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followed by a student speaker and this year's guest keynote speaker, Dr. Ronni Sanlo. A UCLA professor and author of four books, Sanlo originated the idea of a Lavender Graduation, which she first instituted at the University of Michigan in 1995. "Right now, we're trying to get our Lavender Graduation into being a more solid annual event," Payseno explains. "[Sanlo] started the movement, and that's why we chose her."

Following the address, the QRC will announce the winners of this year's Pride Awards, which recognize LGBTQ graduates who have exhibited outstanding achievement and contributions to the community.

Payseno, who won a Pride Award last year, says the experience "was really powerful. A big part of it was having my family here, so that they could understand and recognize what I had been doing."

For Bostain, who was recently accepted into an AmeriCorps position, the hectic days preceding commencement have proven a distraction from the approaching Lavender Graduation—and its significance. But when she finally paused a few days ago to think about the milestone, the reality hit her.

"I've been so busy planning," Bostain says, "I almost forgot, 'Oh yeah, it's gonna be an emotional week.'" 

PSU Pride Week 101

The week of Monday, May 24-Friday, May 28, PSU's queer students and their allies will celebrate Pride with a unique series of campus-wide events culminating in Lavender Graduation. Each day features a full slate of options, from lectures to volleyball to dancing. All of the events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. A few highlights follow.

**Love Makes a Family Exhibit**  
*May 24-28, Millar Library (1875 SW Park Ave.)*

Portraits of LGBTQ families, along with written depictions of their stories, will be on display, along with a graffiti wall where students are encouraged to share their own stories.

**Shimmy Shimmy Ooh La La Dance Class Series**

*May 24-27, 6-7:30 p.m. nightly. All classes are in the Smith Memorial Student Union, rooms 327/328, except where noted.*

**Hip-Hop Dancing Classes**

Mon., May 24 (beginner) and Wed., May 26 (intermediate) (room 236)

**Belly Dancing Classes**

Tues., May 25 (beginner) and Thurs., May 27 (intermediate)

Swagger: A Queer Dance Movement will teach participants of varying levels how to get their groove on, while the ladies of body |

awareness | movement will verse participants in the subtle sways of belly dance.

**Leather and Feathers Karaoke Night**

*Tues., May 25, 8 p.m., SMSU room 228*

It's not just karaoke, it's costumed karaoke. "It ended up being costumed," Bostain says, "because some people said, 'We won't go unless you make it really sexy.'"

**Queer Comedy Night**

*Thurs., May 27, 7:30-9 p.m., SMSU room 236*

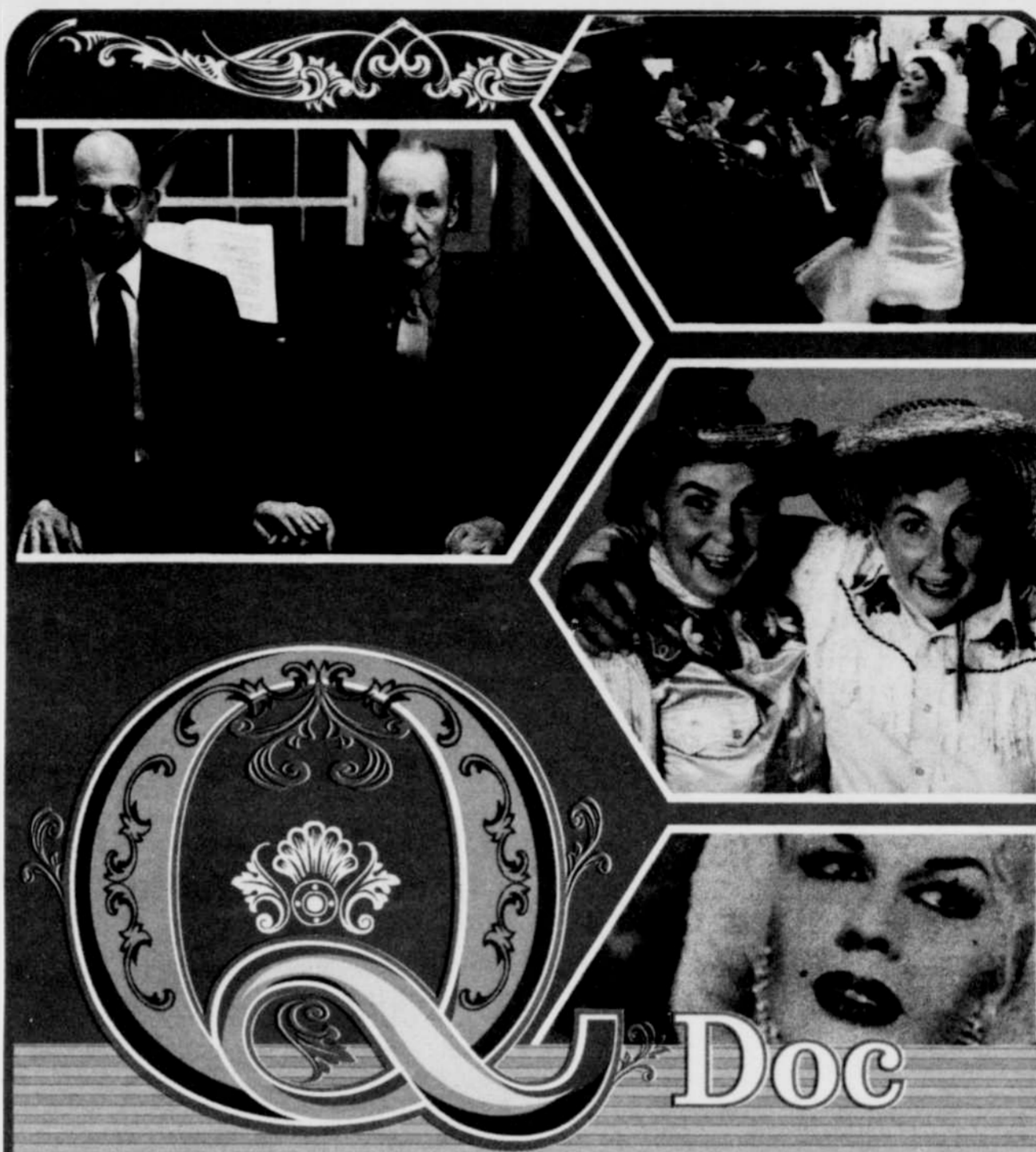
Comedy from Belinda Carroll, Whitney Streed and Valory J. Lawrence.

**Queer Prom Masquerade Dance**

*Fri., May 28, 8 p.m.-midnight Embassy Suites Downtown Portland, 319 SW Pine St., \$3 for students/faculty/staff, \$5 public*

This one's the big shindig. Organizers are hoping for about 350 people for the post-Lavender Graduation party, which features a DJ, no-host bar, costumes and just a touch of drama.

*The Smith Memorial Student Union at PSU is located at 1825 SW Broadway. For a complete lineup and more information on PSU's Queer Resource Center, visit [qrc.pdx.edu](http://qrc.pdx.edu).*



Portland Queer Documentary Film Festival  
June 3-6, 2010  
Clinton Street Theatre

Festival at a Glance

**Thursday June 3**

7:30pm Forever's Gonna Start Tonight  
9:00pm Opening Night Party  
at Broder/Savoy Tavern & Bistro

**Friday June 4**

7:00pm 8: The Mormon Proposition  
9:00pm A Drag King Extravaganza

**Saturday June 5**

1:30pm Unsung: Sylvester  
4:00pm Edie & Thea: A Very Long Engagement  
6:00pm William S. Burroughs: A Man Within  
8:30pm Le Tigre: On Tour

**Sunday June 6**

Noon SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW!  
3:00pm Other Nature  
4:45pm Out In The Silence  
7:00pm Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls

Info & Tickets available at [queerdocfest.org](http://queerdocfest.org)



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