

## NORTHWEST newsbriefs

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bullying and harassment.

GLSEN also released its first-ever *State of the States* report in 2004. Only eight states received passing grades, but 42 did not because of their lack of proper laws, policies and educational investments to protect queer students at the state level.

The report is available to download at [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org).

## RED DRESS PARTY RAISES \$20,400

Organizers of the fifth annual Red Dress Party announced April 15 that their event generated \$20,400 in proceeds, all of which will be donated to charity. This year's primary beneficiaries, Our House of Portland and the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, will receive \$12,000 and \$8,000, respectively. The Portland Gay Men's Chorus received \$400 in contributions for operating the coat check during the party.

A total of 1,118 men and women attended the event April 2 at the Meow Meow, exceeding organizers' expectations and nearly doubling last year's crowd. Approximately 200 of the participants were invited guests who paid \$60 for a special VIP reception before the main party; the balance of the partygoers paid \$25 for the opportunity to drink, dance and be merry in red dresses of every shape and size.

A total of 10 Portland men serve as the organizing committee for the event, which began as a basement party in a North Portland home five years ago. They, together with 35 volunteers, provided their time, talents and energy to make this year's Red Dress Party such a success. To start planning for next year's party, visit [www.reddresspdx.com](http://www.reddresspdx.com).



Harvey Milk marches with supporters in his inaugural walk to San Francisco City Hall in 1977.

threatened with physical beating, rape and murder.

One of the members of the group of six or seven men was successful in restraining the group, and they did finally leave the student's room. When the student and two guests left the residence hall a few minutes later, the same group of men screamed at them, spat upon them from an upper balcony and then chased them to their car in the parking lot.

They managed to get into the car and speed away, while the perpetrators continued screaming, calling names and throwing things at the vehicle. The victim was clear that this hate crime targeting took place because the student stood up to the group of men and because they perceived that he was gay.

A vigil was held May 6 at Ashland Plaza, and SOU students organized a rally that took place

cilor Karl Rohde.

Guerriero has devoted his career to public service. The former mayor, state representative and candidate for lieutenant governor in Massachusetts has served as executive director of Log Cabin Republicans and president of the Liberty Education Forum since January 2003.

Guerriero is a skilled candidate who has never lost an election. He is a Republican activist and political adviser.

The event will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. at 654 Ridgeway Road in Lake Oswego. Wine and appetizers will be served, and causal attire is encouraged. The event is free of charge; RSVP to 503-222-6151 or [samantha@basicrights.org](mailto:samantha@basicrights.org).

PSU SCREENS, DISCUSSES  
THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK

A free showing and discussion of *The Times of Harvey Milk* will be held 7 p.m. May 26 at 5th Avenue Cinema, 510 S.W. Hall St.

The event is sponsored by Portland State University's Women's Studies Department. The film will be followed by a panel of community members who will discuss and answer questions about the Oscar-winning documentary on the life, career and assassination of San Francisco's first gay elected councilor, Harvey Milk.

Snacks and beverages will be provided during the show. For more information contact the PSU Women's Studies Department at 503-725-3516 or [cutlerw@pdx.edu](mailto:cutlerw@pdx.edu).

## PRIDE FUNDS FUTURES

The Pride Foundation in Seattle and Greater Seattle Business Association have awarded \$1 million in scholarships to prove they understand the obstacles that stand between queer youth and education.

This month, the groups have awarded \$230,000 to 97 recipients in the Northwest, based on financial need, academic merit and leadership ability.

"The scholarship allows me to continue on my educational path toward a Ph.D., focusing in creative writing and using that degree in the queer, feminist and drag communities," said Marie Fleischmann, a Portland scholarship recipient and former *Just Out* editorial assistant.

Fleischmann stood out from other applicants because of her demonstrated leadership and mentoring. "They saw a history of activism and leadership as well as a future plan in the works," she said.

Fleischmann is using her company, See Jane Run, to promote and manage queer-positive events. She is finishing a bachelor's degree in English and women's studies at Portland State University.

Other local scholarship recipients include Charity Barr of Cottage Grove, who aims to earn a law degree to fight injustices of the queer community; Leslie Brooks of Forest Grove, who attends Pacific University and hopes to volunteer for international medical relief work in disaster areas; Molly Franks of Forest Grove, who aims to obtain a master's degree in public health at Columbia University and start a program that helps diverse queer youth develop organizing skills to address health problems in their communities; Emily Graham-Berks, who plans to complete her bachelor's degree at University of Oregon and attend PSU for a master's degree in social work, to eventually address needs of marginalized populations; Eric Grey of Eugene, who is finishing his master's degree and will attend National College of Naturopathic Medicine to become a physician with aspirations to open a



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Red Dress organizers celebrate a successful party by donating more than \$20,000 to Portland organizations.

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT ASSAULTED IN HATE CRIME

The Abdill-Ellis Community Center in Ashland reports that a Southern Oregon University student was victimized by a hate crime at approximately 1 a.m. April 30.

The hate crime was precipitated by an interaction at an Ashland business where the future victim stood up to a group of six or seven men for making sexually harassing comments toward one of the victim's friends. After standing up for the female friend, the future victim was yelled at, told to shut up and called a faggot.

The perpetrators appear to have followed the student and guests into his residence hall and then trespassed directly into his room. The student was then threatened and called a number of names, including faggot. The victim was

May 9 at Stevenson Union. According to a community center volunteer who attended the rally, many folks were there along with both local television crews, despite the heavy rain. Danielle Mancuso, director of the center, and SOU students, both gay and straight, spoke in support of the student who had been assaulted.

BASIC RIGHTS OREGON HOSTS  
"MEET THE MOVEMENT" SERIES

Join Basic Rights Oregon for its final "Meet the Movement" event in May. "Meet the Movement" is an ongoing series that introduces Oregonians to national leaders in the movement for queer equality.

BRO will feature Patrick Guerriero of the Log Cabin Republicans with a reception May 22 at the home of former Lake Oswego City Coun-

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