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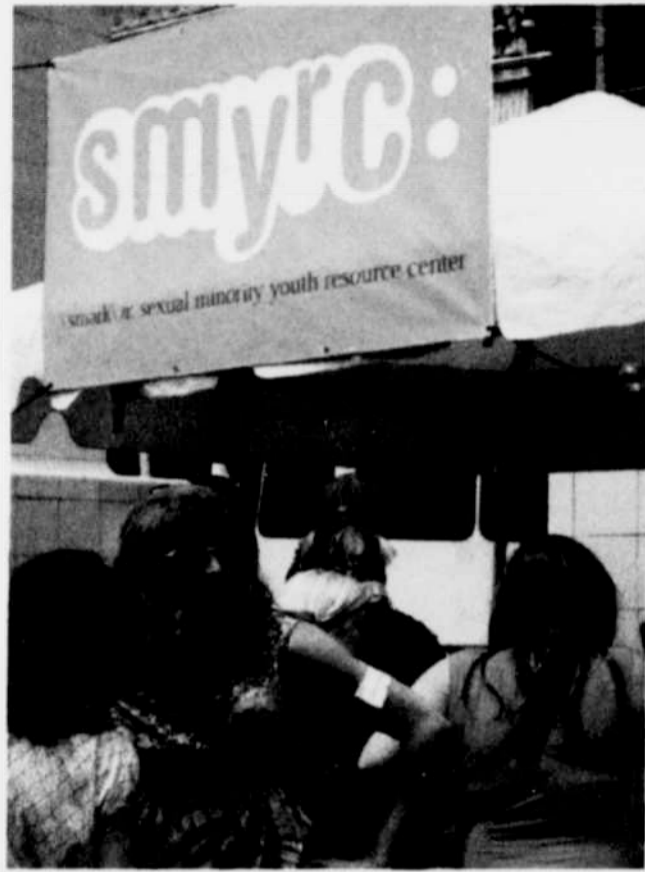
MILEPOST 5

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION
April 8-10
900 NE 81st ave
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Artist community realized! 3 day arts festival. Over 100 artists, music, performance, spoken word, tours, ribbon cutting with Mayor Sam Adams. Free. All ages.

Panel discussion: *Artist Affordable Housing Forum* sponsored by *Regional Arts & Culture Council* and *Office of Mayor Sam Adams*. Sat. April 9, 3-5 pm

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event—the QSOCC aims to create and maintain a safe space that will allow for the exploration of white supremacy, patriarchy, heterosexism, trans-oppression, fat oppression and more to find out how they affect and restrict access to higher education, resources and connections to other queer students of color, white LGBTQ students, heterosexual students and faculty and administrators of all backgrounds.

While the conference's focus is on queer students of color, heterosexual and white allies are welcome to join in on conversations as participants. Registration is \$10 at the door.

In student scholarship news, Equity Foundation recently announced the recipients of the **2011-12 Bill and Ann Shepherd Legal Scholarship Fund**: Lauren Robertson at Willamette University School of Law and Heidi Wong at Lewis & Clark School of Law. Each school will receive \$5,500 on behalf of its recipient.

Shepherd Legal Scholars are required to demonstrate a healthy balance of academic success and activist commitment to the LGBTQ civil rights movement. The scholarship is named after Bill and Ann Shepherd, who in the 1970s co-founded what would become the Portland chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

On Friday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m., the signature fundraising event for the scholarship, a classical music and dessert revue at The Old Church (1422 SW 11th Ave.) dubbed "A Class Act," is expected to once again prove a rousing success. Composer and soprano Theresa Koon returns by popular demand, and honorary co-chairs of this year's Shepherd Fund include Charles Hinkle, Vera Katz, Norma Paulus, Cheryl Perrin, former Portland Mayor Tom Potter and Kathleen Saadat.

Tickets to "A Class Act" are \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door.

For more information about SMYRC's Night of Noise, visit smyrc.org. For information about "That's So Gay" in Bend on April 15, email ashxdoak@gmail.com. For more on the Queer Prom at Q Center, contact Dede Willis at 971-722-5782. To register for the Queer Student of Color Conference, go to sites.google.com/site/quosoc, or visit qrc.pdx.edu for more information. For tickets in advance to "A Class Act," visit The Funny Bone (617 SW Washington St.) or head to ogalla.org/aaclassact.html.

Miss. Studios Auction and Concert to Benefit Local Film, Sexual Assault Resource Center

A concert and auction at 7 p.m. Friday, April 8 at Mississippi Studios (3939 N. Mississippi Ave.) is slated to kick off *Rid of Me*, a film by Portland's James Westby, as he prepares to premiere the movie at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City in April. The event will benefit the film's journey, as well as the Sexual Assault Resource Center, with some high-profile performances by Storm Large, Grand Archives, Ohioan, Oracle and Part Time Pony.

the Queer Resource Center, Night of Noise brings LGBTQ youth and allies ages 12-23 together to share stories and experiences around the national Day of Silence.

Mo Kenny, SMYRC's Satellite Program developer and Pride Project program coordinator, reports that in the past, youth have expressed themselves and their thoughts on equality in the Night of Noise open mic by playing guitar, singing, reading an original poem, doing an interpretative dance, displaying a painting they made and much more.

The open mic will be youth-focused, but the SMYRC youth steering committee voted to allow all ages to Night of Noise.

The Domino Room in Bend, Ore. (51 NW Greenwood Ave.) hosts "That's So Gay," a **Night of Noise celebration**, also on April 15, from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Featuring an open mic organized by Queer Youth Space, stand-up comedian Chris Doucette from New York City and Portland drag-comedy duo ChiChi and Chonga, the event stands to be a loud response to LGBTQ harassment and bullying.

The following day, Saturday, April 16 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Portland Community College's Queer Club throws an **all-ages, '90s-themed Queer Prom at Q Center** (4115 N. Mississippi Ave.) to benefit Portland's revered LGBTQ community space.

Whether dressed as a goth, raver or grunge rocker, attendees will enjoy dancing to DJ Stormy Roxx and DJ Hufnstuf, and have the opportunity to give back not only to Q Center, but also to PCC campus' starving students via the Rock Creek Canteen Project. Admission is \$5 without your college ID, and a canned food donation with college ID. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

From one campus-led LGBTQ effort to another, **PSU hosts the first annual Queer Student of Color Conference** April 29-May 1. The conference is designed to provide resources, leadership, training and skills through workshops that engage, stimulate and bring awareness to the unique issues that affect queer students of color and the communities they occupy.

With a diverse lineup of workshops, film screenings and a speech by keynote speaker Elena Rose—there's even a speed-dating