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PSU OFFERS INTERSEX STUDIES

During spring term starting in April, Portland State University will offer "Intersexuality: An Interdisciplinary Exploration" through its student-run Chiron program. It is the first for-credit, full-length course of its kind.

Emi Koyama, Intersex Society of North America program assistant, will teach the class in three main parts: First, students will learn biological and medical facts about intersexuality and the current treatment model. Second, they will discuss issues raised by intersex activists in the past decade and about the ongoing debate within medicine regarding treatment reform. Lastly, students will learn to critique medical, academic and popular culture materials.

The course will mix lecture, discussion, film and guest speakers. Registration is limited and will begin later this month.

To familiarize potential students with the topic and get them interested in learning more about it, Koyama will present the syllabus and answer questions about the course and about intersex issues in general during an "unofficial open house" at 4 p.m. Feb. 25 in Room 294 of Smith Memorial Center, 1825 S.W. Broadway. The PSU Women's Resource Center is co-sponsoring the event.



For more information or a copy of the syllabus contact Emi Koyama at 503-288-3191 or emi@isna.org.

Hall by a misguided and potentially dangerous man who has been appointed for life to one of the highest offices in the government of the United States."

Dixon referred to 1996's Romer vs. Evans decision, in which Scalia declared "a cultural war against homosexuals." He went on to list several sexual minority "casualties," including trans woman Loni Kai Okaruru, who was murdered Aug. 26, 2001, outside Hillsboro.

DOUGLAS COUNTY AIDS COUNCIL HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

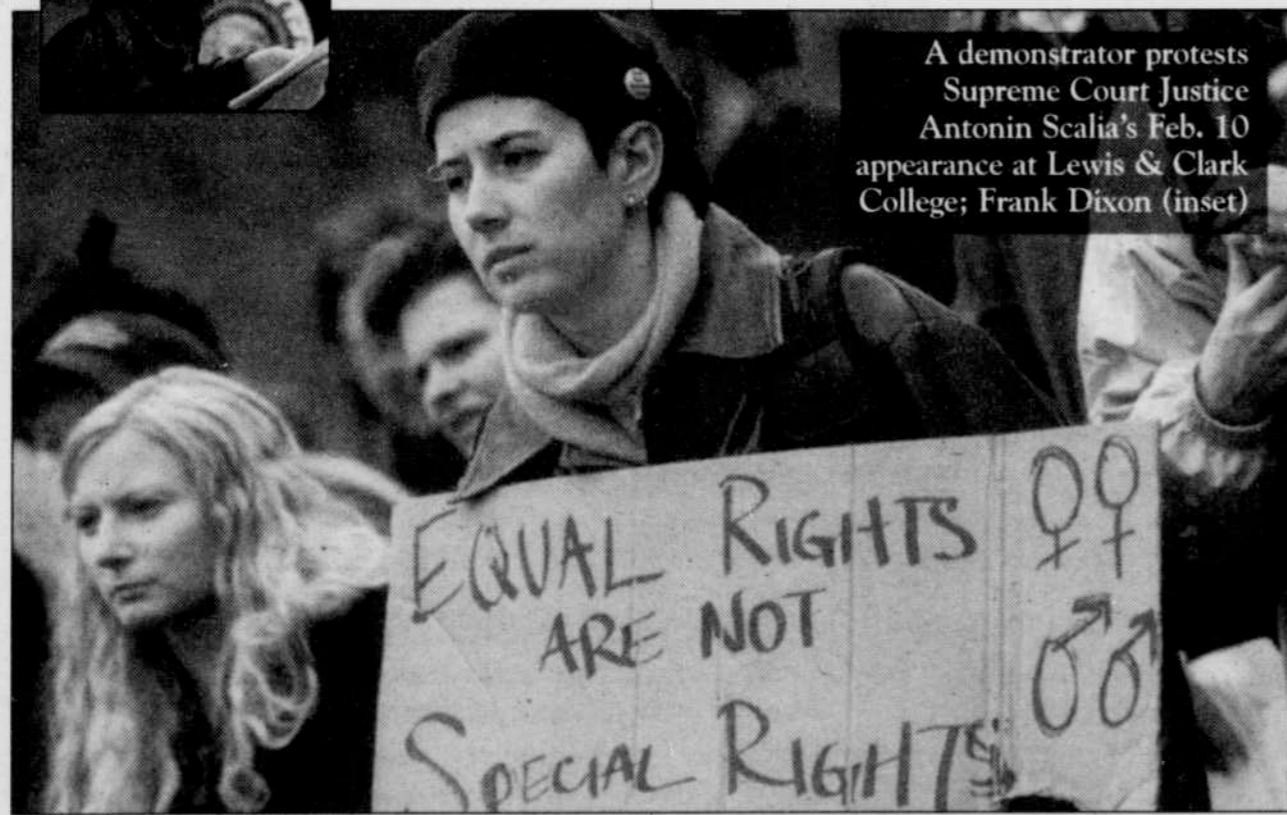
Flo Shively started work Jan. 2 as executive director of the Douglas County AIDS Council in Roseburg. According to the *Work in Progress* newsletter, she quickly is learning about all phases of operation.

Shively has many years of grassroots and nonprofit management experience. She served as director of Battered Person's Advocacy when it opened its first shelter house in 1985 and of Volunteer Services of Douglas County until 1996, when she left for the birth of her first grandchild.

She grew up in the Winston area, attended Douglas High School and graduated from University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in sociology. Her husband, Jack, is a medical transcriber at Mercy Medical Center.

Shively replaces Billy Russo, who served in the post for four years during the council's transition from residential facility to resource center. He remains employed as senior case manager and gay/bi outreach worker.

For more information visit the Internet site www.hivroseburg.org.



A demonstrator protests Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's Feb. 10 appearance at Lewis & Clark College; Frank Dixon (inset)

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RALLY PROTESTS JUSTICE SCALIA

Protesters converged Feb. 10 in front of Lewis & Clark College to speak out against the appearance of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. They called on President Bush and Northwest senators to ensure future nominees reflect basic values of social and environmental justice.

Scalia was on campus for the dedication of a Northwest School of Law building named after Erskine Wood Sr. and his wife, Louise. Frank Dixon, Basic Rights Oregon board member, spoke to the crowd about the irony of the extreme right-winger's association with a family historically opposed to the intolerant, the privileged and the ignorant.

"Let those watching us...not mistake our presence...as a protest of Justice Scalia's right to voice his opinions or participate in academic debate," he said. "We are here today because of the symbolic importance attached to the dedication of Wood

BRO JOINS EXXONMOBIL BOYCOTT

The Coalition to Promote Equality at ExxonMobil announced Feb. 1 that Basic Rights Oregon and 39 other statewide organizations have joined its efforts to convince the giant oil company to treat its employees fairly and offer them equal benefits for equal work.

"This campaign against the corporate irresponsibility of ExxonMobil is gaining momentum and will only continue to expand," activist Julian Potter said. The former White House liaison to the sexual minorities community was hired last year by the Human Rights Campaign to help manage the boycott.

As a result of Potter's work, the effort broadened into a wider call for basic equality for gay, lesbian, bi and trans workers at ExxonMobil,

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