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Pioneering a Movement

Don Powell has been helping shape gay rights in Oregon since 1977. He served as vice chairman and, later, chairman of the Right to Privacy PAC (which later became Basic Rights Oregon) during his 12 years of involvement starting in 1984. Nineteen years ago, he moved from Eugene to Northwest Portland and has lived there since. In 1994 he was co-chairman of the No on 13 statewide campaign committee, defeating the initiative with just more than 50 percent of the vote. He continues his work in the community by donating heavily to organizations including Equity Foundation and BRO and remains involved with political campaigns statewide.

My name is Don Powell.

I am known for my work for gay and lesbian civil rights starting in Eugene in 1977.

My cause is a world without war and a country that recognizes gay marriage along with racial and economic justice for all.

I am 62 years old.

Right now I live in Northwest Portland with my partner.

My childhood ambition was to be a veterinarian.

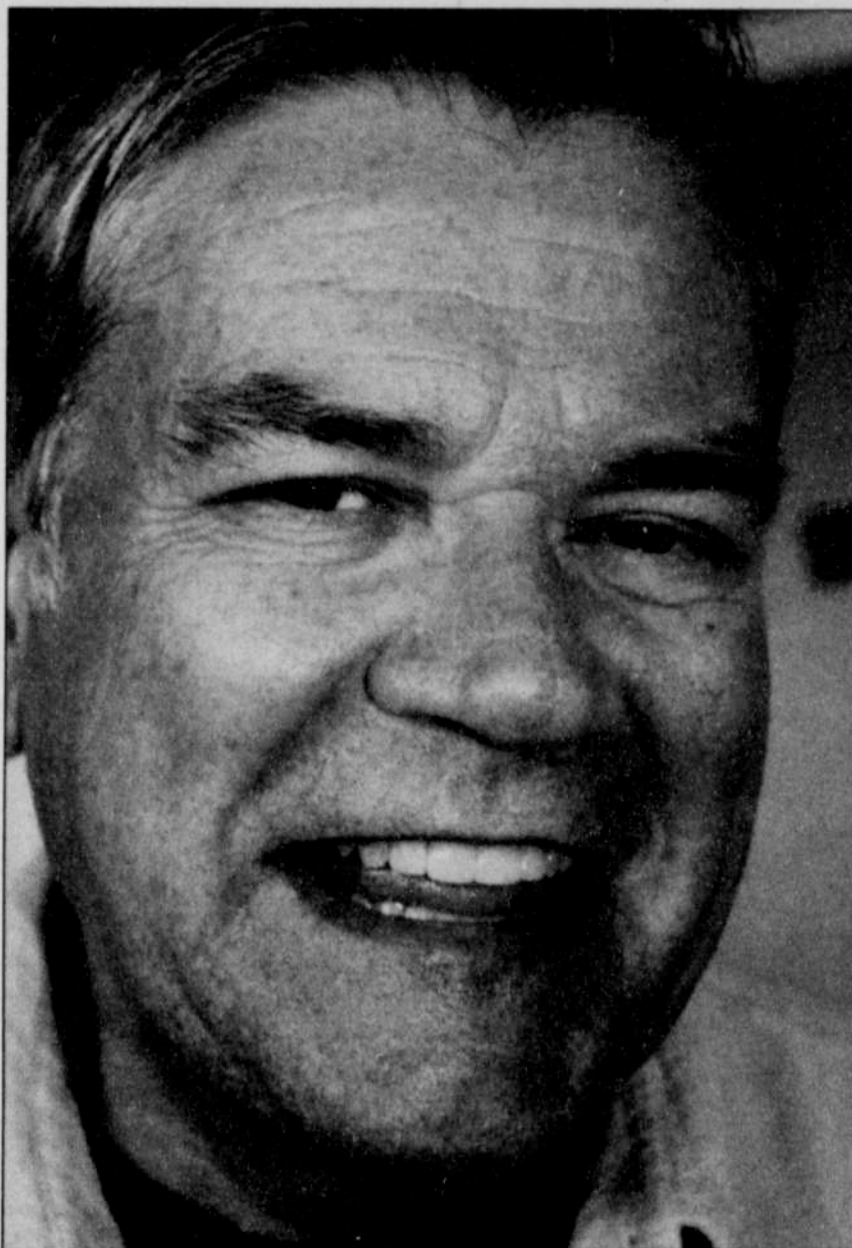
My first same-sex crush was on a fellow tennis player in a tournament when I was 16. I got to ride to a tournament in Vancouver [British Columbia] with him, and I was in heaven, even with his mom along.

I like to spend my down time with my partner and silly wiener dog, Mocha, just hanging out.

My proudest moment was when I set up a Charitable Remainder Trust in 2006 with Equity Foundation as the beneficiary.

My biggest challenge is keeping my sanity while the Bush administration continues to occupy Iraq and in the process kill our soldiers and innocent people. Some days I want to join the brave people here and throughout the country not afraid to go to jail to protest what is happening.

A perfect day in Portland would be spent with close friends, having breakfast at the Bijou, Cameo Café or Hotel DeLuxe. Then going to 24 Hour [Fitness] for a workout. And then a walk around the neighborhood with [my partner] and Mocha followed



MARTY DAVIS

Don Powell honors gay Portland through support and participation.

by oysters, fries and Caesar salad with Ketel One martinis at Bluehour with Cheryl Perrin and Barry Pack followed by an early visit to Salon Q. The evening would be complete on a certain rooftop deck watching the sunset holding my partner.

My first job was selling peanuts, popcorn and Cracker Jacks at the Tacoma Giants [baseball] Cheney Stadium at age 16.

My vice is a daily soy latte with a couple shots of espresso and occasional martinis.

My inspiration is Ellen DeGeneres.

The last queer or philanthropic event I participated in was Basic Rights Oregon's annual business luncheon.

My highest hope for the cause is to go to bed one night feeling totally accepted and liberated as a complete human being with full and complete legal rights. 10

just asking

Just Out asked, "What should be the theme of Portland Pride 2008?"



ANDREW ASHBY
Drama Thing

"Glamorous."



NADIA WILSON
Artist and Pastry Chef

"Love for Everyone."



AMARA PÉREZ
Co-chairwoman of Happy Ours
(www.happyoursproductions.com)

Given the attacks on gay people, it should be "Happy to Be Gay."



DAN WHITE
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