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In the meantime, RCSA has its sights set on the Fall Ball season, running September 11-October 2. This LGBTQ-inclusive fall schedule is for both men and women, spread across four to six teams. The smaller pool of players provides a singular social mix, with four doubleheaders making up the eight total games.

All games are held Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Farragut Park Softball Field (N. Kerby and N. Farragut). The cost to register is \$25 per person and includes a T-shirt. Registered players do not meet their team until the first day of games.

More information about RCSA's Fall Ball schedule can be found by visiting [rcsaopen.org](http://rcsaopen.org).

—RYAN J. PRADO



Good luck, Favor Ellis!

### Oregon Universities Get High Marks on 2011 LGBT-Friendly Campus Index

Three Oregon universities have ranked among the best campuses in the country for LGBT students.

Oregon State University, Southern Oregon University and the University of Oregon all received five out of five possible stars on the 2011 Campus Pride LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index, which lists reports on nearly 300 campuses.

The three schools are among 33 American colleges and universities to receive the highest ranking from the index, which uses detailed, voluntary questionnaires from participating universities and evaluates them on everything from LGBT support and institutional commitment to campus safety and academic life.

Each summer, colleges and universities update their Campus Climate Index with new data that reflect their institutions' continuing efforts to create more inclusive campuses. The 33 schools scoring a perfect, five-star rating in 2011 nearly double that of the August 2010 report. OSU and U of O also placed on last year's ranking.

For more information, visit [campusclimateindex.org](http://campusclimateindex.org).

—AMANDA SCHURR

### Ellis Announces Departure from SMYRC

After three years, Favor Ellis has announced her decision to leave her position as program director of the Sexual and Gender Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC).

In an August 23 email to *Just Out* publisher Marty Davis, Ellis said "an amazing opportunity" had been presented to her and "after a great deal of soul searching and evaluation of the needs of the community," she was resigning, effective October 3.

Ellis continued: "It has been my pleasure and honor to have been with SMYRC these last three years. I am deeply grateful to have had this opportunity to nurture innovative and joyful programs with LGBTQ youth, and to be a witness to the power of LGBTQ

youth to truly change the world. ... I am consistently awed by the resiliency, passion and vision of the youth we serve."

Updates on the organizational transition are expected in the next few weeks.

SMYRC is located at 3024 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Call 503-872-9664 or visit [smyrc.org](http://smyrc.org) for more information.

—AMANDA SCHURR

### The Geezer Gallery Generating Buzz, Identity Thieves Returns

With the growing visibility of The Geezer Gallery comes a unique late summer bash. On September 9 from 6 to 9 p.m., the gallery—comprised of artists aged 60 and over—will present an evening of food, entertainment and visual art from LGBTQ artists at the Frank Estates (7510 SW Aloma Way).

Attendees to this free public event will enjoy vino by Hip Chicks Do Wine and delicious food created by Chef Tyler from West Hills Village. City Commissioner Amanda Fritz will be in attendance, and Kate Sullivan will supply the live music.

In more LGBTQ art news, Pivot (209 SW Fourth Ave.) hosts the multimedia presentation *Identity Thieves* throughout the month of September. The piece, created by local artist and gay activist Jason T. Ingram, focuses on surviving the "ex-gay" movement through fine art, photos, sculpture, live music and more. The current installation includes a series of stuffed bears and their "stories" about varying life experiences in the "ex-gay" movement.

Also showing through September are the evocative pencil drawings of '80s popular culture, politics, art and AIDS icons by Stephen Scott Smith. The artist presents *BURLAP 2B* as a large-scale installation with video and more through October 1 at Breeze Block Gallery (323 NW Sixth Ave.). For more information on the exhibit, turn to p. 21.

For more information on *The Geezer Gallery*, visit [geezergallery.com](http://geezergallery.com). For more on Jason T. Ingram, contact him at [gaypray@gmail.com](mailto:gaypray@gmail.com), or visit [pivotpdx.org](http://pivotpdx.org).

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