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Hate crime on campus

Legal marriage, defaced posters affect campus club

Ten ways to fight hate on campus

- 1. Rise up:** Inaction in the face of hate will be viewed as apathy or, worse yet, as support for bigotry itself. Do something. Don't let hate go unchallenged.
- 2. Pull together:** Bias incidents and hate crimes can divide communities. Don't let hate tear people apart on your campus; pull together instead.
- 3. Speak out:** When hate strikes, don't remain silent. Join with others; use your voices to denounce bigotry. Also, help guide the administration in its role.
- 4. Support the victims:** Make sure that any planned response to a hate crime or bias incident takes into account the victim's needs and wishes. Too often, decisions are made on behalf of victims, but without their actual input.
- 5. Name it, know it:** Are you dealing with a hate crime or a bias incident? Hate crimes are a matter for the criminal justice system; bias incidents are governed by campus policy.
- 6. Understand the media:** What happens if the media descends on your campus during a bias crisis? And what happens if they don't? Prepare yourself to understand and work with the media.
- 7. Know your campus:** Before, during and after a bias crisis, examine institutional racism and bigotry on your campus. Be prepared to negotiate your way through these problem areas for effective changes.
- 8. Teach tolerance:** Bias crises often bring pain, anger and distrust to campus. They also present an opportunity for learning. Don't miss the chance to eradicate ignorance.
- 9. Maintain momentum:** The immediate crisis has passed. You've got two papers due and a midterm coming up. No one seems interested in follow-up meetings. What happens now?
- 10. Pass the torch:** What happens when you leave campus? Will you leave behind a record of activism that will inspire incoming students to pick up the fight? Make sure you do.

—Information taken from a pamphlet handed out at a training session on how to prevent hate at school, distributed by tolerance.org.

Vandalism of Rainbow Club posters stirs up awareness

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With recent defacing of Rainbow Club posters on campus, and statements such as "eat shit and die," "shut up and move to San Francisco," and "God hates fags" written on comment sheets, Clackamas students and faculty are witnessing and experiencing hate crime firsthand.

However, dealing with hate crime is not something new to clubs on campus, including the Rainbow Club, Clackamas' gay-straight alliance.

Club posters are allowed to hang on campus walls for up to 30 days, however Rainbow Club posters typically do not last for more than a couple of days.

"We have people writing on them, we have people spitting on them. It's [people] ripping posters down or ripping posters in half," said Cheryl Hollatz-Wisely, director of Student Leadership and Outreach and co-advisor for the Rainbow Club.

"I don't think we're the only club that goes through this, but we're part of an organization that is a divisive issue in this country, especial-

ly right now," said Tara Sprehe, of Student Outreach and Service Learning, faculty coordinator and also a co-advisor of the Rainbow Club.

Despite hurtful words, the club was inspired to hear everyone's thoughts after receiving comments on their posters.

"We thought, if people are going to write on our posters, let's create posters that they can write on," said Sprehe, who also commented on the 1,600 plus gay marriages that have taken place in Multnomah County in the last four days. "I think that the marriage licenses are helping shape that conversation," she said.

The Rainbow Club hung two blank posters on McLoughlin Hall and on the Community Center leaving anyone a place to express their opinion.

Along with uplifting and supportive comments, the aforementioned hateful comments were also quickly noticed on the sheets.

Hate crimes like this are usually the first stage of a string that can lead to even worse things, such as "When you write something

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Two fires, two days sparks concern



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Clackamas County Fire Department puts out a fire started in a trash can last night.

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Two small fires outside the Community Center caused minimal damage on Monday and Tuesday night; campus officials say they don't know if the fires are related.

A small fire outside the Community Center Monday night didn't cause much damage thanks to custodian Mel Hostetler, who used a fire extinguisher to douse the flames before the Clackamas County Fire District (CCFD) arrived.

"It was a close call," said Ken Kellogg, stationary engineer for campus services. Kellogg had spotted the blaze just after Hostetler and radioed Campus Safety before rushing over with a mop bucket.

"By the time I got here, Mel [had] grabbed the fire extinguisher and gotten there before me," Kellogg said. "I doused [the fire] with water just to be safe, [then] the fire department took over."

According to Dick Ashbaugh, department chair of criminal justice and emergency management, there was no damage and no one was in danger. The fire department briefly investigated the scene and concluded the fire was likely ignited by a cigarette thrown into the bushes.

On Tuesday night, another small fire was set ablaze in a trash can on the lower level courtyard between the Community Center and Barlow Hall.

At about 6:30 p.m. the CCFD arrived at the bus turn around and promptly put out the blaze.

According to Clackamas County Fire District Lt. Mike Corless the fire posed no immediate threat to students or any campus buildings.

The causes of both fires are unknown and, according to Campus Safety, a CCFD investigator will be sent to campus to look into the blazes. Campus Safety was unsure when the investigation would take place.

"It was still blazing when the fire department showed up," Campus Safety Officer Patrick Duley said. "The cause is kind of unknown right now; this could be an accident. But since it was around the same time as last night's fire, we are going to run some extra patrol in that area the next few days around the same time. The whole problem is, we don't know the cause."



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This slightly burned pack of cigarettes was found in the ashes of the burnt trash can.