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Maguire says queer college groups can come to the society with ideas and get the money they need for events like queer proms and to bring speakers to campus.

Saturdays, a \$10 cover gets all ages into the Escape. Fridays, the cover is only \$5 for college students and \$8 for those 18 and older. "We felt the club on Saturday night was not serving a wide range of the community that it should be," says Maguire.

The society's first two Friday events at the Escape brought in large groups of people, which made for a friendly vibe, according to Maguire. While there will always be dancing and socializing, he says the group hopes to mix up its offerings in the form of theme and music. "We'll also have performances by queer college students like Paul Clay," he adds.



Portlander performer Paul Clay will headline a benefit concert for World AIDS Day.

Save the Date

Basic Rights Oregon is asking supporters to mark April 18, 2007, on their calendars for its annual Oregonians Against Discrimination luncheon, where executives and others celebrate business leaders who have made significant advances for queer causes and the fight for civil rights.

Cruz Goes Out in Style

Multnomah County Commissioner Serena Cruz celebrated her last days in public office with a party Nov. 27 at Kennedy School. In attendance were Commissioners Lisa Naito and Maria Rojo de Steffey along with Portland City Commissioners Sam Adams and Erik Sten, Mayor Tom Potter and Multnomah County District Attorney Michael Schunk.

County Chair Diane Linn and Multnomah County Sheriff Bernie Giusto were not spotted among the crowd.

A handful of county employees, led by Naito and Rojo, gave a heartfelt a cappella tribute.

Cruz told those in attendance that her future plans included getting on the "mommy track."

In recounting her accomplishments, Cruz reiterated that one of her proudest moments was her role in issuing same-sex marriage licenses in 2004.

Roundtable Opens House

Whether you're a Sexual Minorities Roundtable regular, new to town or just haven't shown up to meetings in a while, its open house meeting is a great time to reacquire yourself or get involved.

The group, which works with the Portland Police Bureau to improve relationships, respect, cooperation and crime reporting with the sexual minorities community, meets at noon on the second Tuesday of each month in the Chief's Office Conference Room 1526 of the Justice Center, 1120 S.W. Third Ave.

This special meeting, however, is from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at Central Library, 801 S.W. 10th Ave., with an informal drop-in agenda and snacks provided.

For more information call 503-823-0027 or visit www.portlandonline.com.

Concert for a Cause

Queers and Allies, the queer student union at Portland State University, is hosting a benefit concert 7 p.m. Dec. 1 for World AIDS Day.

The show, featuring singer Johanna, the Paul Clay Band and a speaker from Cascade AIDS Project, costs \$8 for students, faculty and their children and \$10 for the general public.

Reed College graduate Clay is gaining a reputation for his blends of glitz and radicalism. His songs have been described as queer-tronica dance tracks and political electro-ballads.

Proceeds benefit CAP.

For location call 503-725-9742 or visit www.qa.groups.pdx.edu.

Public Hero Honored
with Proclamation

Portland public health activist Bill Hancock was honored posthumously Nov. 30 with a proclamation by the Multnomah County Commission.

Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey introduced the proclamation, declaring Dec. 1 as World AIDS Day. Jean Ann Van Krevelen, director of Cascade AIDS Project, discussed Hancock's accomplishments in the HIV/AIDS health care field.

A plaque recognizing Hancock as a public health hero will be displayed at the Multnomah County Health



Multnomah County Commissioners Lisa Naito (left) and Serena Cruz reminisce at Cruz's farewell celebration.