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Food Drives Stock Esther's Pantry

Our House of Portland has seen an increase in clients to Esther's Pantry in the past year.

Every month Esther's Pantry, which is facilitated by Our House, provides food to approximately 200 clients with AIDS, up from 150 a year ago. The shelves of Esther's Pantry are particularly bare because of slim reserves at the Oregon Food Bank, where Esther's Pantry buys fresh food.

"Donations are consistent, but with rising demand and lack of food, there's a gap," explained John Oules, a spokesman for Our House.

According to Oules, one of the monthly food drives that Our House depends on is *Just Out's* Gay Skate Night, which is held every third Monday at Oaks Park. Gay Skate Night, he says, is responsible for approximately 168 pounds of food each month.

"Gay Skate has been a great model for something ongoing where people have learned they can give back," said Oules. "Now we rely on that steady support throughout the year."

Our House is teaming with several organizations to train the sexual minorities community to show up to a gay event with a few cans for

Esther's Pantry. Some of those new food drives include Portland Pride, the Portland Lesbian & Gay Film Festival and Cascade AIDS Project's AIDS Walk.



Esther's Pantry depends on donations to stock shelves with nonperishable food and sundries for people with AIDS.

"We're looking for new ways to get people involved," said Oules. "Because a large percentage of our support comes from the queer community, we are partnering with large community events to get the message out that there's a need for people living with HIV/AIDS."

Just Out accepts food and personal care item donations for Esther's Pantry during business hours at 6234 N. Greeley Ave.

Students Preserve Gay History

Students at Portland State University finished their "Preserving LGBTQ History" capstone class and made presentations Aug. 14 to their community partner, Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest. In a capstone class, the students work for an organization and earn six hours of credit. The class draws a variety of students, gay and straight.

Students had their choice of recording an oral history or processing part of a collection. There was also a box of material from 1977 to 1982 for *Women in the Wilderness*—a program presented by feminists to teach women how to camp, hike and enjoy other outdoor activities.

"I felt honored to be privy to all this information," said Molly Juhlin, who learned about the drag scene and the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court. She was impressed by the amount of philanthropic work in the drag community.

Doing an oral history gave the students an idea of how many stories exist and how much work still needs to be done to preserve history.

TJ Steeper interviewed gay rights activist Micheil MacCutcheon of Vancouver, Wash. "I felt very honored to be able to put his history to posterity," she said.

James DeLaney particularly enjoyed transcribing

interviews and volunteered to transcribe interviews with longtime equality activists Kathleen Saadat, Chris Tanner and Don and Joanne Ross.

The students sorting through Lesbian Community Project boxes learned that archiving isn't just about digging through a bunch of old, dusty stuff. Some of the items provided insight into the organization's history.

"It was overwhelming at the beginning," Shannon Saucier said of her box, which contained mostly programs. After sorting through the material, she felt like she had contributed to the project of preserving local history.

Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest has held capstone classes since 2000. The course will be offered again in the winter term.

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Portland State University's capstone class cataloged remnants of Oregon's gay and lesbian history, such as photos from this "Women in the Wilderness" display box.

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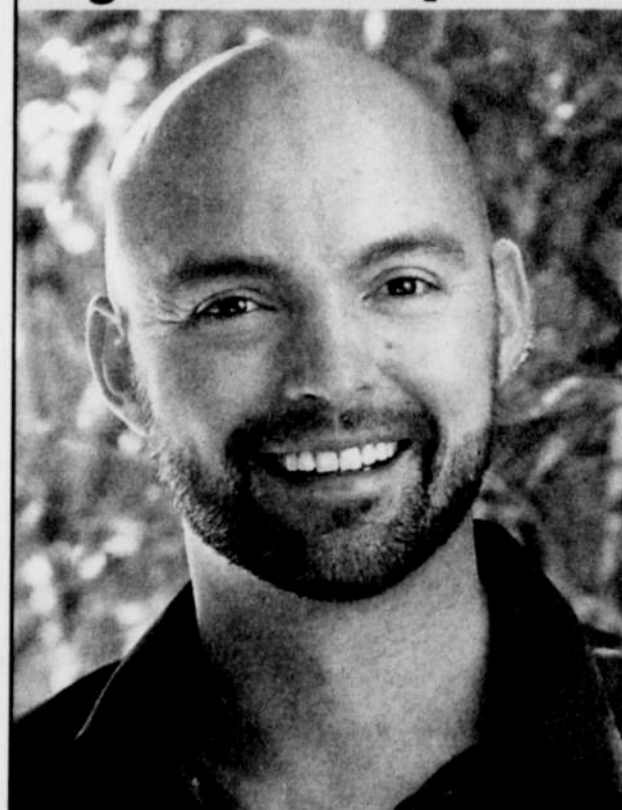
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