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A prized researcher

GTF George Slavich received the inaugural Albert Bandura Award for psychology research

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University graduate teaching fellow George Slavich has won the first ever Psi Chi/APS Albert Bandura Graduate Research Award, a national recognition that honors graduate students for research in the field of psychology.

Slavich won the award for his paper entitled "The Role of Life Stress in the Activation of Dysfunctional Attitudes in Depression," which explores the connection between life stresses and depression.

"We found that individuals who experienced severe life stress prior to depression onset exhibited significantly more dysfunctional attitudes about themselves, others and their futures than did their no-stress counterparts," Slavich said in a press release from Psi Chi, a national psychology honor society. "This is an important finding because it suggests that dysfunctional attitudes are not simply a symptom of depression and, moreover, that such attitudes are activated by severe stress."

Slavich has been a GTF at the University since 2001, and he estimates he has taught about 16 different psychology classes; however, he's not teaching now and is instead focusing on his research. As a student of clinical psychology, Slavich also sees clients suffering from depression and eating disorders.

The award, named in honor of renowned psychologist and Stanford University Professor Albert Bandura, is sponsored by Psi Chi and the American Psychological Society.

Slavich said Bandura was an unofficial mentor of his at Stanford University.

"I'm a Stanford alum and I totally looked up to this guy," Slavich said. "It's very special to me because it's celebrating the life of someone I admire greatly. I think I could have won any other award and it wouldn't have been this meaningful."

The Review of General Psychology recently ranked Bandura the fourth most

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George Slavich's research paper on stress and depression won the first Psi Chi/APS Albert Bandura Graduate Research Award.

Same-sex marriage victorious in court

A Portland judge decides not to grant an injunction prohibiting issuance of same-sex licenses

By Ayisha Yahya
News Editor

A judge ruled Monday that Multnomah County can continue issuing marriage licenses for gay couples, marking the first legal victory for same-sex marriage proponents in Oregon.

Multnomah County Presiding Judge Dale Koch refused to grant an injunction that would temporarily bar the county from issuing licenses to same-sex couples. Koch said the plaintiffs, the Defense of Marriage Coalition, failed to show irreparable harm if the county continued to issue licenses while the defendant's lawsuit was in progress, according to KGW-TV.

The coalition filed the lawsuit Friday in opposition to a county decision to issue same-sex marriage licenses, also alleging that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners had violated Oregon Public Meetings law when it made the decision.

The coalition is a bipartisan organization of pastors, elected officials, community leaders and citizens committed to preserving "marriage as a union only between one man and one woman," according to its Web site.

The coalition had asked for a temporary restraining order as the legalities of the case were worked out.

After ruling that the coalition had failed to provide clear and compelling evidence of harm, Koch assigned the case — which may eventually go to trial — to another judge, according to The Associated Press.

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Six mayoral candidates seek to replace Jim Torrey

City Councilor Nancy Nathanson, former state representative Kitty Piercy and four others face off in a May 18 qualifying election

By Nika Carlson
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Eugene voters will not be short of choices this May when they vote for a replacement for Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey, who announced in January he would not seek a third term.

Six candidates are vying for the position.

Eugene political pundits consider Ward 8 City Councilor Nancy Nathanson and former State Representative Kitty Piercy to be the leading candidates, but locals Willie Nicholas, James Whetstine, Alphonsus Donnelly and Eric Gross (Sephiroth) join them in the crowded race.

Candidates face a qualifying election May 18. If one candidate wins more than 50 percent of the vote, that candidate will be the only one to appear on the November 2 general election ballot. If no one gets more than 50 percent of the vote, the two candidates who receive the most votes will move on to the November election.

Nancy Nathanson

Ward 8 City Councilor Nancy Nathanson, whose term ends January 2005, is forgoing a run for another City Council term after nearly 12 years on the Council.

The University Libraries systems manager for the Orbis Cascade Alliance has long been touted as Torrey's successor, though Torrey has yet to make any official endorsements.

Nathanson said she's been on the Council long enough that she feels ready to take on new and bigger things, adding that she wants to build on the work she's done as

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Kitty Piercy
Former state representative



Nancy Nathanson
City Councilor



James Whetstine
Retiree

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