



Christine McDonald (center) of the Komen Foundation hands Carol Brownlow of the Hambleton Project a grant check.

They were joined by other members of the campus community, including students, campus security and administrators as well as representatives of the city of Ashland, including a representative from the Ashland Police Department.

The latest fliers found read: "Do you hate QUEERS and their friends and families? FUCK THAT! ...You Queers can vanish to volcanic ash, and reappear in hell with a can of gas and a match. I hate QUEERS and God hates QUEERS! And the Bible says that Homosexual Offenders should be put to Death! 'How come she's a bitch all the time, all the time, I gotta strangle the girl, I gotta strangle the girl tonight.' So help eradicate homophobia now, Kill the Queer."

A second flier read: "Do you hate GOD and Christian morals? Dykes and Fags have no soul, so when you kill them you haven't really committed a crime. I hate all Queers, but that is okay because they aren't really people."

The university is taking these actions quite seriously. SOU security and the Ashland Police Department are investigating the matter aggressively as crimes of intimidation and harassment.

CONFERENCE TAKES RADICAL APPROACH TO VIOLENCE

Two years of meetings, debates, actions, grassroots organizing and collectives formed to support survivors of sexual assault while holding perpetrators accountable have resulted in a three-day conference addressing sexual assault from a radical perspective. The Born in Flames Conference is the first of its kind in Portland's recent years and will take place June 24 through 26.

Day workshops will be held at Portland State University, with nightly entertainment taking place at Liberty Hall in North Portland. Opening day will focus on community and personal education, followed by issues of support on the second day and a final day of hashing out accountability in radical communities.

Workshops include "Healthier Sex," "Make Your Own Smut: Radical Porn and Why It's Important," "Boundary Setting," "Guy-Necology: Men, Sex and Power" and "Creating Online Communities Grounded in the Arts." Night events include a sex-positive show with burlesque acts and local bands.

All workshops and events are queer/trans/straight-friendly, wheelchair accessible and American Sign Language interpreted. A supervised play area will be available for children, and sexual assault advocates will be accessible throughout the conference.

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HAMBLETON PROJECT GETS BIG BUCKS FROM KOMEN FOUNDATION

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation of Oregon and Southwest Washington has selected the Hambleton Project as one of 14 recipients to receive Komen Community Grants this year.

"Our challenge to advance the local fight against breast cancer remains as great today as ever. One in seven women will be diagnosed in her lifetimes," said Christine McDonald, executive director of the local Komen Foundation. "The community-based grants we fund make it possible for all people to connect with life-saving breast health services and much-needed support."

Through its Komen Community Grant, the Hambleton Project will provide breast cancer support groups to lesbians and women who partner with women primarily in the Portland and Salem areas. It will also create and provide eight-week bereavement groups for families of breast cancer victims who do not survive. The Hambleton Project was created seven years ago in response to the lack of specialized breast health services for lesbians.

"The Hambleton Project is delighted to receive a third year of funding from the local Komen Foundation that enables us to provide breast cancer support groups and bereavement programming for the lesbians of the northern Willamette Valley, Portland and Southwest Washington," said Carol Brownlow of the Hambleton Project. "This funding has been a blessing to this underserved population who would not access these services from the general community. Thanks to the generosity of Komen, these women can continue to receive this essential survivor support."

The community grants are made possible by money raised locally through the annual Komen Portland Race for the Cure and other area fundraisers.

"Local support is truly making a difference in eradicating breast cancer as a life-threatening disease," said McDonald. "We're seeing more survivors today than ever before. While that's a victory in itself, Oregon and Southwest Washington have some of the highest breast cancer

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