

For further exhibits to Racial Harassment:

See exhibit file:

HB 2479

Also covers HB 2702 and HB 2703

No defamation ^{RS} 4-30-81

In the "Dear Abby" column that the R-G carried on April 20, your headline writer and one of Abby's correspondents seemed to agree that to be publicly called a homosexual is slanderous.

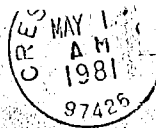
While being known as gay can still unfairly cost people their jobs, and so fits the definition of slander, it is important to note that "accusing" someone of being gay is in no sense a defamation of character.

Gay people have contributed a great deal to society and to this community. They are no more to be despised than are women who wear scarlet in public, an offense for which the Bible prescribes death.

I commend Representative Hendriksen and Senators Fadeley and Kulon-goski for their support of legislation to protect gay people from arbitrary discrimination.

ALAN CONTRERAS
609 E. 14th Ave.
Eugene ..

House Committee on Judiciary
Exhibit A, Racial Harassment
May 8, 1981 - 1:45 pm
1 Page Exhibit
Presented By: Rep. Hendriksen



ALAN CONTRERAS
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Where I work
theres 86 men.
I know that
At least 35 of
them would
break your neck
just for saying
your gay. I'm
one of them
you stinking fag.

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City Hall
Eugene, Oregon 974__

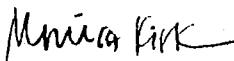
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 18, 1981, the RG "Mailbag" printed my anti-racism letter (see enclosed).

On April 20, I received the enclosed letter (in the same envelope) in response to my letter.

I am passing the information to your agency in hopes that it may assist your investigation of racial harrassment in Eugene.

Yours truly,


Monica Kirk

ENCL

cc: Eugene Human Rights Council
Representative Margie Hendricksen
Senator Edward Fadeley

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Monica

the most racist people I've
ever met are Blacks, when
they quit I will, My racism
has taught me to be more
tolerant of the failings of my
race except for shits who
interbreed with black and
present the world with mix-breed

Children

P.S. In not related to
David Peters

Dean Andrew Peters

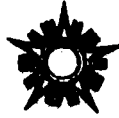
Racism does exist

David Peters' training as a third year law student at the U of O should have taught him the merit of thorough and objective investigation of all facts before he applies the law and sits in judgment over the claims of his classmates (or anyone, for that matter).

His April 8 letter dismissed in 300 words the experiences of many U of O minority and non-minority law students that racism is institutionalized in the system of justice in this land, some call "free." While racist attitudes and their manifestations may not be any more prevalent at the U of O Law Center than at any other law school (arguably), they nevertheless exist and have an adverse impact upon the lives of all of us, whether inside or outside the profession, minority or non-minority, poor or rich. Lastly, the R-G should be criticized for "excepting" Mr. Peters' letter from the 250-word limit for contributions to the Mailbag. My household has had more than one letter returned because it exceeded the word limitation.

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**The League of Women Voters
of Oregon**

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House Committee on Judiciary
Exhibit C, Racial Harassment
May 8, 1981 - 1:45 pm
1 Page Exhibit
Presented By: Rep. Mason

Testimony Supporting HB's 2479, 2702 & 2703
House Judiciary Committee
May 8, 1981

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that the Oregon Legislature has an interest and an obligation to provide for the peace and safety (and happiness) of Oregonians individually, as well as collectively, as declared in Article 1, Section 1 of the Oregon Constitution.

We support the concept embodied in the proposed measures to better protect every individual's basic rights under law, such as that being considered by this committee. It is our belief that the legislature, as the state's policy-making body, is best able to identify and focus on the problems to strengthen current law concerning intimidating or tormenting individuals.

In determining the scope of the proposed legislation, we favor the inclusion of all who require protection from the forms of intimidation specified in the proposed measures. Any limitation or exclusion will not fulfill the general notion implied in the proposals.

We support fully making individuals who intimidate people be subject to criminal penalties; at the same time, we believe that the widest scope of relief should be available to victims of intimidation. It is our hope, therefore, that a provision for private rights of action be included in the legislation.

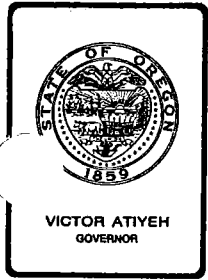
In summary, we support establishing a clear policy concerning intimidation of individuals; we favor offering protection from intimidation -- to live in relative peace; and, we support a wide scope of relief for victims of intimidation.

We commend Governor Atiyeh for taking the initiative in proposing the idea; and, we look toward your leadership in determining a thoughtful and an enforceable law.

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GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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To: House Judiciary Committee
Representatives: Mason, Rutherford, Bugas, Cohen,
Courtney, Hendriksen, Lombard, Springer and Smith

From: Governor's Commission for Women

Date: May 8, 1981

Re: HB 2479, HB 2702 and HB 2703

The Governor's Commission for Women shares the concern of Oregonians about the alarming and increasing incidents of intimidation, harassment and violence towards some citizens by others who are motivated by prejudice and hate.

We support HB 2479 in its effort to address harassment on account of the person's race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin. It is important that the Legislature address specifically the problem that violence is often directed towards a victim solely because of the victim's race or color or religion and to make a strong policy statement that such violence, intimidation and harassment will not be tolerated.

However, equally important is the problem of violence directed towards citizens because of their sexual orientation. The same prejudice and hate which motivates violence against persons who are of a particular color or race or religion also motivates violence against citizens because of sexual orientation. In a free and civilized society, the sense of justice and fairness which motivates us to want to protect persons from the prejudicial acts of others because of color or religion should be no less when the victim of that attack is selected solely because of his/her sexual orientation. Therefore, the Governor's Commission also supports HB 2702 and HB 2703.