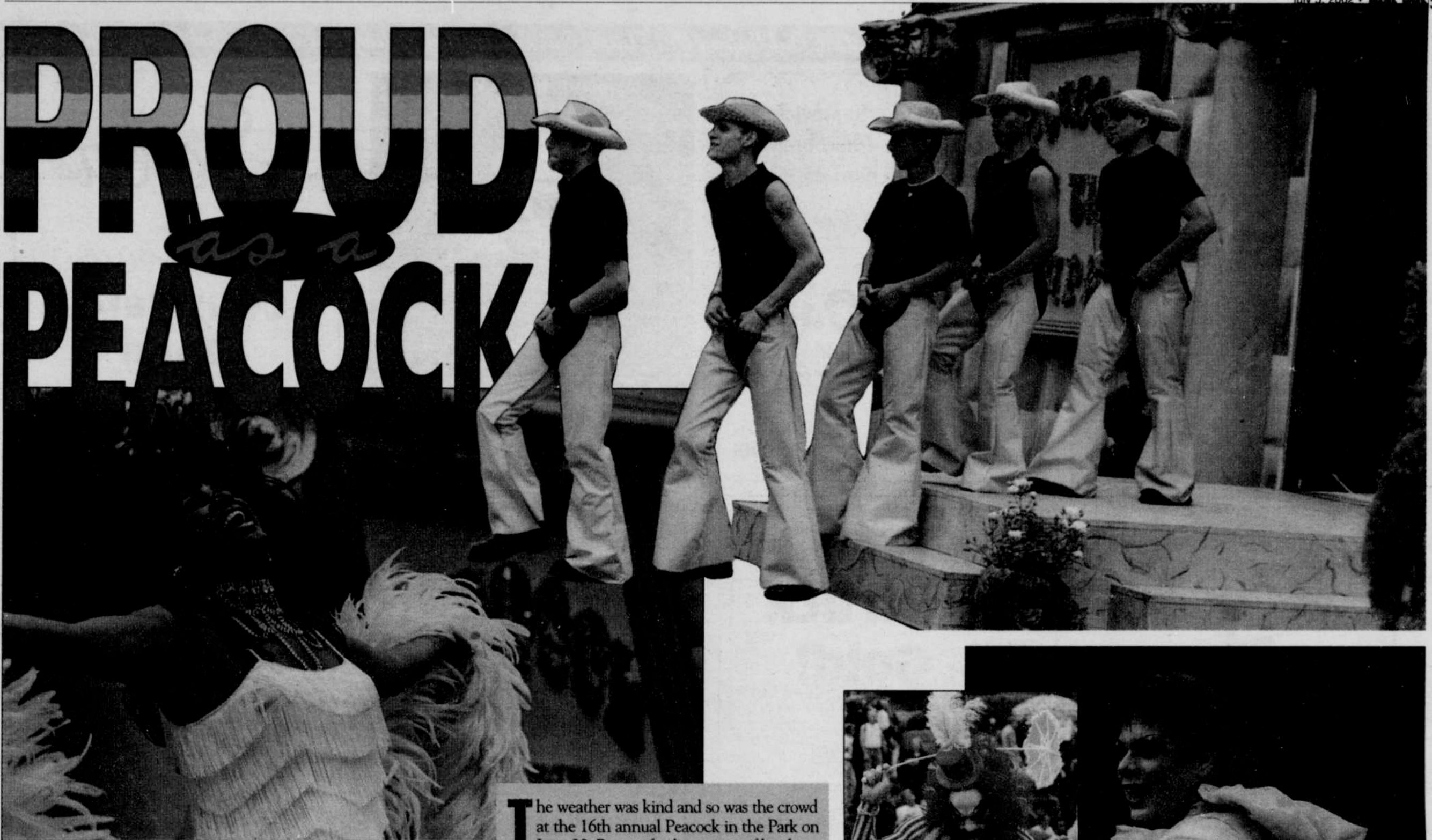


PROUD *as a* PEACOCK



The weather was kind and so was the crowd at the 16th annual Peacock in the Park on June 30. Bursts of color, strings of beads, coiffed bouffants and feathers aplenty combined to make the event, according to co-hostess Poison Waters, "an overall success."

A total of 30 acts from Portland, Salem, Eugene and Seattle converged on Washington Park with more than 4,000 spectators to raise money for the Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund, which awards grant money to students who are queer or whose parents are. Admission was free, but the \$11,000 in tips for performers went to the fund.

Nine students were awarded scholarships at the event: Charyse Appledorn, Chad Chamberlain, Gregory Lloyd, Jesus Morales, Damon Thompson, April Sunrise, Kelly Hoepner, Miriam Volpin and Morgan Hawes.

"It's amazing every year they all just show up with minimal advertising," Poison notes. "Peacock in the Park has become a wonderful tradition—a real gathering of the community."

