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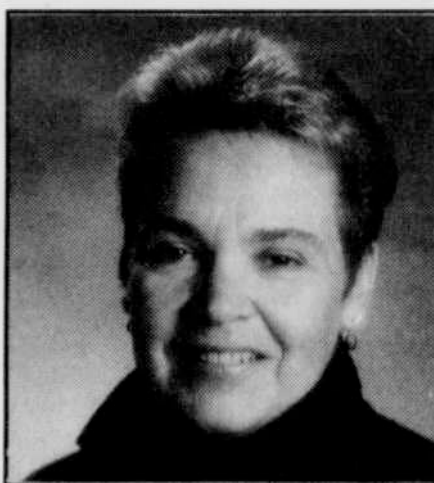
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LOCAL news

HRC OFFERS KUDOS TO REPUBLICAN SMITH

The Human Rights Campaign, a national gay and lesbian rights group based in Washington, D.C., acknowledged Oregon Sen. Gordon Smith's support of James Hormel, President Clinton's nominee to be ambassador to Luxembourg.

In the most recent issue of HRC's quarterly magazine, Smith, a Republican, was listed in a section entitled "The Halls of Fame and Shame." Smith fell into the Fame column, which is reserved for those "supporting equality, standing up to discrimination and fighting AIDS."

He was specifically cited for his involvement in the Hormel nomination process.

According to HRC, "When several senators placed a 'hold' on Hormel's nomination, Smith, along with Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, set up meetings between Hormel and other senators. A member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Smith was instrumental in garnering support for Hormel, who is openly gay."

Smith has not been known as an advocate for gay and lesbian rights.

URBAN LEAGUE LAUNCHES SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Urban League of Portland has formed an HIV/AIDS Speakers Bureau to increase prevention efforts among people of color in Oregon.

The speakers bureau has been established in partnership with Cascade AIDS Project, Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement, Women's Intercommunity AIDS Resource, HIV/AIDS Alliance, Oregon Health Department and Oregon Department of Education Organizations.

Speakers will receive training and be compensated for their presentations. Organizations interested in utilizing the Urban League's Speakers Bureau should call Sean Cox at 280-2643.

ACLU ATTORNEY TO SPEAK ON BOY SCOUTS COMPLAINT

Michael Simon, a cooperating attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, is scheduled to speak March 10 about the ACLU's role in an ongoing complaint against the Portland Public School District for allowing the Boy Scouts of America to recruit members in the schools.

The complaint, brought by Nancy Powell, the mother of a second-grade elementary student at Harvey Scott Elementary School, states that her son is not allowed to join the Boy Scouts because he refuses to accept any belief in a god.

The Boy Scouts of America has said it will not allow an atheist or gay person to be a scout or scout leader.

The presentation will be held at 7:30 pm Tuesday, March 10, at the Atheist Community Center of Oregon, 415 SW 13th Ave., in Portland. For more information, call 241-9268.

LCC GENDER SYMPOSIUM AROUND CORNER

Lewis & Clark College in Southwest Portland will be the site of a Gender Studies Symposium to be held March 11-13.

The event will feature presentations, panel discussions and workshops dealing with myriad gender issues.

All symposium events, which are free and open to the public, will be held at the school's Templeton Student Center, Agnes Flanagan Chapel, or the Black Box in Fir Acres Theatre.

For more information, contact the school's Gender Studies Program at 768-7381 or 768-7423, or visit its Web site (www.lclark.edu/~gender/symp98/index.html). The college is located at 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road.

STORM SCORES AND DONATES

The Portland Storm, one of the teams in the Rose City Softball Association, nabbed a second-place victory in the "B" division during the Winter Classic Softball Tournament held in Palm Springs, Calif., on Jan. 17 and 18.

According to Storm manager Khy Griffin, the tournament was designed as a benefit for the Palm Springs AIDS Assistance Program.

He says monetary awards of \$500 and \$300 were issued on behalf of the first- and second-place teams, respectively, in each division. The funds go to the AIDS assistance program of the teams' choice.

Griffin says the Portland Storm selected Our House of Portland, a residential care facility serving those with HIV/AIDS, as the beneficiary of its winnings.

JUST OUT SCORES ITS OWN VICTORIES

Just Out Assistant Editor Kelly M. Bryan received a second-place award in the first Vice Versa Awards contest, established to honor the 50th anniversary of "Vice Versa," believed to be North America's first lesbian or gay publication.

The awards were coordinated by Q Syndicate, the nation's largest content provider to the gay and lesbian press.

Bryan's review of the film *Female Perversions* received a second-place rating in the Best Review category for Division A, which comprised weekly and biweekly queer publications.

Former staffer Teri Ventura garnered an honorable mention in the Comprehensive Coverage category for her article entitled "When Mirrors Lie," which explored issues related to transsexualism.

A CLASS ACT COMING UP

Class Act 1998, the fourth classical music and "decadent dessert" revue to benefit the Bill and Ann Shepherd Legal Scholarship Fund and the Equity Foundation, is slated for April 24.

The scholarship fund assists selected third-year law students who are "dedicated to keeping Oregon hate free."

The event will be held at The Old Church, 1422 SW 11th Ave., beginning at 8 pm. Tickets, which cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, are available at Balloons on Broadway, Gai-Pied, It's My Pleasure and Jelly Bean. For more information, call 244-3225.

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