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very open-minded and therefore know all they need to [about queer health issues]," said Bosse.

Queers and Allies, which began in March and participated in the nationwide Day of Silence, will launch a lunchtime speaker series to help educate the entire student body. The club will also provide information June 16 and 17 at Portland Pride, where booth visitors can receive coupons for the school's student-staffed, sliding-scale clinics.

"The administration and student government are highly supportive of diversity and the club," said Malus, who sees the group as an important social opportunity for queer students at the college.

Bosse added, "More clubs like this will increase enrollment, as LGBT applicants would gravitate toward those schools, and it will improve the visibility of alternative medicine in the gay community."

As a result, Malus predicted, "It will increase the wellness of the gay community."

The National College of Natural Medicine Natural Health Center is located at 2220 S.W. First Ave. The Pettygrove Classical Chinese Medicine Clinic is located at 2232 N.W. Pettygrove St. For more information visit [www.ncnm.edu](http://www.ncnm.edu).

### Student Leader Wins Fellowship

Recent Reed College graduate Jeff Maguire is one of 50 students to win the Thomas J. Watson Foundation fellowship for a year of independent exploration and travel outside the United States. His project "From Drag Queens to Deities: Exploring Cultural Responses to HIV/AIDS" will take him to the Ukraine, China, India and South Africa.

Maguire is not new to world travel. In 2004 he volunteered with Uganda African Child's Foundation doing outreach and working in HIV-related programs. Half a year later he was back in Africa, after he and his father raised \$4,000 for a fund-raiser climb of Mount Kilimanjaro.

While at Reed, Maguire volunteered with Cascade AIDS Project and the Oregon AIDS Hotline. The experience he gained from starting his high school's Gay Straight Alliance and serving as treasurer of Boston University's queer student group helped him to land a leadership role in Reed's Queer Alliance and to co-found the Greater Portland Intercollegiate Queer Society. Maguire said he believes his continued involvement in the queer community made him stand out among fellow applicants.

Maguire's project idea grew out of a final paper he wrote for a Chinese anthropology class. He was asked to find a problem plaguing the development of China that a specific organization was trying to address with culturally tailored operations. "If either

China, which has 1.3 billion people, or India, which has 1.1 billion, has the same infection rate as sub-Saharan African countries by 2013, I calculated that there will be more HIV-positive people within each country than individual citizens in America," said Maguire, who embarks by Aug. 1.

Learning as much as possible about the HIV/AIDS education being done in the countries he'll visit is Maguire's main goal. "I want to figure out how effective culturally specific education and prevention is in high-risk groups who may or may not be moral

outcasts in their society," he said. "My hypothesis is that these will not be effective because the culture is not something they feel a part of due to their outsider status."

Maguire will be applying to medical school this summer and said he is interested in primary care, family practice or pediatrics and internal medicine. "My ideal would be to have a private clinic that catered to HIV-positive people with secondary illnesses," he said.

### Theater Group Receives NEA Grant

Insight Out, a mid-level theater collective founded by queer Portland actors Julianna Jaffe and Wade McCollum, was awarded \$5,000 May 1 through the National Endowment for the Arts amid top players Portland Center Stage and Artists Repertory Theatre.

The "Access to Artistic Excellence" grant will help with the development and production of a multidisciplinary interpretation of William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* called *For:Give*. This inventive twist on the play aims to translate the original text through aerial choreography, heightened movement, dance, song, film and sound in an ensemble created work.

"Insight Out is honored and tremendously excited to have received this NEA grant," said Jaffe. "To have earned any funding at all with the NEA is a huge step for us, but it really is the merit they found with our artistic offering and the recognition that goes along with it that makes this a remarkable award for Insight Out."

### Pro-Choice Comedian Entertains at Darcelle's

Planned Parenthood's Sexy Tuesdays, a weekly event to build a new generation of supporters and advocates for choice, is planning its biggest event yet at Darcelle XV Showplace.

Comedian Carol Leifer, who spent three years writing for NBC's *Seinfeld* and was the real-life inspiration for the character Elaine Benes, will perform 7 p.m. May 22 at 208 N.W. Third Ave. Leifer has paved a variety of paths in a field where not many female comedians have ventured. Most notably, she served as a writer and supervising producer on HBO's critically acclaimed *The Larry Sanders Show*.

Tickets are \$20-\$25 at the door or \$15-\$20 in advance from 503-280-6150. For more information about Planned Parenthood of the Columbia/Willamette, visit [www.ppaction.org/ppor](http://www.ppaction.org/ppor).

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