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## Pride volunteers needed; deadlines looming

Volunteers are being sought to assist with the 1997 Portland Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Trans Pride Parade and Festival in June.

An estimated 20,000 people are expected to participate in an array of Pride festivities, which will be held throughout the weekend of June 20-22. (The parade is June 21.)

Pride Northwest Inc., organizer of the annual event, is also highlighting important deadlines related to Pride:

Anyone wishing to purchase ad space in the Pride Weekend program must do so by April 1. Notices of activities related to Pride must be sent to Pride Northwest no later than May 1 in order to be included free of charge in the special community calendar.

Pride Northwest is seeking volunteer performers and speakers. Demos of performing groups and suggestions for speakers are due at Pride Northwest's office by April 1.

Early booth applications are due by April 1 and the deadline for final booth applications is May 15.

Nominations for the annual Spirit of Pride Awards, which honor activists who have made an impact on the queer community, will be accepted until May 15.

To receive the necessary application forms, call Pride Northwest at 295-9788; write PO Box 6611, Portland, OR 97228; e-mail PDXPrideNW@aol.com; or visit Pride Northwest's Web site at <http://members.aol.com/pdxpridenw/index.html>.

## Eighmey updates Web info

State Rep. George Eighmey has updated and moved his World Wide Web page to <http://members.aol.com/RepGeorge>.

The site currently features a legislative survey, and as the session progresses the openly gay District 14 Democrat plans to add links to key legislation, budget bills and legislative alerts.

Eighmey may also be contacted on-line at [RepGeorge@aol.com](mailto:RepGeorge@aol.com).

## Carpenter to advocate for seniors

State Rep. Chuck Carpenter (R-Beaverton) has been appointed to the Governor's Commission on Senior Services, a 21-member entity

which is the official advisory body for the state Senior and Disabled Services Division.

The commission advises the division, makes recommendations, and acts as an advocate for the elderly throughout Oregon. Carpenter, who represents District 7, is the Oregon Legislature's only openly gay Republican.

## Queer collegians to gather

The Northwest Conference for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual College-Level Organizations is slated to be held May 16-18 at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

The weekend will include several workshops addressing, among other topics, discrimination on campus and employee partner benefits for same-gender couples. A Queer Dating Game, drag show competition and dancing are also on tap.

Registration is \$60 per person and covers lodging for two nights at the university's Courson Conference Center, most meals, and tickets for the scheduled entertainment.

Registration after April 15 is \$70. For more information or to register, call (509) 963-1994.

## Community meetings tackle violence issue

A series of three local gatherings entitled "Community Convocations" kicked off March 4 with a presentation by Yale law professor Harlon Dalton, author of *Radical Healing: Confronting the Fear Between Blacks and Whites*.

The first convocation, held at Portland's Jefferson High School, focused on identifying the fundamental conditions that contribute to violence. During the meeting, local youth shared their perceptions of and experiences with violence.

The second meeting is scheduled for April 1 from 6-9 pm at Marshall High School, 3905 SE 91st St., in Portland. It will look at existing local programs that promote positive alternatives to violence. The final convocation is set for May 6 from 6-9 pm at Wilson High School, 1151 SW Vermont. It is designed to be a "call to action" to outline practical citizen-based solutions.

Convocation partners include the City of Portland, Multnomah County Health Department, Urban League of Portland, Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement and Portland Public Schools. The gatherings are free and open to the public.

For more information, call project director Jenny Crawford at 228-7231.

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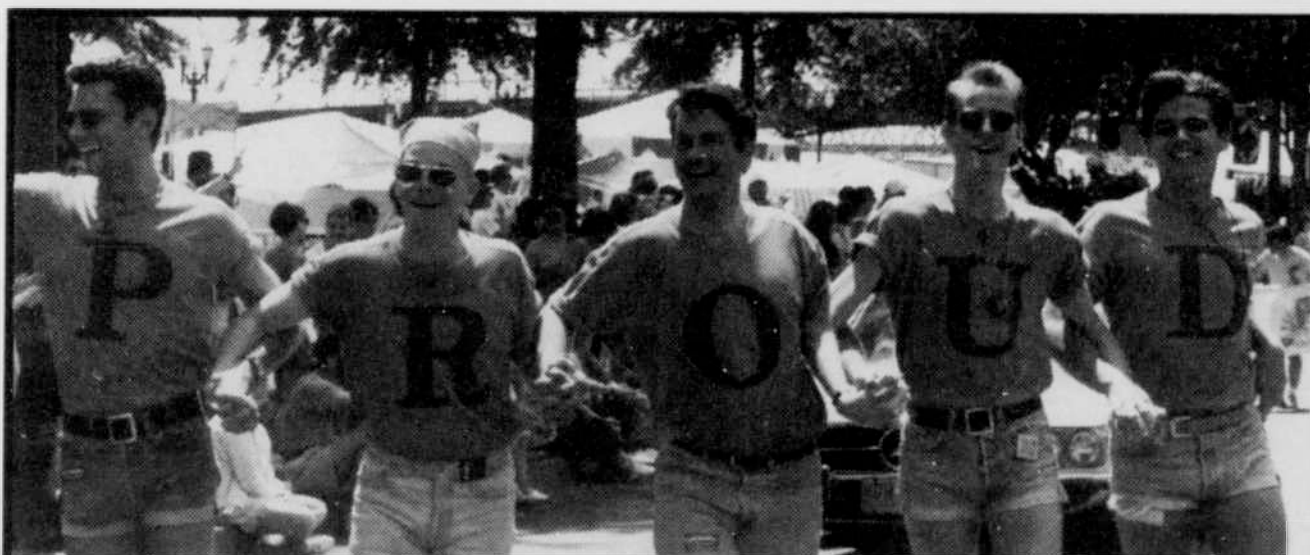


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