

LGBTQA

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Queer Prom 2004," co-sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Alliance and the ASUO.

And the planning committee isn't skimping on the prom aura, ASUO Multicultural Advocate II Austin Shaw-Phillips said. The event will be held in the ballroom of the two-star Red Lion Hotel and will feature plastic ivy decorations, fishbowl centerpieces and bad music to round off the high school prom experience.

"We wanted to get as 'cheesy and prom-like' as we could possibly get," Shaw-Phillips said. "It's getting to relive an experience but making fun of it at the same time because it's kind of ridiculous when you think about it... I think people take it way too seriously."

The event is supposed to be a parody of sorts because prom is "historically very heterosexist," sophomore psychology major Erin Dougherty said.

Senior women's studies major Sarah

Blustein said she wanted to wear a tuxedo to her prom but her father wouldn't let her.

"The expectation is that girls go with boys and boys go with girls. Girls are going to wear dresses and boys are going to wear tuxedos," she said.

But this time, Blustein gets her way. "I get to wear a tuxedo and play with gender roles," she said. "It's very swank. I'm very excited."

But the event isn't just a parody. Blustein said it's a chance for the LGBTQA community to express itself in an environment that was typically homophobic.

"You can be a 'boy' and get your hair and nails done... and no one will look twice," she said.

Shaw-Phillips agreed.

"It's a hell of a lot safer," he said. "Our hope is that it be like a prom but different in that queer-identified can go and not be afraid of harassment or violence."

He added that the event celebrates surviving a high school experience that can be made difficult by ignorant and homophobic classmates and

unsupportive faculty.

"Hopefully, it will allow the queer community to have a good time and celebrate ourselves and celebrate the fact that we lived through that horrible experience that was high school," he said. "There's some stuff that goes on in high school that no one should put up with."

High school students who don't want to attend their own proms will be in attendance. Additionally, the prom will draw people from Corvallis and Portland and students from other Oregon universities. The event is open to anyone and everyone.

"It's a good way for the LGBTQA to come together in the community... and meet allies and understand that there are allies in the community," junior English major Scott Lu said.

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SENATE

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discount that could be applied to items purchased through Boise Cascade Office Products, the Senate instead voted to transfer \$73 in excess funds from the group's postage account to be used for the purchase of supplies.

Sen. Kevin Curtin said already-existing funds should be used before requesting additional funding from the Senate.

"I have a problem spending money from the surplus incidental-fee account when there is fundraising money there," Curtin said.

The Senate approved the following special requests: \$911 and \$184 to the LGBTQA Issues account for the Women's Center to cover Lesbopalooza expenses; \$100 and \$15 from the Non-traditional Student Union food holding

account for use in graduation activities; \$335 and \$47 for use in Black Student Union spring graduation activities; \$20 by the Public Relations Student Society of America for an upcoming event; \$600 from the MEChA Cinco de Mayo food holding account to pay for catering an upcoming weekend conference; and \$500 from the Native American Student Union Spring PowWow food holding account to pay for the event.

Senate members were also spurred to appoint a summer rules committee to address a resolution on a possible Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation strike at the end of June.

"We established a summer Rules Committee so we can pass a resolution in order to take a stance to defend the interests of students going to take summer classes," Moreno Villamar said.

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CAMPUS BUZZ

Friday

- Oregon ballroom dance, Room 220, Gerlinger Hall, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
- Dance Loft, Dougherty Dance Theater, Gerlinger Annex, 8 p.m.
- University Opera Ensemble, today-Saturday, Atrium Lillis Business Complex, 8 p.m.

Sunday

- University Percussion Ensemble, Room 198, Music Building, 2 p.m.
- UO Student Family Swim, Leighton Pool Student Recreation Center, 4-7 p.m.
- Oregon Brass Quintet, 1857 Potter St., Eugene, 7:30 p.m.



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