

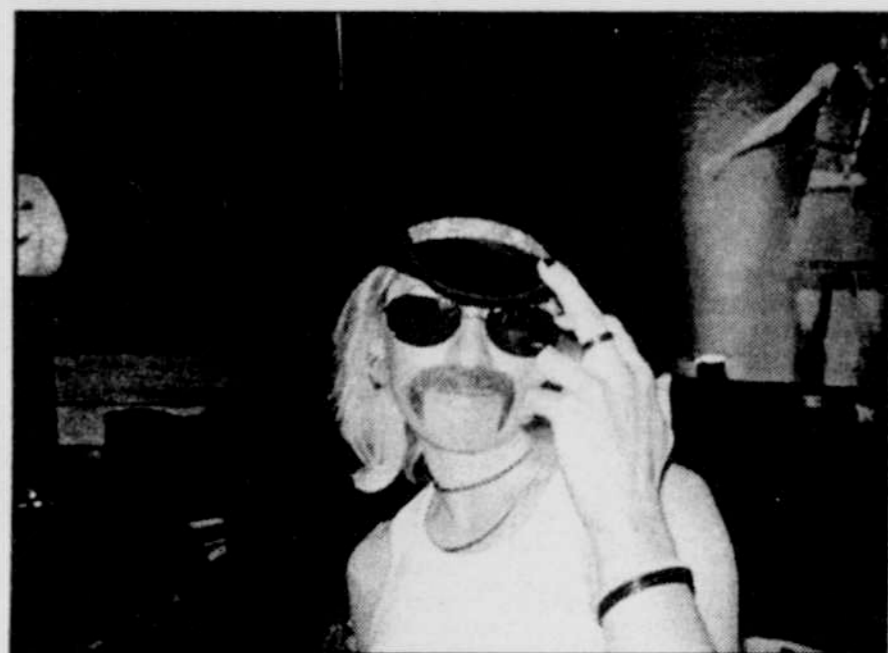
Give back

Queer-friendly organizations deserve your generosity this holiday season

by Meg Daly

Give girls the gift of rock 'n' roll

Here's a way to give a rockin' gift to your girlfriend while helping empower girls across the nation.



Donna Dresch of Davies vs. Dresch strikes a pose at Doug Fir's new dyke night, Snatch

The Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls' annual benefit concert, *50 Shows in 50 States*, features rock bands from across the nation playing their hearts out for the next generation. Portland's show takes place 9 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Doug Fir Lounge, 830 E. Burnside St., and features the legendary Davies vs. Dresch, The Ready, LKN and DJ Beyonda. Tickets are \$5-\$50 sliding scale (we're sure they'll accept \$100 if you feel so inspired) to support this tremendous program, which is run by Portland dyke Misty McElroy.

Started as a senior project in women's studies at Portland State University, the camp is going into its fifth year. Any girl who has the passion and desire can attend, space permitting. Your dollars will help provide scholarships to cover the \$300 tuition so girls

across the country can unleash their inner Joan Jett and get a healthy dose of positive role models.

"Girls see queer women in the roles they want to be in and receive enormous validation for that, often for the first time in their lives," said McElroy.

Make schools safe for all

If you were called "sissy" or "bulldyke" or beat up on the playground as a kid, you're not alone. Homophobic bullying is a continuing problem in many schools. According to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, 28 percent of queer youth



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are physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

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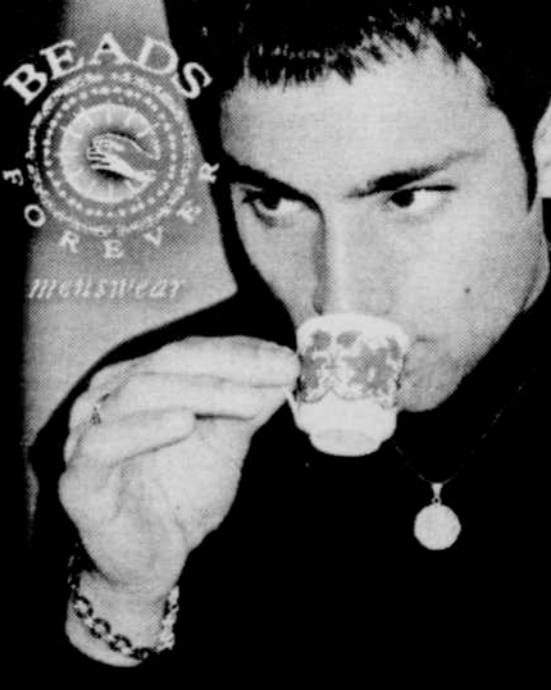


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