


in Missoula. There was plenty of true sex around, but times were different then for coming out; it was fine that everyone knew, but you weren't supposed to say it," says Blakeslee. "So I moved to Seattle, where I worked for a CPA firm, when a friend in Portland said, 'Why don't you move to Portland and open a store here, since there's no nice, clean or well-lit place?'"

Fantasy is now an adult superstore offering thousands of DVDs, lingerie, condoms, lubes and toys. According to Blakeslee, it has a wide range of toys for "heteros, homos or solos." His newest store in Clackamas is a bit of a departure from his other locations. The boutique is more merchandise-oriented, according to Blakeslee, with lingerie, shoes and accessories for sale. Blakeslee says he is also working on opening a mall location. "We've been having some challenges, but we're diligently working on opening a store that is a cross between Spencer Gifts and Victoria's Secret."

Blakeslee, who calls himself an accountant first and a pornographer second, lives in Portland with his partner of 17 years, Maurice Cooper. No stranger to fighting for rights, he says he helped defeat statewide ballot measures to repeal an



Tracy Blakeslee has opened a new Fantasy for Adults Only store in Clackamas.

amendment to the Oregon Constitution that prohibits discrimination based on a retailer's content. When he first moved to Portland, Blakeslee was involved with the local groups Phoenix Rising and Right to Privacy. He says he is a big supporter of the American Civil Liberties Union and civil rights. Blakeslee adds, "Outside In is one of my very favorite organizations because they deal in a wonderful way with street kids." 

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Grab Your Corsage

If you never went to prom but wanted to, avoid the prom because you liked your own kind or went to prom but wished you hadn't gone with a member of the opposite sex, Western Oregon University is giving you the missed opportunity of a lifetime.

The Associated Students of Western Oregon University (ASWOU) welcomes the statewide community to its first-ever queer prom. The theme "Celebrate Life" honors World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, when the event will take place. Co-sponsored with the Oregon Students for Equal Rights Association and the Triangle Alliance (the university's gender and sexuality club), the event will also feature AIDS awareness and education.

"In my two years here in Oregon, I have never seen or heard of any 'gay proms' targeted to GLBTI youth across the state, and coming from the Los Angeles area, it seemed strange...so, I decided to change that," says M. Mae Dunn, executive diversity coordinator of ASWOU. "We usually do a mourning day around [World AIDS Day]. The

prom will provide a more celebratory look at how far we've come."

People from around the state are encouraged to attend, according to Dunn, because Western is traditionally a conservative campus. "I wanted it to be a statewide event to show the campus there's so much diversity around us."

The prom is free with a requested donation to the AIDS organizations that will be represented. Free rapid HIV testing will also be available on site.

Come to the Pacific Room on the Western campus in Monmouth at 8 p.m. Dec. 1 to enjoy the DJ dancing and refreshments and to boogie with the out crowd.

Wonder Woman Raises Funds

A heroic \$15,405 was raised for two of Portland's women and children's shelters, Raphael House and Bradley-Angle House, during Wonder Woman Day on Oct. 29 at Excalibur Comics. Andy

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Wonder Woman images, like this one by Paul Gulacy, were up for auction to benefit Portland women's shelters.


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