



The theme of Pride 2001, "Bridges of Pride," was exemplified in the tremendous diversity demonstrated by the array of performers on two stages, by the many groups who set up booths and by the long and winding parade.

In fact, the queerific extravaganza boasted the largest Pride parade in Portland history. More than 120 groups danced, flaunted and stripteased their way through downtown for more than 2 1/2 hours June 17.

The annual Grudge Match fund-raiser between Rose City Softball Association players and Portland Police Bureau officers was held June 16 at Lents Park. Once again, the queer team came out on top!

Pride Northwest board secretary Rich Kibbons was delighted with this year's turnout. "Ten of us organized the party, and 50,000 showed up," he cheerfully remarked.

Linda Williams, another board member and festival chair, added: "The festival was the biggest it's ever been—definitely the best event we've ever had. The reaction has been totally positive."

And best of all, nary a drop of rain fell!

