Keepers events, just as men would have little interest in attending gatherings that deal with women's issues.

The organization helps men develop strong emotional bonds with other men, something Blevins said is all too often

missing from the lives of most men, who are raised from childhood to keep an emotional distance.

"If we're going to overcome these issues we need the support of one another," he said. "We need to learn how to relate to one another."

Gayle Blant, who has been working to create understanding between gays, lesbians and fundamentalist Christians, helped develop a group in the Eugene-

Springfield area that brought the two sides together.

Earlier this month, Blant and members of the group met with Blevins to show him how Promise Keepers leaders can communicate with women, gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

"The purpose of the meeting was to present Promise Keepers with an opportunity to hear from the committee meeting," Blant said, "and I think they heard what happens when some

of their statements go through another cultural filter."

Stephanie Carnahan, a lesbian who works for Student Life educational and support services, helped the University administration develop a lease with Promise Keepers.

She said that while the University must protect its commitment to nondiscrimination, the Promise Keepers should not be denied use of Autzen Stadium based on the content of their

speech.

The University has a First Amendment obligation to allow the Promise Keepers to use Autzen Stadium, said Dan Williams, vice president for administration. Williams is responsible for leasing Autzen Stadium.

"We're a public University and we don't pick and choose who we will do business with based on their political views," Williams said.

Promise Keepers' message refuted by group in Eugene

■ MEETING: Students and community members plan to protest the Christian organization

By Regina Brown
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A group of concerned students and community members, many of whom are associated with gay, lesbian and bisexual student groups, met Wednesday afternoon to look for ways to combat what they believe are the Promise Keeper's anti-homosexual and anti-women attitudes.

Those in attendance expressed concern that the Promise Keepers could bring negative attitudes about women and gays to Eugene when they come to Autzen Stadium on August 4.

The group developed a list of plans to educate the community about the Promise Keepers' message and to speak out against the organization.

Those in attendance want to

make sure that their message is as constructive as possible. The group said they should create a plan that will not make them look like "left wingers," said Enrique Andrade, president of the University chapter of Delta Lambda Phi, a gay fraternity.

"This is a broad issue that affects women, who are the fabric of society ... There's no time for discrimination," Andrade said.

The group plans to draft a statement that will ensure that the University does not support the Promise Keepers and then plans to meet with University President Dave Frohnmayer.

In addition, the group plans to stage a protest at Autzen during the Promise Keepers' event and contact local religious leaders to establish communication with them about the Christian organization.

The group will meet again on June 5 at 3 p.m. outside the ASUO Women's Center.

Families accept deal to avoid auction of Dahmer's belongings

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Relatives of Jeffrey Dahmer's victims have accepted a plan intended to avoid a public auction of the serial killer's belongings, including items he used for murder and dismemberment.

Thomas Jacobson, a lawyer for eight of the families that filed claims against Dahmer's estate, had predicted an auction would raise \$1 million. But he said Tuesday his clients would accept \$407,225 from donors who want the items destroyed rather than auctioned as curiosities.

The offer, arranged by real estate businessman Joseph Zilber, must be approved at a court hearing next month.

The articles were confiscated from Dahmer's apartment after he told police in 1991 that he had killed 17 boys and young men over several years. After Dahmer was beaten to death by another inmate in prison in 1994, a judge ruled that police should give his belongings to the 11 families who filed damage claims.

Church, library got millions from donors who lived as paupers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Raymond Fay, a retired science teacher, lived a solitary life in a sparse apartment with no phone, no television and no car. He kept index cards detailing the thousands of books he read.

Similarly, Mary McGinnis shared her house with a broken refrigerator and had no heat or air conditioning. She took a bus

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every day to a senior center to eat free meals, and in winter wore several coats to keep warm.

And yet, when Fay and McGinnis — both elderly, both single — died within the past six months, they left behind fortunes.

She willed \$1 million to Our Mother of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, he a \$1.5 million endowment to the Free Library of Philadelphia.

"Fay's gift will touch the lives of many people," library spokesman Stephen Bell said Wednesday.

Fay, who died in December at 92, retired in 1969 from a high school teaching job that never paid him more than \$11,400. For decades, he trekked to the library, where he checked out most of the books he read.

On about 15,700 index cards that he filed in shoe boxes, Fay had chronicled his thoughts on each book, on his travels to China and other places and on the plays and films he saw.

His gift — the biggest individual donation in the library's history — is expected to generate \$50,000 to \$70,000 a year in interest, to be used toward renovations and the installation of computers in the library's 53 branches.

Ninety percent of Fay's money was invested in municipal bonds when he died, said Eileen Thiel, his estate administrator at PNC Bank.

"He lived really a pauper's existence," said Lew Bradley, a former student and teaching colleague who inherited the index cards.

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