Coffee House Opens with Bottomless Cups

Walking into the Holding Together Coffee House, you might suspect for a moment that you've stumbled into a San Francisco cafe. Peering through the hanging begonias and ferns, you might even imagine a more Parisian setting with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall talking in comfortable seclusion.

No matter what image its low-key atmosphere conjures, the coffee house at 370 W. 6th (6th and Lawrence) would be a difficult place to be uncomfortable in. The latest addition to Eugene's dwindling coffee house population, named after an I Ching symbol, has an uncontrived, homey atmosphere. Potted blood-leaf and philodendron plants sit on tables in the converted downstairs of a remodeled house. Local art hangs between the windows adorned by old-fashioned curtains. The fire burning in the large brick hearth creates an atmosphere akin to that of a living room.

Despite the intimate coziness of Holding Together, some might find it disconcerting that the place was formed by a collective of gay men and women. Their goal is to create a niche where gays as well as straights could enjoy a cup of coffee by the fire.

Says John Damon, a local poet and Holding Together collective member, "This place is for everybody. It's not done in the heterosexual segregationist sort of way. Heterosexuals can go anywhere without having to worry if they'll be comfortable. We have to make a point of saying gay people are welcome too."

A wary heterosexual can be assured that there isn't anything incredibly sexual about a cup of tea and a plate of food. The menu, however, does provide some stimulating treats. The house specialty is the "Soulburger" which is a blend of soybeans and vegetables wrapped in an Indian bread packet and deep fried. Damon says it has complete proteins. It tastes good. Three-egg omelettes, reasonably priced at $1.25 are also delectable. The pastries, priced from 15 to 75 cents, are among the best in Eugene.

Though the coffee could be warmer, you can get a bottomless cup of a foreign blend for 25-cents. Except for pepperoni pizza and turkey sandwiches, Holding Together has a basically vegetarian cuisine. The collective says it intends to expand into a more meaty menu for its less herbivorous clientele. For now, it's the only quasi-organic place in Eugene where you can get a side of fries.

Keeping with its community orientation, Holding Together has given women charge of Monday nights for a women's night. Tuesday night, the place is rented to community groups for benefits, dances or large dinners. The Westside Day Care Center, Women's Law Forum and Eugene Gay People's Alliance are some of the groups who will use the facilities in the near future. After a Sunday afternoon pastry and coffee fest, Holding Together's doors open for poetry reading.

Randy Shilts
Support needed for gay rights bill

By Randy Shilts

House Bill 2930 — prohibiting employment and housing discrimination against gay people — is the most important issue facing the legislature this year. On the issue of homosexuality there is little save myths and lies that dominate discussion.

The word faggot means kindling. In the Middle Ages a substantial number of the heretics burned were gay people. Since to be gay was to be synonomous with being burned, the word faggot (kindling) became synonomous with gay. The oppression of gay people is not new to our civilization — read the Bible — it has merely taken different forms. When the church had power, gay people were heretics to be burned. When the state has power, gay people are criminals to be imprisoned. The trend is now away from treating gay people as legal criminals (though in forty-three states of the U.S. I would commit a felony every time I made love) as we are now considered "sick" — needing the help of our well-adjusted straight brethren. In many states gay people are forced into mental hospitals and subjected to the type of "de-sensitization treatment" featured in "A Clock-work Orange." (California is particularly zealous in this field.)

Beyond this is the fact that gay people are subject to the most vicious oppression our society can dole out. Gay people are victims of almost universal job, housing and public accomodations discrimination. (The University of Oregon still maintains that it has the right to discriminate against gay people.) Our oppression, however, is unique with unique demands. Unlike an ethnic minority a gay person is not visibly detectable. He can hide the fact that he is gay and not suffer the discrimination.

This gives the gay person a choice. He can manifest his sexual identity — be in love with whom he chooses — and suffer the oppression or he can hide, not suffering the discrimination but also never able to show his affections and love. It is quite simple: the society demands that we live without love. The greatest majority of gay people acquiesce to this demand and live a life of hiding — a life in a closet.

This oppression does not affect a few in a lunatic, eccentric fringe; it represents the largest minority in the United States. The twenty-five year old statistics of Kinsey find that 10 percent of men are "more or less exclusively homosexual" and that one out of six men have a preference that orients them sexually in a manner more gay than straight. Other studies have found that women's rates of gayness is somewhat lower though roughly in these proportions. Gay liberation boils down to letting this massive minority deal with its sexuality at an honest, healthy level away from the repression of hiding and the oppression of discrimination. People will not be free to channel their affections in the way they feel under the existing threat of the destruction of their career as a price. In the eyes of the law, however, gay people are not "3-5 a man" — we are nothing at all. We have no protection, no recourse from a hostile society's discrimination. House Bill 2930, that will be voted on in the House within the next week would prohibit discrimination in employment and housing on the basis of sexual orientation. (Sexual orientation defined as homosexual, bisexual or heterosexual preference). Its passage would be a first and necessary step to the arrest of our oppression. Many Eugene House Representatives are still undecided on this simple bill to enfranchise as citizens this largest minority. We need constituent letters and pressure on them if the bill is to pass.

While I do not have the space to comment here on all the myths of illness, morality and naturality, I can offer myself and members of Gay People's Alliance to talk to any group at any time about gay issues.

Every day you come in contact with gay people. Except for the few of us that are able to overcome society's self-alienation and oppression most gay people face a very bitter, lonely life if they are not protected by the law. Your pressure on state House members can make the difference. The person you are helping may be your sister, your brother, the person you have a beer with, your neighbor — or even yourself.

Please write your legislators in support of House Bill 2930.

Representatives that are yet undecided and should be contacted are: Wayne Whitehead, Mary Burrows, David Stults and Richard Eyman. Write care of State Capitol, Salem, Oregon.

Note: Randy Shilts, Oregon's first openly gay public official, is Chairman of the Incidental Fee Committee and a Past Chairman of the Eugene Gay People's Alliance.

Letters

Not realistic

Mr. Sonnenfeld's article in Tuesday's salaries, I think there should be guidelines to adjust such factors. The professors are no different from the average working men in this respect.

I can't see an upper bound of $20,000 or $25,000 per year salary will do any good to the students or the taxpayers. Maybe they will save a few bucks a year. But without the "inflation" progress will not be could show me a person who comes to teach at U. of O. solely because he likes the trees on campus, I guess he should believe me if I tell him that I came all the way from Hong Kong only because I like to drive on the superhighways around Eugene.

I don't deny the hypothesis that the more you pay a person the better she or he could show me a person who comes to teach at U. of O. solely because he likes the trees on campus, I guess he should believe me if I tell him that I came all the way from Hong Kong only because I like to drive on the superhighways around Eugene.

There are so many other ways to integrate the minorities into the present system. I think the University is making progress in such matters, and Mr. Sonnenfeld's salary decreasing and restrictions on one group of people in order to benefit the others don't seem quite justified on the equity ground either.

Competition is necessary to improve
Second ASUO ticket aims at 'new leadership'

A homosexual and a Chicana are running together on an ASUO president-vice president ticket with the idea that people with new backgrounds are the only ones that can provide new leadership that the ASUO desperately needs.

Randy Shilts, a past president of the Gay People's Alliance, and Gloria Gonzalez, a member of MEChA, the Chicano Student Union, announced their candidacy Wednesday afternoon. Filing for ASUO president and vice president closes at noon Friday.

"This year there has been an erosion of student power — we haven't had strong leaders," said Shilts, a junior in the honors English program. "A lot of the decisions have been made by unelected officials."

"University President (Robert) Clark wouldn't have had the balls to offer a 10 percent student participation in a co-governance proposal if we had strong leadership," Shilts continued, adding that he felt Clark showed "absolutely no comprehension of the issues."

Any co-governance proposal that does not place students on an equal basis with the Administration and faculty is not acceptable to Shilts and Gonzalez.

Shilts pointed out that the primary reason that the present ASUO is so ineffective is because it is made up of politicians and bureaucrats. "If there is anything Gloria and I are not, it's politicians," Shilts pointed out.

Shilts and Gonzalez are planning to present a list of requests to ASUO Vice President Fred Loveys concerning the operation of the upcoming election. "These requests will be designed to make sure the integrity and honesty of the elections are assured," according to Shilts and Gonzalez.

Two of the requests will be to end the roving ballot boxes and to place the ballot boxes in the EMU safe overnight. Shilts said, ending the roving ballot boxes would terminate the "unfair" extra reminder to vote that people living in fraternities and sororities receive.

Gonzalez, a senior in broadcast communication, is mostly concerned with the loss of student power she feels will come with the establishment of cultural centers for disadvantaged and minority students. "They are like letting somebody else decide what is best for us," she said.

"We can't have the EMU running minority programs," Gonzalez continued. "What would be the purpose of it? They should let us decide if we want to keep the old programs instead of forcing us to go to a center."

If a theme existed for the Shilts and Gonzalez campaign it would be "aggressive leadership." "What the present government has been doing," Shilts said, "is waiting for the administration to do something and then react to it. What we plan to do is confront the administration with issues.

Another memo (see page 4) is directed to all Special Agents in Charge (SACs) in a number of major cities throughout the United States from the FBI Director and lists a number of persons — including Eacchus — who are allegedly making the trip. It states that the group will be known as "David Ifshin, et al.; Logan Act."

The next memo offers detailed instructions to those involved in the investigation. "Recipients are to immediately institute investigation to comply with Department's request. What we must obtain is legal evidence to prove violation of the Logan Act. Interview conducted in this investigation must be supported by signed statements or FD-302's."
With Julia Lawlor

Eric Marcus: My parents separated two years before my father died, and he went to live in a boarding house. My brother and I would spend every Saturday with him. Those were the happiest two years of my life. His behavior was erratic. I learned later that he suffered from depression and was also schizophrenic. But he was still my dad; he was still someone I loved.

When he died, nobody said it was suicide. The official word was that he died of pneumonia. It was just the most ridiculous charade. This man was so strong, so vital. I had played football with him the week before.

Mariette Hartley: I was 23, on the verge of a major success [as an actress] when this happened. This was his first and only attempt. My parents had moved out to California to help me after my divorce from my first husband. We watched a slow deterioration. He was catatonic. He would sit in a corner for months and not talk -- I'd beg him to get help. That morning he called me into his room to look for his glasses. They were clearly hidden under the bedclothes. I think he was trying to reach out for help, but he never said anything. [She returned to the kitchen to finish breakfast with her mother, then heard the gunshot.] I was told not to talk about this with anybody. My mother was full of shame, and didn't want my father to be known only for that.

Marcus: I was a very good child at the funeral. Didn't cry. Everyone said, "You're a grownup now; you have to take care of your mother." Inside, I wanted to scream at everyone and say, "You did this to him." I was all alone in the world. I had no one to talk to. To this day our family doesn't want to talk about it.

Hartley: The most dangerous time for survivors is those first few months after the death, because we are suicidal. This is what nobody wants to talk about. I was so suicidal after my father died. You want to join them. It's a lot less painful. Survivors are terrified of those feelings.

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Fears fade in Oregon wilderness

Hugh McKinley, citizens will be getting many new programs and the city will help support about 27 or 28 non-profit organizations.

One of the new programs is the development of a five-person crime prevention squad. To initiate this program, about $55,000 is needed. The squad will concentrate on preventing major crimes such as burglary. According to Eugene initiators of the program, other cities have cut burglaries by as much as 40 percent by employing such squads.

Another use of money would be to hire another municipal judge. McKinley reports there is a current backlog of some 600 court trials. He says the reason for this is that there has been a push toward ridding the streets of drunken drivers. Because a driving license is immediately taken away with a drunken driving citation, there are many court cases involving defendants

Analysis

As well as receiving money from property taxes, the city also earns money from sources such as the state gasoline tax, liquor and cigarette taxes, parking meters, municipal court fees, dog licenses and franchise fees.

A big chunk of money also comes from the federal government revenue-sharing grant. Because the city says it needs $274,508 more than it did last year, voters question, "What are we getting for the additional money?"

According to City Manager

property taxes. To ask for more would be unconstitutional according to Oregon law unless the voters give their approval.

The budget committee is asking taxpayers to pay $6.49 per $1,000 in assessed property value. Last year voters okayed a payment of $6.93 per $1,000.

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By RANDY SHILTS

Of the Emerald
freshmen orientation

Remember what you imagined the University to be like in those last nervous weeks before your freshman debut?

Remember those wild rumors of classrooms with the size and competition of the Coliseum? The calm professors who mercilessly turned thumbs up and thumbs down? The graduate assistants— their successful gladiators—did the dirty work and the other students were supposed to lie like lions, eagerly waiting to devour all in the way of their G.P.A.

Traditional new student orientation usually does little to deter such imaginings.

So the Outdoor Program's "Oregon Outdoors "73" is trying to change the new student's coliseum expectation into a scene no more threatening than a meadow in the Cascades.

The Outdoor Program, in cooperation with Student Services, has found a different way to take the edge of the confidence destroying fears and the problems of adjusting to the University environment. The Oregon Outdoors project gives the new student a chance to discuss his new university career with older students and faculty in a relaxed wilderness setting on an Outdoor Program trip.

The Outdoor Program began the third year of new student outdoor orientation last weekend in conjunction with the regular new student orientation programs.

"Amid the speeches, formal programs and structured meetings of freshman orientation, little time is available for any human contact between new students and faculty or older students," said Bruce Mason, assistant director of the Outdoor Program. "It's this contact the new student needs in order to answer the real questions and fears he has about his coming university life, Mason said."

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Students and faculty who have participated in Oregon Outdoors in the past, agree.

"It broke down the normal initial barriers immediately and also oriented my mind to being in a different place than home," said one student.

A faculty member said the success of his Illinois River orientation trip was "verified by the number of contacts we all made with each other after the Illinois trip. Given the same group of people in another set of circumstances, say an orientation meeting or campus, I don't think it would have happened."

Said Mason, "The program has been very successful in letting students get to know faculty, older students, local wilderness opportunities and just helping them make good friends.

"However," he added, "we have to get more faculty and returning students on trips we're having this month. We really need them since they give a whole dimension of university life for the new student."

Trips will be going out July 20th, 27th, 28th, and 29th. Anyone interested has a range of times to choose from.

If you want to help the new student get over the terrors that the University abyss seems to hold, contact the Outdoor Program (886-4365) in room 23 of the EMU. If you just want to go on some good outdoor trips and meet some new people, you might want to go too.

In any event, Oregon Outdoors offers a creative answer to some very destructive fears.

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**On Campus**

Eighteen internships awarded to students

Eighteen University students have been chosen to work in the Western Institute on Higher Education's (WICHE) summer internship program.

A 12-week summer program coordinated and administered in Oregon by Portland State University's Urban Studies Center, the internships are project-oriented participation within a governmental or private agency, paying the students a stipend between $75 and $95 a week.

Four of the appointments are held by students of the University School of Community Service and Public Affairs (CSPA), which places its students in such internship positions as part of the requirement for graduation with a degree in community service work or public affairs administration.

Interns from the University, their hometowns, and agencies include Douglas Couch (CSPA) of Portland, Portland City Commissioner Lloyd Anderson's office; Jeff Gibbs, Portland; City of Forest Grove; Nancy Hay, Portland; Portland Housing Authority; Ruth Brackenbusch, Eugene, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); John Coggins (CSPA), Eugene, Consumer Research Center at the University; Kimberly Shaw, Eugene, BPA; Larry Thompson, Eugene, Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene;

John Krawczyk (CSPA) Corvallis, City-County Charter Commission in Portland; Teresa Ebert, Milwaukie, Northwest Regional Education Laboratory, Portland; Debbie Bennett (CSPA), Salem, Oregon Executive Department; Michael Wearne, Salem, Beaverton Development Commission;

Craig Cowan (CSPA), Los Angeles, Calif., Oregon Personnel Division; Steven Belcher, Oakland, Calif., Mid-Willamette Valley Council on the Governments; Heather Oakenshield, Redwood City, Calif., Consumer Research Center, the University; Terry Drake, Salinas, Calif., Consumer Research Center, the University;

Allan Schaller, Salina, Colo., Clatsop-Tillamook Inter-Governmental Council, Richard Pettigrew, Spokane, Wash., Bonneville Power Administration; and Jye Liaw, Taiwan, BPA.

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**Planning committee meeting slated**

There will be a meeting of the Campus Planning Committee on Tuesday, July 17, at 11:30 a.m. at the EMU. Location of the meeting will be posted. Schematic designs for the use of Straub Hall by the department of psychology will be presented for committee approval.

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**Incidental Fee Committee meets today**

The Incidental Fee Committee is meeting today at 3 p.m. in the EMU. The meeting is open to the public, room to be posted.

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**Community**

Sex expert to discuss relationships

"Interpersonal Relationships" will be the address of Dr. Lester Kirkendall when the internationally recognized OSU teacher of family life and sex education speaks in Eugene.

Kirkendall's appearance is being sponsored by Gay People's Alliance, and co-sponsored by University Psychology Counseling Department, and Cooperative Christian Ministry of Eugene and Reverend Earl Sabrison.

Kirkendall's address will be tonight at 8:30 p.m. following a Gay People's meeting at 8 p.m. at Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid. The public is encouraged to sit in on the Gay People's meeting and Kirkendall's address. A question and answer session will follow the doctor's address. There is no admission charge.
Students view Nixon pardon with suspicion

If the Emerald sampling of student attitudes on the Nixon pardon represents an accurate cross-section, any honeymoon Gerald Ford may have had with students has ended in a quick divorce.

Most students asked about Gerald Ford’s pardon of ex-President Nixon saw the pardon as a “travesty of justice,” a continuation of the Watergate cover-up or a betrayal of Ford’s trust. Though Ford had student defenders, many in the University community would like to see him impeached because of the pardon.

Typical of the response to the Sept. 8 pardon was the reaction of Chris Schroeder, a senior in political science, who believed Ford should be impeached. “I find it a travesty of justice,” Schroeder asserted. “It seems ludicrous that somebody who has obviously committed crimes should be pardoned before he is even indicted. Most people feel that he should at least be tried, but trying him would be a silly thing to do if he has been pardoned before the fact, and therefore can receive no punishment if he is convicted in a trial.”

Larry King, a sophomore in English from Newport, objected to the pardon on similar grounds. “Politically, I think it was a good thing for Ford to do. The people who were behind Nixon would be behind Ford now, But personally, I thought the law should have been allowed to run its course.”

Some saw the pardon as a violation of the constitutional concept of equal justice under law. Wendy Nelson, a junior in journalism from South Dakota, said, “I think it was a rotten deal for the rest of us. What about all the other criminals who are in jail for lesser crimes than Nixon committed?” Nelson did not think, however, that Ford could be impeached for the pardon.

“I’m pretty disgusted with the whole thing, with just Nixon being pardoned without the rest of them (the other Watergate criminals) being pardoned too,” said Ed Lundersen, a math tutor from St. Helens who did not think Ford should be impeached for the pardon. “If Nixon’s the one who is responsible for the other people being in the position they were in, then I think he should be tried right along with the rest of them. If the rest of them are in jail, he should be in jail right along with them.”

Some questioned Ford’s integrity, and saw elements of a deal in Ford’s pardon. “It’s almost to the point that you would think Richard Nixon had done some deal-making even prior to Gerald Ford’s taking office,” said Jodi Ruff, a 23-year-old senior in CSPA. “I’m questioning whether Gerald Ford and other members of Congress had to offer Nixon amnesty before he would even resign. It’s really factors which Ford took into consideration that will show that it was a wise decision.”

When asked what these factors may be, Baumern said, “I’m sure that Nixon’s health was taken into consideration. Also I think that Gerald Ford’s faith in God had a lot to do with it, too. I think he pardoned Nixon as an example of how God treats us.”

Roger Crozier, a 24-year-old junior in math, defended the pardon on different grounds. “I like it. I think it’s honest. I think Nixon deserves it. Nixon represented the country, he took on the country’s troubles. It [Watergate] was not his personal trouble. It was a sample of the collective, of what was going on everywhere. Nixon became a spokesman for the collective and lost all touch with himself. That was his sacrifice.”

Whether Gerald Ford’s pardon shows him to be a sinner or a saint, it is apparent that the pardon has not ended the divisiveness of Watergate as much as it has given a new issue to be divided about.

Photos by Phil Waldstein

Story by Randy Shilts

Chris Schroeder — “I find it a travesty of justice.”

Lydia Driscoll — “...considering his health, and his hard time, it doesn’t bother me a lot.”

Pamela Evans — “I think Ford should be impeached for committing such an unpardonable sin.”

Bruce Mason — “I definitely think Ford should be impeached...”

Jodi Ruff — “It’s frustrating that Nixon will escape any sort of judicial process.”
Jerome Kilty:
By RANDY SHILTS

Jerome Kilty is at once apocalyptic, humorous, serious, romantic, iconoclastic and, by his own definition, a "knee-jerk liberal." He is quite an actor—on film, on stage, on the written page. Kilty is a man of many parts. He can be seen in the role of Cassius in "Julius Caesar," or as a composer in "The Last of the Mohicans." His work is often characterized by its intense, serious nature. Kilty is a writer who does not shy away from tackling difficult themes such as war, politics, and social issues.

The play "Laffing Man," which Kilty directed, is a post-Watergate tale of the Thees and the Minotaur tribe. The story is an adaptation of a 1946 novel which Kilty says "probably sold four or five copies." The play was written by the American playwright L. Ron Hubbard, who has been the subject of much controversy in recent years.

Kilty, who is known for his uncompromising political views, is a man of many talents. He is a writer, an actor, and a director. He is also a passionate advocate for social justice and human rights.

I think sometimes
I start from the wrong end
of the telescope...

If this all sounds complex, it reflects the complexity of Kilty's own work and mind—qualities which he finds inspiration in his experiences as a writer, actor, and director. Kilty is a man who is always searching for new ways to express himself and his ideas. He is a man who is not afraid to tackle difficult themes, and who is always seeking to push the boundaries of what is possible in the world of theater.

Photo by John Adams

Apocalyptic, humorous, romantic and knee-jerk liberal

"I try to approach themes tangentially rather than head-on, using symbols and metaphors rather than concrete," Kilty said. "I try to arouse within the audience an identification with the characters and situation so I can entice them into bringing their own awareness of a similar situation or character of their own lives. With this involvement I try to make them have a greater experience than either my idea or their own experience could induce separately. They soon will destroy the fun house no matter how the drama's action unfolds. It is with such apocalyptic that Kilty views our society.

"I'm beginning to think I might be able to make it through the intermission without having to see it (the destruction). Kilty, a decorated World War II bombadier, says with a casual air of relief. But it's coming, whether it is a decline or an explosion, a bang or a whimper."