



Senior Sarah Blustein tells her coming out story in the EMU Amphitheater on Monday afternoon as part of LGBTQA's Pride Week.
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He added that, overall, the University campus is accepting of the LGBTQA community.

But senior women and gender studies major Toby Hill-Meyer said the campus isn't free of prejudice, and a small section of the student body is sometimes hostile toward sexual minorities.

"I remember when I was handing out flyers for the drag show and someone said, 'Don't touch me, I don't want to get AIDS,'" Hill-Meyer said.

Minor, too, remembers being singled out and put down for his sexuality when teenagers screamed obscenities at the LGBT students marching to South Eugene High School for the national Day of Silence on April 21.

But this is not what Pride Week is about, he said.

Pride Week is meant to help lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual students "feel free about themselves," Vaifale said. He added that even though he only recently came

LGBTQA PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

- Monday, May 17 — Pride rally and march at 1 p.m. in the EMU Amphitheater. Lecture by self-proclaimed sexology expert Carol Queen at 7 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.
- Wednesday, May 19 — Presentation by activist, writer, performer Imani Henry at 7 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.
- Thursday, May 20 — LGBTQA brown bag discussion at 11 a.m. in the LGBTQA office in Suite 34 of the EMU. Weekly meeting at 6 p.m. in the LGBTQA office.
- Tuesday, May 25 — Drag show and dance at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU Amphitheater.

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out, he feels safe on campus, and all the people he's gotten to know have been very supportive.

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the Center for Defense Information, a Washington research group. "But that doesn't mean he's there for the long haul."

Rumsfeld's biggest assets are his finely honed sense of how to handle a political crisis — and some unusually fortunate timing. Corbin credits Rumsfeld's apology to Congress for the prison abuses as "a key turning point" in this drama. So was his Thursday surprise visit to the troops in Baghdad.

The secretary continued damage control Monday, making a carefully staged hour-long appearance before the conservative Heritage Foundation's Presidents' Club, a collection of about 300 of its top donors.

He spoke briefly, took 11 questions from an adoring audience and none from the media, and tackled every issue with the grit, self-assurance and self-deprecation that's been his trademark.

He started with the prison abuse scandal: "That some of the guards abused those Iraqis who were in our custody and were our responsibility was truly a body blow. As we saw some of those pictures in the Pentagon and looked at each other's faces, you could feel the shock that we felt and disappointment that some in our country's uniform could sully it by that behavior."

He insisted the governing council would not be intimidated and winning the peace in Iraq would take time.

But style may not be enough to survive, and his bigger ally may be the calendar. Though there is recent precedent for presidents to replace key diplomatic and Pentagon figures in the middle of re-election campaigns, it's risky business because it's seen as symbolic of the incumbent's uncertainty over how to manage a war.

July and August are also difficult times to toss aside Rumsfeld, because the political spotlight will be on the nominating conventions — and Bush hardly wants to spark a frenzy of fresh stories about turmoil at the Pentagon when he's trying to sell his candidacy.

Rumsfeld's tenure may be most tied to something he cannot control: overall Iraqi stability. And that stability needs to be viewed through domestic audience and international eyes.

"Is it possible the country will revert to mayhem? Perhaps," Rumsfeld said Monday at Heritage. "There will be both success and failure." The most noteworthy trouble internationally — and perhaps in this country — is the Pentagon's penchant for secrecy.

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