

OUT standing JUST asking

A people's history

by Jaymee R. Cuti

In getting to know Dave Grant Kohl, one learns more about a history of queer Portland, a growing of the Metropolitan Community Church and a little art history than they do about the biographer himself.

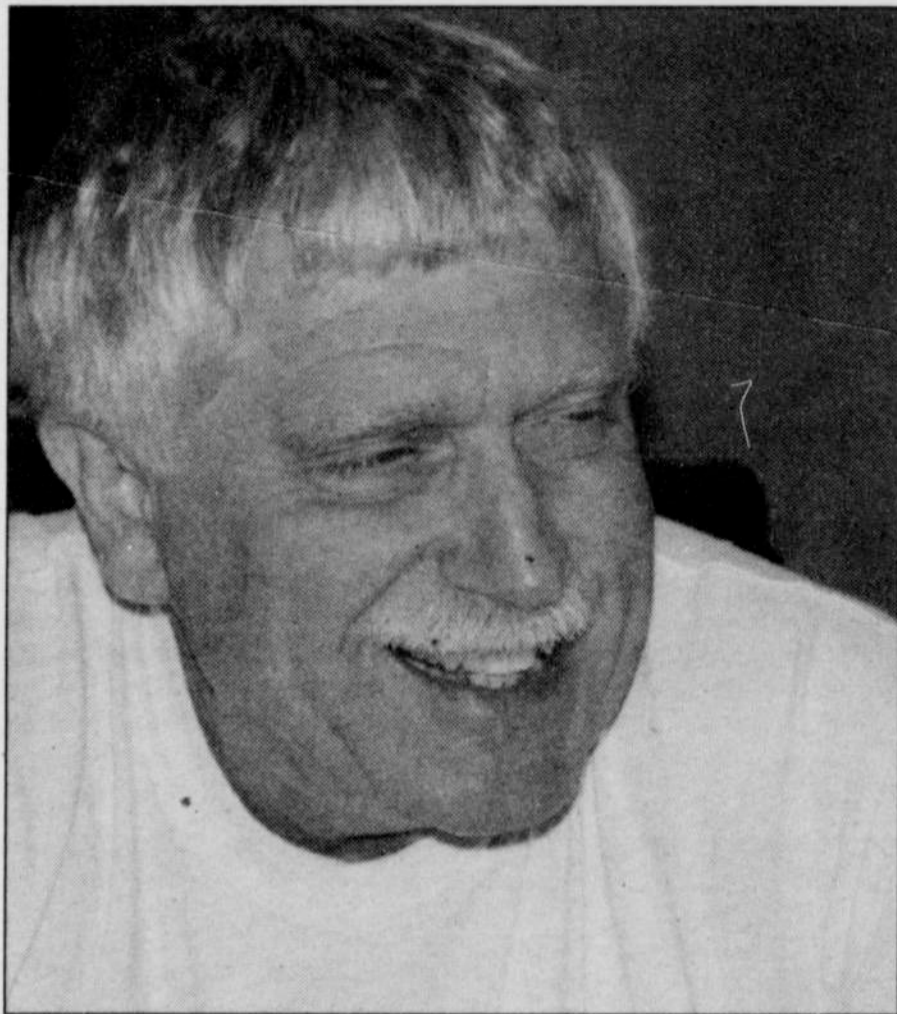
"I'm fascinated by how things come to be what they are," he said.

Kohl, a retired art and art history teacher who has lived in lower West Linn for 25 years, throws pottery for his Mug Man business, writes and researches for books about Portland's gay history, grows bamboo, volunteers for the Chinese Gardens and sings with the Portland Gay Men's Chorus.

His interest in Asian culture stems from a seven-year teaching stint in Hong Kong.

Kohl's work as a historian of gay and lesbian Portland began as a project in celebration of MCC's upcoming 30th anniversary. A 10-page paper expanded into a 200-page local history text called *A Curious and Peculiar People*.

"It wasn't very long into the research that I discovered the history of MCC can't be separat-

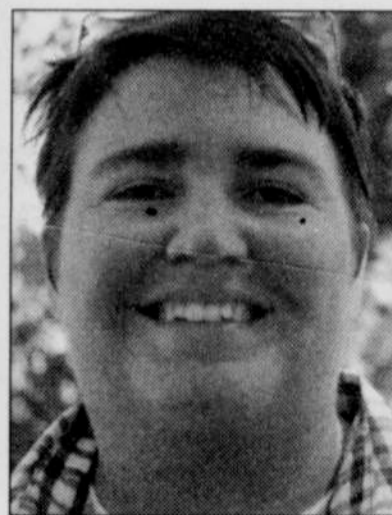


ed from the history of the gay community," he said. "The book is turning out to be a history of gay and lesbian Portland as mirrored through the Metropolitan Community Church."

The book will be available in January 2006. **J**

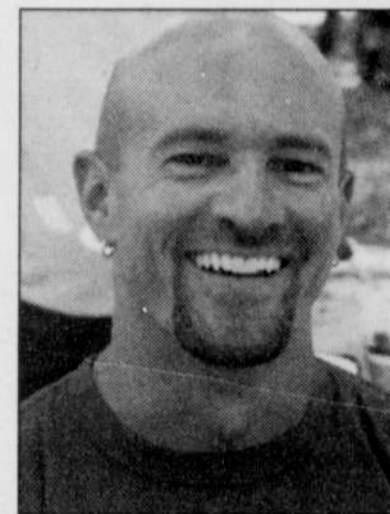
Just Out attended the Rose City Softball Association end-of-season picnic and asked players a softball version of a traditional game question, "If you were stranded in a deserted softball field, who would you want with you, and why?"

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CARRIE GUNDERMANN
RCSA Women's Division Commissioner

"My girlfriend—because she knows how to play a lot of games besides softball."



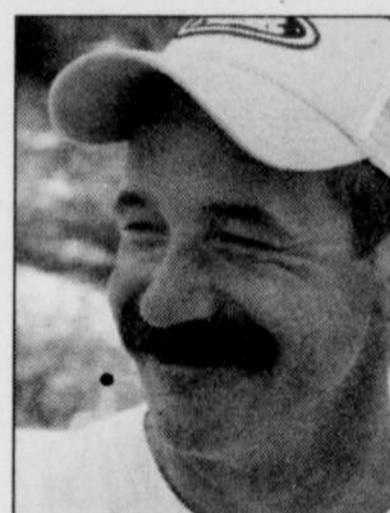
TIM BIAS
RCSA Open Division Commissioner-elect

"I would want a lesbian with me—I'd need someone butcher than me to save my ass."



DANIELA HUGELSHOFER
Outfielder, Dykes on Spikes

"I'd want an outfielder with a nice snatch."



CHRIS MIDLAM
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