

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to racism, Creating Change will address a number of other provocative topics:

- **Campus:** "Is It Safe to Be Queer on Campus? Results of the National LGBT Campus Climate Assessment" will discuss some of the key findings of this report, the impact of sexual minority resource programs and the major challenges for queers in academics. Presenters include Susan Rankin of Pennsylvania State University and Gwendolyn Alden Dean of Cornell University (2:15 to 3:45 p.m. Nov. 8, Clark-Lower Level).

- **Economics:** "You Better Work" will help participants clearly understand the intersections of queer oppression and economic exploitation. Through a combination of formal and interactive presentations, the workshop will demonstrate not only the effects of social and economic justice but also explore the links between gender expression and globalization. Presented by Akiba Timoya and Kara Keeling of Southerners on New Ground (6 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9, Clark-Lower Level).

- **Gender:** "Playing Doctor: Renaming Desire" will focus on the fears and desires about sex between trans and nontrans people. This will be an opportunity to talk honestly about identities, gender roles, assumptions and limitations in an atmosphere of openness and clarity. Presenters include Sunsong Firedancer of Portland State University Queers and Allies (7:45 to 9 p.m. Nov. 9, Yakima-Lower Level).

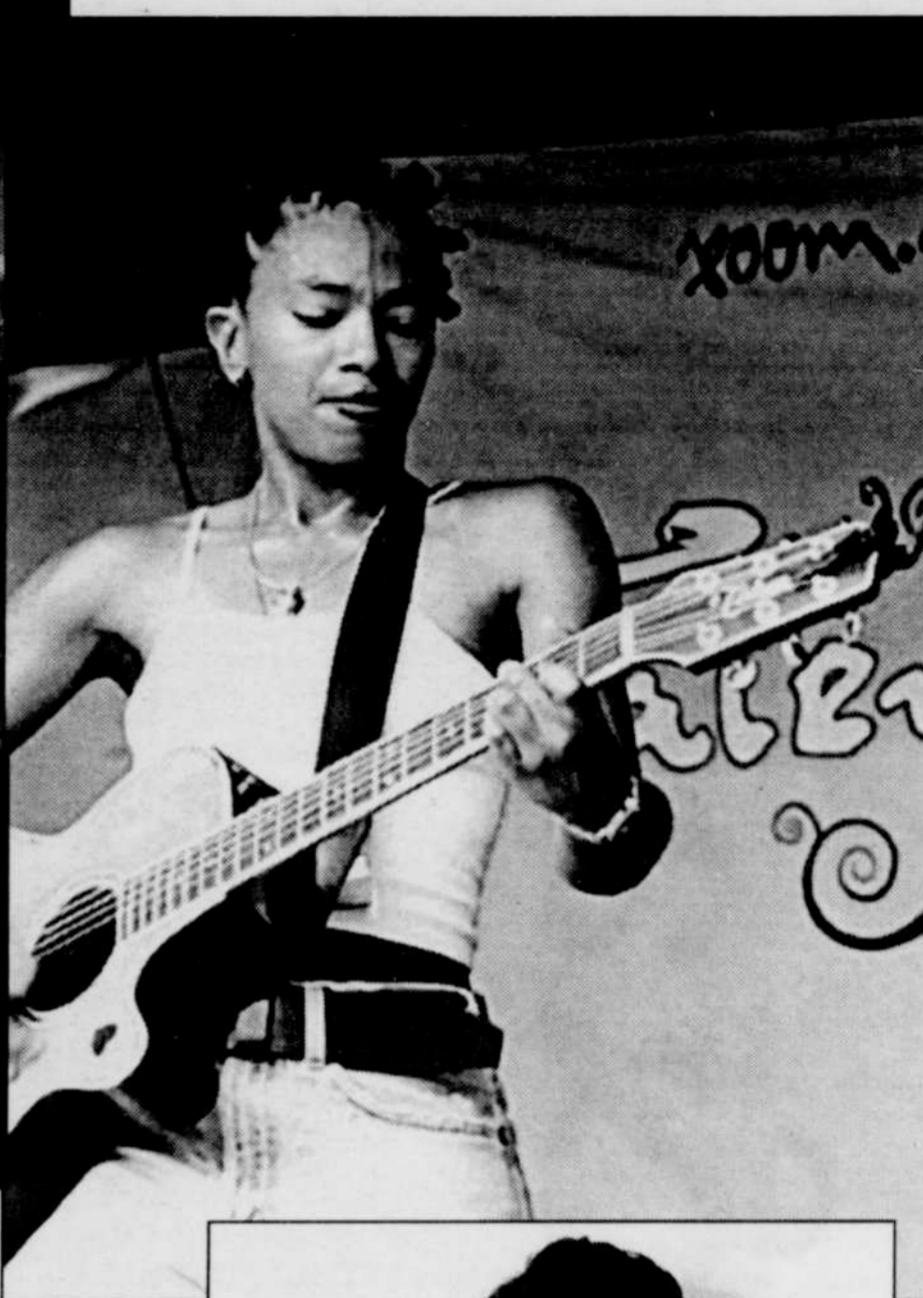
- **HIV/AIDS:** "Audits, Abstinence and Sex Panic: The Bush Administration and HIV/AIDS" will address the White House's promotion of abstinence-only education and its audit of allegedly "pornographic" safe-sex efforts. Presenters include Ernest C. Hopkins of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and Ana Oliveira of the Gay Men's Health Crisis (7:45 to 9 p.m. Nov. 9, Glisan-Mt. Bachelor Wing).

- **Marriage:** "Marriage: Why and How!" will discuss the current status of fighting for marriage; how marriage differs from civil unions and domestic partnership; the harms faced by same-sex couples who are denied the legal, economic and societal protections of marriage; and how you can help educate locally. Presenters include Bob Pileggi and Jon Davidson of Lambda Legal Education and Defense Fund (2:15 to 3:45 p.m. Nov. 8, Deschutes-Lower Level).

- **Organizing:** "How to Obey Without Getting Whipped: Lobbying Rules for Nonprofits" will discuss the tax status and advocacy potential of 501(c)3s, 501(c)4s and political action committees and will define the difference between direct and grassroots lobbying. Presented by Liz Towne of the Alliance for Justice (4 to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 8, Jantzen-Lower Level).

- **Violence:** "Rethinking Hate Violence

Legislation" will discuss the difficulties, possibilities and ironies inherent in relying on hate crime laws to effect social change. Are they the "master tools" or a method for restorative justice? Presenters include Stacey Sobel of the Center for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights and Shannon Minter of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (2:15 to 3:45 p.m. Nov. 8, Clackamas-Lower Level).



COME TO THE CABARET

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is bringing two unique, star-studded extravaganzas to Portland in conjunction with the Creating Change conference at the DoubleTree Jantzen Beach, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive:

- **Columbia River Cabaret:** Mistress of ceremonies Misha Rockafeller introduces singer/songwriters Magdalen Hsu-Li and Doria Roberts, Portland poet/chanteuse Diana Cohen and actor/performers Wilson Cruz and Alec Mapa at 10 p.m. Nov. 8. A fun-filled evening of humor, song, poetry and drag.

- **PowerDance!:** Dance to Portland's DJ Alex as he spins music from around the globe at 10 p.m. Nov. 9. Grooves, moves and a place to chill.

Tickets are \$15 an event or \$20 for a weekend pass. Purchase tickets on site or at Broadway Books, 1714 N.E. Broadway; In Other Words, 3734 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.; or www.creatingchange.org. Weekend pass availability is limited; advance purchase is recommended.

GET ON THE BUS

The Big Queer Party Bus, a fund-raiser for the Lesbian Community Project, will take conferencegoers and Portlanders from Jantzen Beach to local nightspots Nov. 9.

Stops include everything from the Boxes/Brig/Fish Grotto/Panorama complex to Haven, a new lesbian-owned coffeehouse in Southeast Portland. Many locations will have drink or other discounts for bus riders.

Organizers have made a commitment to

Clockwise from top, Magdalen Hsu-Li, Doria Roberts and Alec Mapa will entertain conferencegoers during the Columbia River Cabaret 10 p.m. Nov. 8 at the DoubleTree Jantzen Beach

providing an array of entertainment choices, including family-friendly, nonsmoking and alcohol-free choices as well as a mix of bars, dance clubs and restaurants. The first of four chartered buses will depart Jantzen Beach starting at 7 p.m. The first bus will take riders to the Rose City Gay Freedom Band's concert at Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 N.E. Alameda St.

General service will begin at 8 p.m., as the first of the four buses departs Jantzen Beach and heads into town. They will circulate at half-hour intervals and make their final round at 2:30 a.m., traversing the route, picking up and dropping off party people, and stopping only at sponsoring businesses.

Locals can catch the bus at any of the stops and purchase a ticket, good for the entire night, and join the party hopping. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for people who are younger than 21, older than 55 or disabled. **J**

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