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Cascade Cup Coup

With the arrival of the Cascade Cup, Portland adds another feather to its (ball) cap

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Some events are synonymous with Portland. Think Rose Festival or Peacock in the Park. Now it's time to add one more: the Cascade Cup.

Beginning this year, the regional softball tournament, which has been held exclusively in Seattle since its inception 18 years ago, will spend alternating years in Portland.



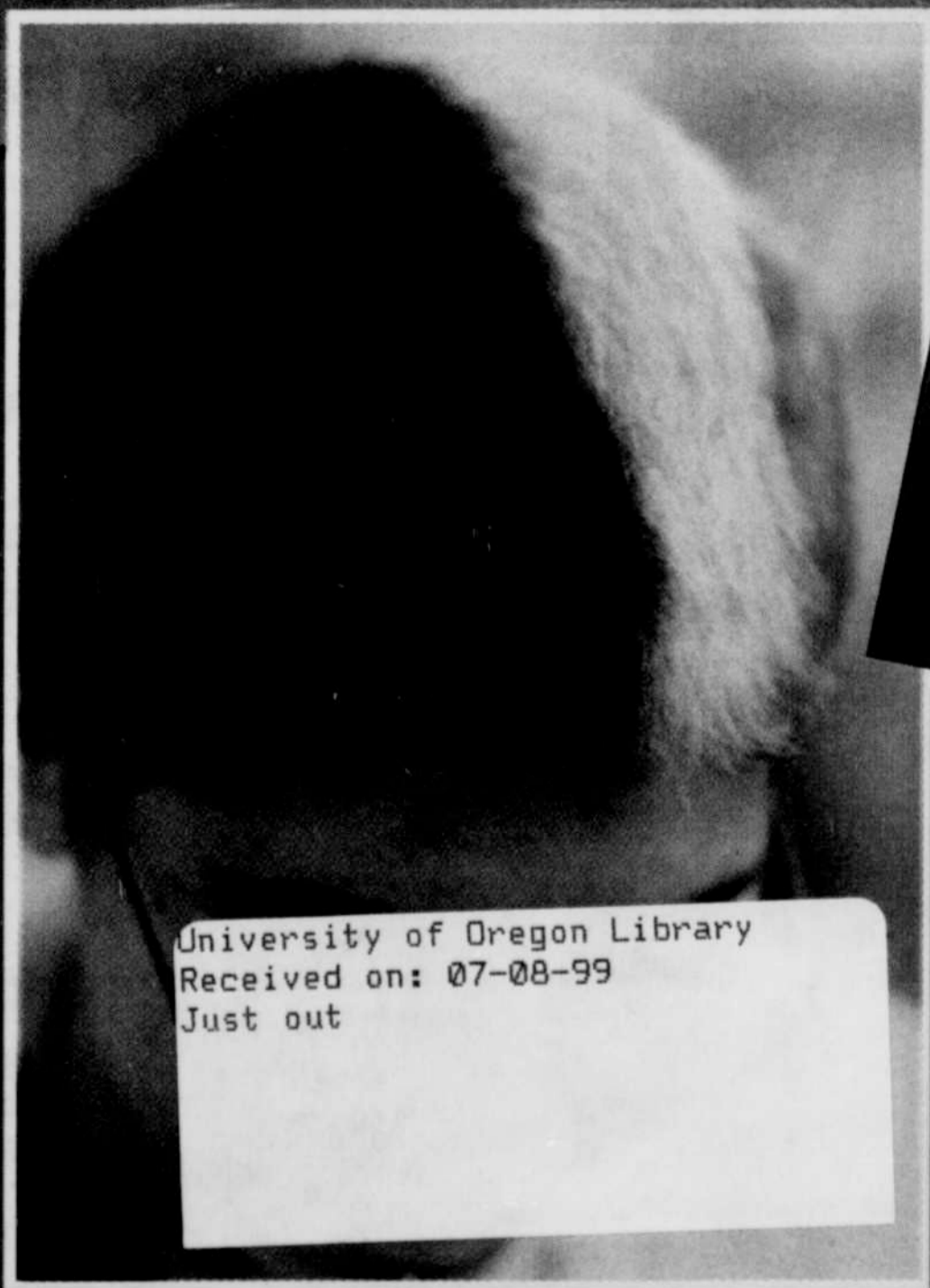
Battling bats of the RCSA

"It lends a huge presence for the city," says Tim Bias, the Rose City Softball Association's Cascade Cup organizer. "I've been in touch with all the teams and everybody is excited to come to see Portland. They've heard how friendly it is. I'm sure this will make quite an impact on the city."

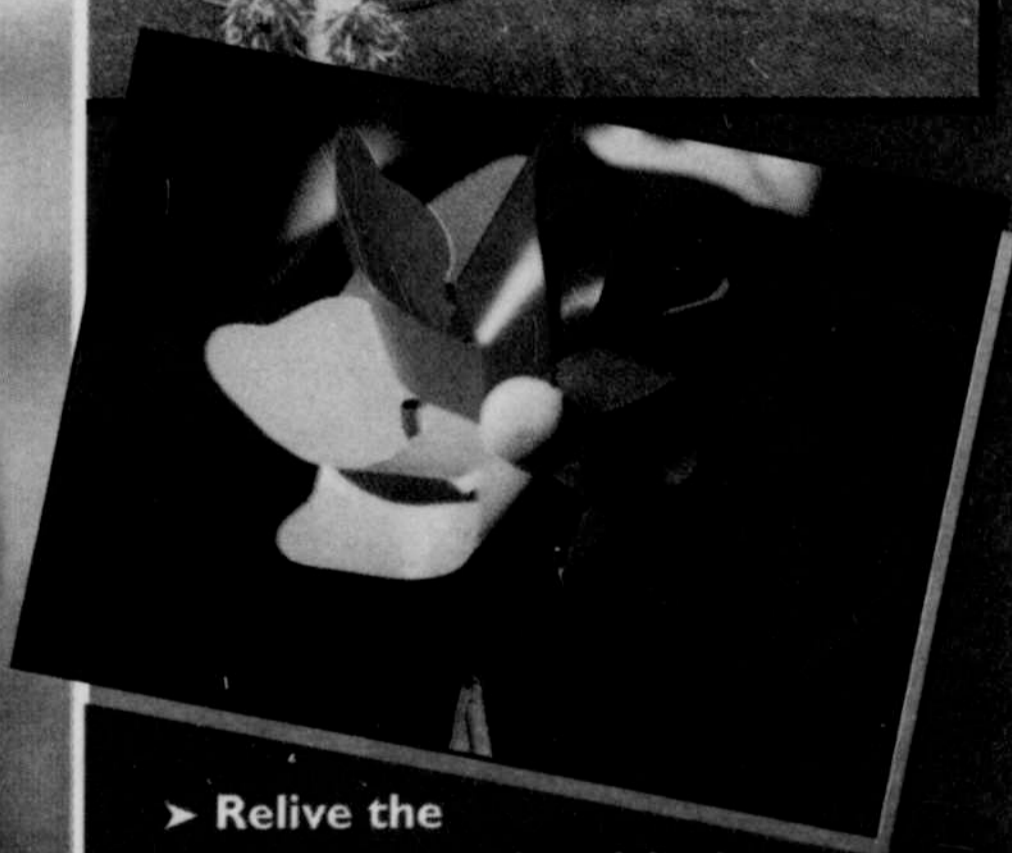
Seattle organizers don't seem to mind the chance to take a break every other year. Says Frank Pichinini, commissioner of Seattle's Emerald City Softball Association, when asked about benefits of having the tournament in Portland: "Just the advantage of not having to hassle with it one year... I think it's good from the standpoint that it gives people a different city to go to in the Northwest. A lot of people haven't been to Portland."

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