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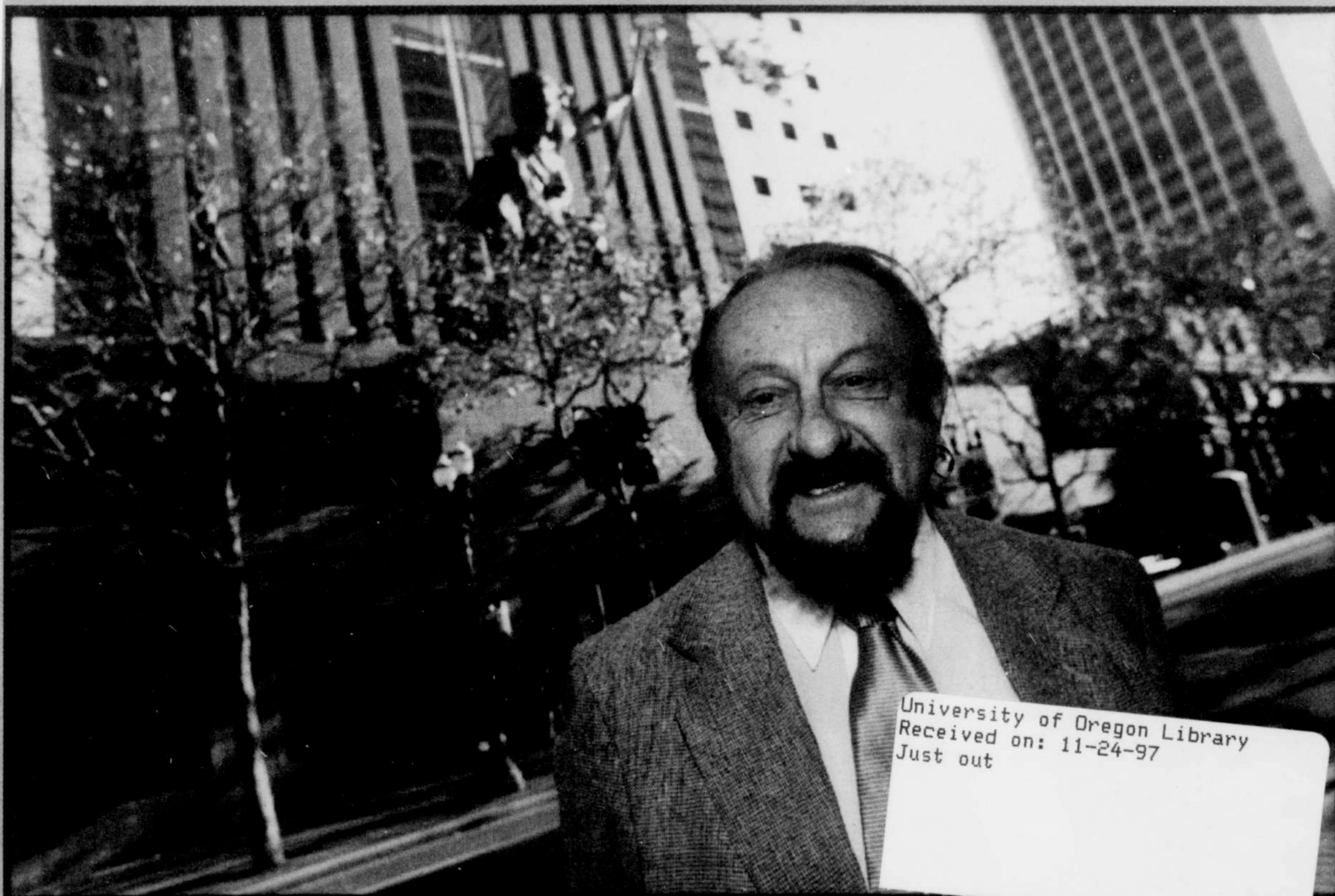
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## GRAY LIBERATION!

*Elder gay men and lesbians face issues of isolation and invisibility that are particular to their orientation. Chicago columnist Paul Varnell sketches in the big picture, and Inga Sorensen brings the story closer to home.*

**A**s Baby Boomers teeter on the brink of senior citizenship, the topic of gay aging looms as a major community concern for the next century.

In the first flush of gay and lesbian liberation, coming out and creating community institutions were primary issues. Then came AIDS, which completely reordered many people's

priorities. Community awareness about queer youth began to increase in the late 1980s as young people started coming out earlier. And now we are beginning to see some focus on gay men and lesbians at the other end of the age spectrum—particularly as activists from the Stonewall era begin to grow older.

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