

DIVERSIONS

Triumph of the Dragons

The Amazon Dragons showed what they're made of at the Rose Festival Dragon Boat races June 8 and 9. After two qualifying heats Saturday afternoon in which they placed third and second, the lesbian team went into the next day in the top-seeded position for Women's Division B.

On Sunday they won the semifinal race with a time of 3:06.69. In the nail-biting finale, the Dragons paddled home for the win, edging out the Tsunami Sisters by just 56 hundredths of a second to the deafening screams of Bench 9 team supporters and a huge waterfront crowd.

The winning team must not only finish first but also capture the flag at the finish line. First-time flag catcher Shannon Graham performed flawlessly, giving the Dragons their first Rose Festival win in its 11-year history.

"Our feet haven't touched the ground since Sunday afternoon," paddler Eilien Van Patten commented. The following weekend paddlers celebrated their win with a triumphant march in the Portland Pride Parade.

If you missed the excitement (or just want to verify rumors about how cute the paddlers are), witness their next performance all day July 20 at Vancouver Lake. To catch the wave and join the Amazon Dragons Paddling Club, call Van Patten at 503-762-4742 or visit www.amazondragons.org.

—Krona Adair



The ecstatic Amazon Dragons paddled to victory during the Rose Festival Dragon Boat races

Bears president Doug Watson: "If it weren't for the sweat, I don't think we could have all squeezed through the crowd." Wow.

The weekend culminated in the Saturday night election of Mr. Oregon Bear 2002 Steve O'Quinn and Mr. Oregon Cub 2002 Mike Christman. O'Quinn wants to grow the Oregon Bears organization a bit, while Christman will work on expanding venues for bear activities.

"The Oregon Bears membership really wowed some hunky out-of-town bears by immediately making them feel at home," Watson says. "Trey of San Francisco told our new Mr. Oregon Bear... 'You guys don't just have a bear club, you have a bear family.'" Aww.

Prom calamity

When Hell Freezes Over: A Queer Prom has been moved back a week from June 22 to June 29 because of a mix-up at the Mississippi Ballroom, which had apparently double-booked.

If you missed this announcement and showed up to a roomful of decidedly nonqueer young people, take the opportunity to dress up two weekends in a row, but don't miss the actual prom, which promises dancing, door prizes and food for queers 23 and younger. It's free of charge, and anonymous HIV testing is available. The fun happens 8 p.m. to midnight at 833 N. Shaver St. For more information call 503-872-9664.

Get intimate with Tee

Photographer, activist and all-around dyke icon Tee Corinne makes two stops in Portland this month to promote her new book *Intimacies*.

The author of the infamous *Cunt Coloring Book* has been shaking things up in lesbian and feminist publishing for three decades. In the '70s she began a series of solarized photographs of labia and of women going at it, posters of which continue to be mainstays of feminist retail outlets across the land.

The artist and historian was a speaker at the second annual Women in Photography conference, received the 1997 Women's Caucus for Art President's Award and was

named by the *Lambda Book Report* as one of the decade's 50 most influential queers.

Intimacies is a retrospective covering work of the past 27 years. Some images will be familiar, others are totally new, according to Corinne, who notes all of them are "intensely sexual."

The first stop is June 27 for a 6:30 p.m. book signing and discussion at In Other Words, 3734 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., where, she says, she'll talk about "the importance of books and about having lesbian-identified and bisexual-identified images—portraits and sexual."

The following evening the dykon moves on to Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center, 724 S.W. Harrison St., for a 7:30 p.m. slide presentation in Room 327. At this Lesbian Community Project-sponsored event, she will talk about "how I got started making sexual images and about some of the other lesbian photographers... whose work has inspired me," noting some of those are Oregon artists. Corinne herself lives in southern Oregon. Thanks to In Other Words, LCP and PSU's Women's Resource Center, both events are free of charge.

Don't forget your vagina

Just Out announces the best darn lesbian singles event of the year, *Vagina Night* at, of all places, Unleash Yourself, that adorable new doggie day care center opened by the cool but canned ex-KBBT lesbo disc jockey Gina Micciulla. Not only does this mean you'll meet single women, you'll also meet their dogs to find out if you're really compatible.

Come to the pooch palace at 1211 N.E. Alberta St. anytime between 6 and 9 p.m. June 27, when you face excellent odds of winning tickets to the July touring production of *The Vagina Monologues* at Newmark Theatre. Hip Chicks Do Wine provides the libations. You provide the vaginas. And the dogs.

More lesbians

Yet another big lesbian event is the annual Lesbian Community Project Tournament of Choice, scheduled this year for Aug. 9 to 11 at Prairie Fields in Brush Prairie, Wash. Softball teams from around the Pacific Northwest travel to this event, which concludes with a championship game Sunday.

Even if you don't play, show up for the barbecue, raffle and booths of community vendors and organizations or to cruise the 400 ball-players all in one place. There's camping, too.

To register your team or volunteer to help out, call 503-227-0605. The registration



Renowned lesbian artist Tee Corinne will talk about her new work *Intimacies* in Portland June 27 and 28

deadline is July 1, and the sliding-scale fee starts at \$300.

Film events we like

The American Friends Service Committee presents *Queer Films...in Color!* 6 p.m. June 29 at Hollywood Theatre.

"Issues around queer communities of color are often ignored or marginalized," committee member Cecil Prescod says. "This event will be a great way...for people to be able to identify with other positive queer figures of color in the community."

Organizers selected four films: *Brincando El Charco: Portrait of a Puerto Rican* follows a lesbian confronting her identity in the United States; the documentary *Honored by the Moon* explores gay and lesbian Native Americans; *Fated to Be Queer* presents four gay Filipino men sharing personal perspectives about being gay in San Francisco; and *Black Nations/Queer Nations?* is a compilation of interviews from cultural critics discussing gender, politics and sexuality.

Entrance to the film night is a more-than-reasonable \$2. Call 503-230-9430 for more information.

Also add to your movie to-do list the *Summer Camp Film Series* at Guild Theatre, which runs at 11 p.m. every Friday from June 28 to Aug. 16.

One film will screen each night, including *Bottle Rocket*, Wes Anderson's outrageous debut; *Air Force One*, during which you can relive Harrison Ford's rescue of the entire world from the clutches of evil; *The Goonies*, in which a young group of Oregonian outcasts searches for the lost treasure of One-Eyed Willy somewhere off the coast of Astoria; and *Show-girls*, which we don't have to remind you about because you have, no doubt, not forgotten this inexplicable Paul Verhoeven mess of celluloid.

The Guild is at 829 S.W. Park Ave., and admission will cost you \$6.50. [7]

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Annie Otis and David Krause are pleased as punch to be the new Miss and Mr. Gay Pride

New faces of Pride

Davis Krause and Annie Otis were selected to represent Portland as Mr. and Miss Pride 2002 June 9 at the Brig.

The annual pageant began in 1998 and is gender oriented rather than a drag title. Contestants go through an onstage interview, a performance piece and a swimwear and club attire competition, all hosted by the incomparable Misha Rockafeller. It's always a lively evening with entertainment provided by past and visiting titleholders and the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court Empress and Emperor.

Krause and Otis opened Portland Pride 2002 the very next weekend to a throng of 20,000 visitors.

New faces of bear

A few hundred extra bears added to Portland's eclectic mix of visitors during the Rose Festival on June 8 and 9 for the annual *Beards and Roses* celebration.

The weekend kicked off with an *Underbear Meet and Greet* at Gail's Dirty Duck. Apparently, the event was well attended judging from the charming comments of Oregon



The Oregon Bears sashed up a new Mr. Oregon Bear and Mr. Oregon Cub June 8 during *Beards and Roses*