



Portland International Womens Day

SOME LEADERS ARE BORN WOMEN

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Sunday, March 9 • 2pm - 8pm • \$3

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that fosters open communication about all the issues that affect the health and well-being of the client being served."

Rojo added: "Removing disparities and improving the health and well-being of all communities in Multnomah County is paramount. I'm proud to support the Meaningful Care Conference and pleased to see so many of the county's partners supporting it, too."

In addition to a number of workshops focusing on queer health care, the event also features prominent keynote speaker Rebecca Fox, director of the National Coalition for LGBT Health, the country's largest queer health organization.

The conference is a collaboration with numerous local organizations that share a vision of culturally competent health care for the queer community: Native American Rehabilitation Association, Kaiser Permanente, Breathe Free: Oregon LGBTQ Coalition Against Tobacco, Cascadia, Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, Samaritan Counseling Centers, Cascade AIDS Project, Unity Project of Oregon, OHSU Partnership Project, Quest Center for Integrative Health, Our House of Portland, Outside In, Pride Foundation and Equity Foundation.

The Meaningful Care Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 11 at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information visit www.lgbtqmeaningfulcare.org. Registration for the event is \$65 for medical and social service professionals and \$50 for students. Continuing education units are available for health care providers.

\$65 Million Left to Pride Foundation

Ric Weiland's \$65 million donation to Pride Foundation, announced Feb. 24, was the largest ever contribution made to the gay rights movement.

Pride Foundation, a Seattle-based charity that grants money to programs and individuals benefiting the Northwest's sexual minorities community, said some of the money will trickle into Portland.

Weiland was one of Microsoft's first employees, having joined the company that was started by two of his high school classmates, Bill Gates and Paul Allen. Weiland was known as a philanthropist who gave generously to a variety of organizations.

When Weiland died in June 2006, he left the

majority of his estate to causes related to gay rights and HIV/AIDS as well as environmental and educational organizations.

"Ric was one of Pride Foundation's closest supporters, not just as a donor, but as a board member and volunteer," said executive director Audrey Haberman. "Ric's bequest will do what he always wanted—inspire others to give to the causes they care about to the full extent that they can."

Through his estate, Weiland established a fund at Pride Foundation that will provide \$46 million during the next eight years to 10 national queer and HIV/AIDS organizations that he selected. In addition, he bequeathed \$19 million directly to Pride Foundation for scholarships and grants supporting the Northwest's sexual minorities community.

According to Zan McColloch-Lussier, Pride Foundation's communications director, only 1 percent of the \$16 million in unrestricted funds donated directly to Pride Foundation can be accessed until 2013 because they will be invested through an endowment.

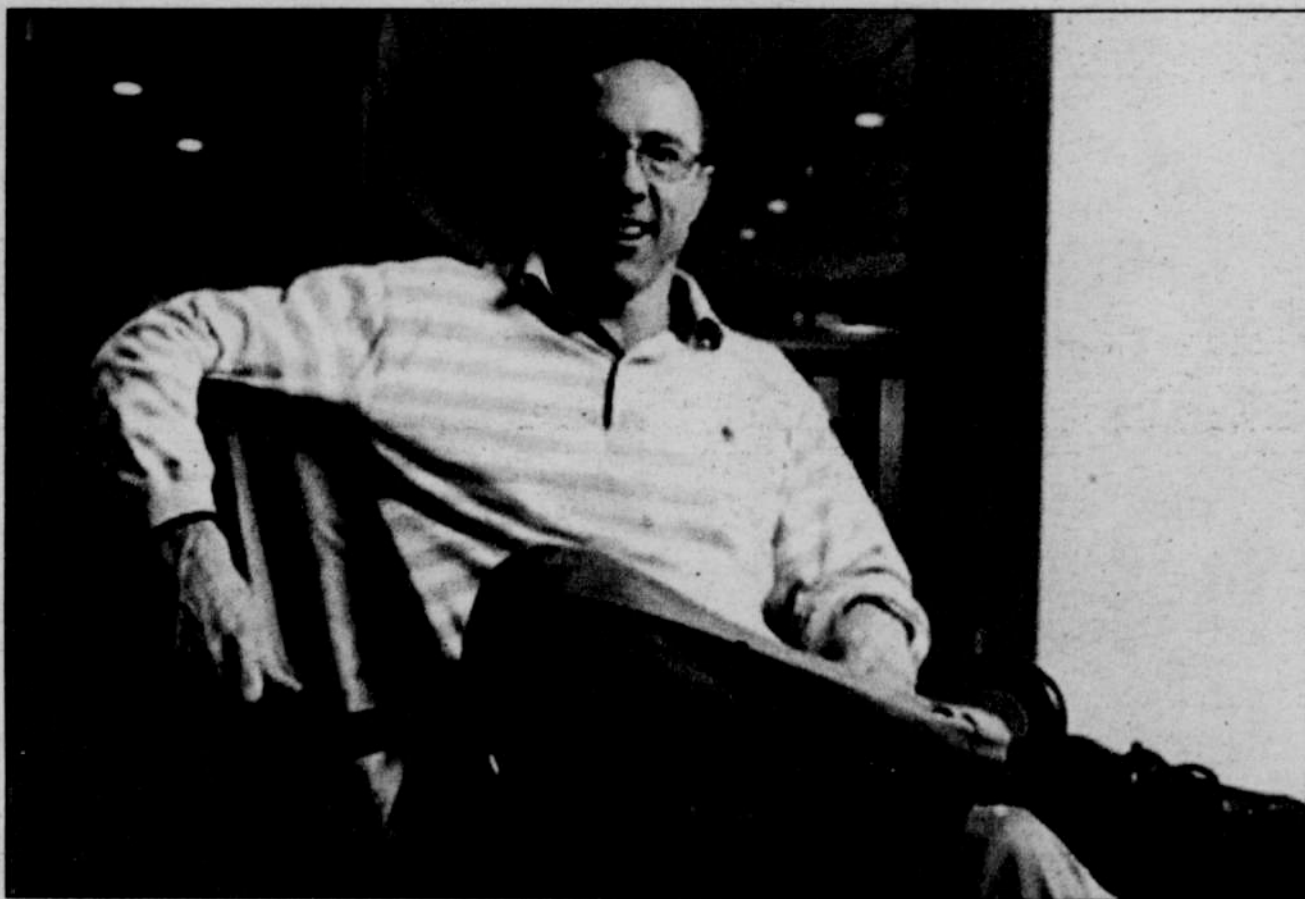
However, an additional \$160,000 of the \$3 million intended for Pride Foundation's scholarship fund will be available in 2009, awarded in the spring with a January 2009 application deadline.

"The board is in the process of strategic planning, but I can assure you some of it will be used in Portland and Oregon," said McColloch-Lussier. "We really want to expand past Multnomah County into Bend and Eugene to support some of their work."

The money will most likely be earmarked for leadership development and grants to organizations, in addition to money allotted for scholarships, which are available to students throughout the Pacific Northwest.

National recipients of the donation are the American Foundation for AIDS Research; Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation; Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network; *In the Life*; International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission; Lambda Legal; National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; Project Inform; and Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

Weiland died at the age of 53, committing suicide after struggling with depression. He is survived by his partner, Mike Schaefer of Seattle, and his nieces and nephews.



Money from Ric Weiland's \$65 million donation will trickle into Oregon's gay rights coffers.



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