

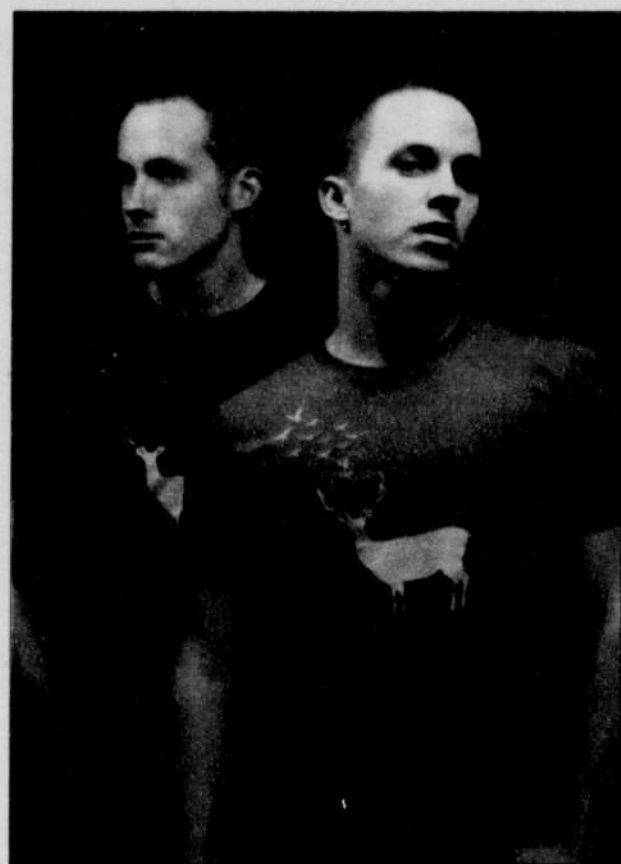
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## Designer Unleashes Art with Heart

Queer designer Bryan Boyd, 25, said he's always had an entrepreneur's spirit.

His new T-shirt design company, Urban Humanity, was born out of his past work in the nonprofit and business sector. Boyd served as communications coordinator for Basic Rights Oregon from 2006 to 2007 and works for Rain Agency, an advertising firm in Northwest Portland. He started his first design business at the age of 19.

"This is always something that was in the back of my mind. I wanted to create clothes that not only I would wear but that the community would love to wear," said Boyd. "When you put these T-shirts on, you look in the mirror and say, 'I look damn good.'"



Urban Humanity models Ryan Clover (left) and Oscar Clark show off the new "Deer Heavens" design for spring.

Boyd and his business partner, Brandon Berg, want their clothing to represent the Pacific Northwest, from the images on the items to the humanity of their business practices. Boyd says their products and packages are green, recycled and recyclable and use water-based inks that have a low impact on the environment. They also want to help

strengthen the local economy by distributing only to local retailers, besides selling their items online.

"Here in Portland, we have an urban center that seems so complex, but in its heart, you have this humanity," said Boyd, explaining the company's name and guiding principle.

He said as the business grows, he intends to donate a percentage of profits to area environmental, social justice and gay rights nonprofit organizations.

The spring line, titled "As Nature Intended," hides a message that Boyd hopes those hip to the queer rights movement will pick up on.

"As Nature Intended is a subtle double-entendre to the opposition. This is more than creating something that looks good and makes money. It's about creating a company that shares my personal values and the values I believe are shared by my community," said Boyd.

Visit [www.urbanhumanities.com](http://www.urbanhumanities.com) for more information.

## Scappoose Inn Relaxes Owners and Patrons

For the past year, Sherry Quarry and Jeri Anderson have been the owners and operators of Scappoose Creek Inn. The historic inn, which is located 25 miles from Portland, has been entertaining guests for 10 years.

Quarry and Anderson, who have been partners for 25 years, were born and raised in Southern California. "We both were ready to leave the corporate world behind and wanted a more simple and relaxing way of life,"

said Quarry.

The couple sold their home in Orange County, Calif., in September 2005 and began searching for their next adventure. They looked for more than a year until they found Scappoose Creek Inn and purchased the establishment in February 2007.

"Scappoose is definitely a far cry from Orange County, but it has been an amazing year," Quarry said. The couple were a little nervous about how Scappoose residents would respond to lesbian partners owning the bed and breakfast; however, people have been really accepting.

"We are just known as the girls at the inn. Our attitudes were that it is no big deal, and the response has been a nice, quiet acceptance," said Quarry.

Scappoose Creek Inn is adjacent to the Scappoose airport and offers guests a variety of accommodations and amenities. Room rates range from \$69 to \$135 a night and include a gourmet breakfast.

The inn has a library, sunroom, garden and pond that allow guests to escape the city life "and just rejuvenate and relax," Quarry said.

The inn offers event packages for weddings, retreats, corporate meetings and parties. "We would love to see our community come out to our inn and let us host their domestic partnership ceremony," said Quarry.

Scappoose Creek Inn is only minutes from antique shops, a nude beach and outdoor activities. For more information call 503-543-2740 or visit [www.scappoosecreekinn.com](http://www.scappoosecreekinn.com).

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City dwellers can escape to Scappoose Creek Inn, owned by Jeri Anderson (left) and Sherry Quarry.

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