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**EUGENE CONFERENCE
DISCUSSES PATRIARCHY**

About 700 people attended the second annual Against Patriarchy Conference from Jan. 25 to 27 at University of Oregon in Eugene.

The gathering's mission statement was strong: "A movement towards the elimination of male privilege, domination and sexism. Striving to create dialogue, educate ourselves and each other and inspire action."

The conference intended to answer questions such as: "What is patriarchy, and how does it affect each of us? What does it mean to be a man or woman in this culture, and how does this gender polarization limit us?"

Workshops were offered on topics such as "Sissies, Bois and Fairies: Rejecting Masculinity," "Anarchism and Feminism," "Interrupting Sexism," "Witchcraft and Herstory," "Is Intersex Part of Transgender?" and "Radical Fairies Subverting Patriarchy." National Poetry Slam Champion Alix Olson rocked the house with her hard-hitting, honest, animated prose.

The conference also featured keynote speaker Leslie Feinberg, who addressed and motivated a packed room. She spoke about the importance of building solidarity: "We may not all have the same objective, but we all have the same enemy, and we need to build alliances."

The crowd was diverse, including everyone from trans punks to middle-aged earthmama lesbians, from college kids to sensitive, conscious men wanting to dismantle patriarchy's brainwashing. The entire conference was free, and meals were prepared by Food Not Bombs.

The gathering was held to get communication flowing and open people's minds to other ways of perceiving the patriarchal reality they



Intersex activist Emi Koyama (left) meets keynote speaker Leslie Feinberg during the Against Patriarchy Conference on Jan. 25 in Eugene

live in. "We're all learning and teaching each other how the patriarchy works, what it means for different people and how people can resist it, desocialize themselves and be allies," organizer Lucas Spiegel told *Just Out*.

WANTED: GAY DADS

The Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Schools and Youth Team

will hold a training for teachers on sexual minority issues Feb. 14 in Eugene. Past presentations have addressed middle and high school issues; this one will focus on elementary grades.

Organizers already are in touch with a number of lesbian mothers about their and their children's experiences. However, they have not heard from local gay fathers of school-age kids.

Anybody with suggestions is encouraged

to contact Laura Philips. The team provides information, training, networking and advocacy to make schools safe and fair for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

For more information call 541-242-2746.

**POWER SUMMIT
TRAINS LEADERS**

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Basic Rights Oregon are co-sponsoring a Northwest GLBT Power Summit from April 19 to 21 at the Airport Hilton Hotel.

The intensive three-day training and action program is for talented and dedicated people who are highly motivated to build powerful state and local organizations capable of creating positive change. Sessions will focus on electoral and legislative organizing, fund raising and building community coalitions.

A nonrefundable fee of \$100 is required to cover basic meeting costs. Participants also must make a commitment to implement the training by performing one of three actions before June 1: identifying 250 pro-gay voters, raising \$1,500 for BRO or conducting 20 one-on-one meetings with unknown community leaders.

Travel, food and lodging costs are not covered. NGLTF has limited scholarships available to those unable to pay their full registration fees.

For more information contact Dan Hawes at 202-332-6483, ext. 3222, or dhawes@nglftf.org.

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