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movement can register now to take part in "Intersexuality: An Interdisciplinary Exploration"—probably the only course of its kind in the world—from June 23 to July 17 at Portland State University. It will be taught for the second time by Intersex Initiative director Emi Koyama.

"Intersexuality" is an interdisciplinary exploration on social, medical, biological and political issues surrounding intersexuality and the lives of intersex people. First, students will learn basic biological facts about intersexuality as well as the current treatment protocol on intersex conditions. Second, they will read about the patient-centered reform movement by intersex people as well as among medical professionals. Lastly, students will learn to critically analyze medical, academic and popular culture texts produced about intersexuality from the patient-centered point of view. The class concentrates on discussions about readings but also incorporates lectures, films and guest speakers.

This four-credit course is offered through the Women's Studies Department of Portland State University and is supervised by Ann Mussey. It meets from 1 to 3:20 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Koyama will deliver the keynote address during a rally prior to the Seattle Dyke March, which steps off 7 p.m. June 28 from the Seattle Central Community College Plaza at Broadway and Pine in Capitol Hill. The event starts about 5 p.m. and features bands, performers and speakers.

To register visit www.summer.pdx.edu or come to the class June 23 in Room 150 of Cramer Hall, 1721 S.W. Broadway. For more information e-mail info@ipdx.org.

FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS IN OREGON

The Gill Foundation—a \$200 million-endowed organization committed to securing equal opportunity for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity—recently granted \$590,545 to 44 programs.

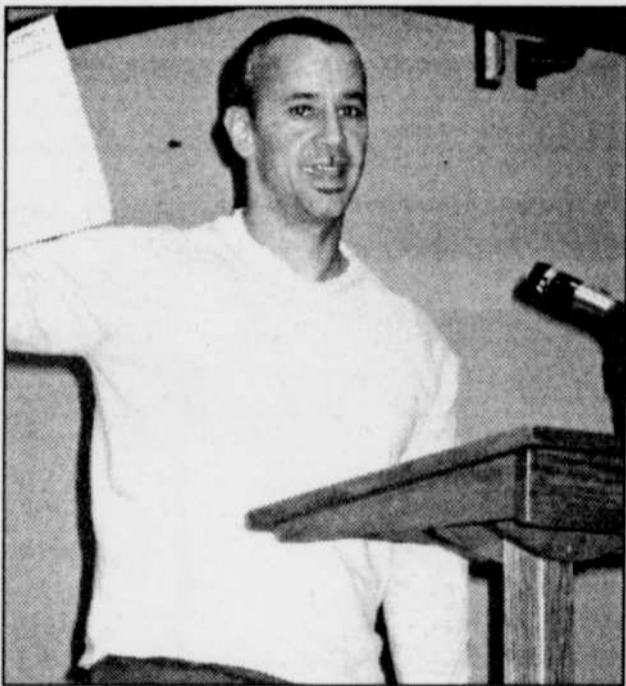
Two of the recipients are based in Portland. Basic Rights Oregon received \$15,000 in general operating support, and Western States Center received \$10,000 in program support for gender justice.

"More than 40 diverse organizations committed to eliminating discrimination based on sexual orientation across nearly 30 states are the most recent recipients of the Gill Foundation's March grant cycle," said Rick Jung, senior program officer. "We congratulate these organizations on their successes and are pleased to assist them in fostering the LGBT movement across the country."

The Denver-based foundation awards grants

to organizations supporting gay, lesbian, bi and trans initiatives and HIV/AIDS programming. The next application deadline is Aug. 1.

Revised funding guidelines are posted on the Internet site www.gillfoundation.org.



Bill Soderberg touts the queer community center survey June 18 at the city/county Pride Celebration 2003

CITY AND COUNTY SHOW THEIR PRIDE

Government employees celebrated Pride Month on June 18 at the Portland Building during a one-hour program presented by Sam Adams, Mayor Vera Katz's chief of staff, and Patricia Pate, director of Multnomah County's Department of Human Services.

Performers included artist and writer Serena Blossom Appel, Amanda Shepard of the city Bureau of Development Services and Misty Town of the Rose City Softball Association. Speakers included Tony Stroh of the Portland Gay Men's Chorus, Mary Beth Brindley of the Elder Resource Alliance and Barbara Steinfeld of the Portland Oregon Visitors Association.

Bill Soderberg, LGBTQ Community Center Fund Project board member, encouraged audience members to voice their opinions about the much-anticipated facility, which is still in its conceptual phase. The nonprofit's next Speak Out Forum will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 1 in the Community Center Room at St. Andrew Church, 806 N.E. Alberta St.

To complete the online version of the queer community center survey, visit www.outwithit2003.com.

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