



Porn star Michael Brandon will serve on the panel of experts during the "Oral Fixation" community forum Oct. 3

ing examination of barebacking, prostitution and porn. Facilitated discussions followed each performance. "I was glad that we were there," Beardsley says. "The discussions were great after the performance."

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the organizers take. For example, the panel of experts will include not only a physician but also porn star Michael Brandon (*The Slutty Professor, The Hard Eight*).

"We don't preach at gay men about what they choose to do," Beardsley says. "It's just an opportunity to come together and talk about the place that oral sex has in our lives."

More than 500 people packed into the Grand Ballroom at PSU's Smith Memorial Center for "Tunnel of Love." Beardsley expects a capacity crowd this time around, too.

"We certainly design our events to engage our target audience, which is gay men," he says. "One of the things that has hampered HIV prevention is concerns about explicit discussions about sexuality."

Of course, such frank forums often can lead to trouble with conservative bigots. In September 2000 Fred Phelps of Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., came to town partially in response to "Tunnel of Love."

"Our focus is getting information to gay men, and we know how to do that," Beardsley said. "I'm not gonna let Lon Mabon keep gay men from having the information they need to stay safe."

Gay Life had another brush with controversy in June when it partnered with triangle productions! for *The (Bad) Boy Next Door*, Tony Valenzuela's button-push-

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**E**ric Brown, a district manager and financial adviser for Waddell & Reed, received the company's Crest Award for work with his clients during a June conference in San Francisco. The honor was given this year to the top 139 financial advisers nationally.

This is the second year Brown has received the award as an adviser. He has received recognition for his efforts in planning since 1995.

Brown, who addressed a Waddell & Reed conference in February on how to manage advisers while successfully meeting client needs, also was given an Honor Award for his work as a manager. Only 60 people nationwide qualified for the recognition, national sales manager Bob Williams said.

Brown recently joined the Multnomah County Advocacy Team for Sexual Minority Youth. He also is a member of the Portland Area Business Association. **J**

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Eric Brown (right, with David Martinez of Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey's office) recently was honored by Waddell & Reed



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