

Greene: gay law denies human rights

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The existing Eugene gay rights ordinance guarantees homosexuals "privileges beyond what other people enjoy," according to Lynn Greene, a leader of a movement to repeal the ordinance passed by the Eugene City Council last November.

Greene is director of VOICE of the People, which succeeded in getting measure 51 placed on the May 23 ballot. If the measure passes, the city council's action to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual preference would be repealed.

Greene told Eugene's Active 20-30 Club Wednesday that the Eugene ordinance denies people freedom of thought and con-

science. She said the ordinance violates these "guaranteed human rights."

She hypothesized that an employer whose employees objected to working with a homosexual because of their conduct would be backed into a corner.

"Under the ordinance you are faced with either having all of your employees quit or fire the homosexual and thereby violating the law," she said, adding that under the ordinance an employer firing a gay person would result in a possible fine and jail sentence.

"Under the ordinance, homosexuals are protected against discrimination for any conduct that would lead you to believe they are a homosexual in jobs and public accommodations," Greene said. As a result straights could be thrown out of public places for certain actions while gays

couldn't be legally ejected for similar actions she said.

Greene charged that other cities, that have passed resolutions weaker than Eugene's, have experienced a rise in the occurrences of boy prostitution and venereal disease.

"Statistics for Oregon and Washington show that from 66 to 80 percent of all syphilis cases involve homosexuals."

Greene refuted the claim that the ordinance would provide for greater integration for gays in the straight community.

She cited Great Britain, which passed pro-gay legislation ten years ago, as an example of what could happen in Eugene. She said that integration hasn't resulted and the opposite has occurred, with British society being fragmented into two polarized groups.

"The ordinance could create a heterosexual culture and a homosexual culture. I don't think that would be good for Eugene."

VOICE of the People is a locally funded group of 1,000 volunteers and has received no financial or other forms of support from national anti-gay rights groups, such as Anita Bryant's, according to Greene.

Greene said VOICE's campaign differs from Bryant's in that VOICE isn't appealing to people's moral and religious conviction.

"We are trying to reach people who feel uneasy about voting against something to do with human rights," Greene said. "People should vote yes on measure 51 because the ordinance gives homosexuals privileges at the expense of guaranteed human rights for other individuals."

Appraisal starts on Oregon's soil, water

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A formidable analysis of Oregon's natural resources and their future is underway, in response to the federal Resources Conservation Act of 1977.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service (SCS), the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SSWCC) and the state's 47 Soil and Water Conservation Districts

are working together to develop Oregon's share of a five-year national conservation program.

"Primarily, there are still an awful lot of problems nationwide with respect to land usage and water management," said Douglas Bishop of the Portland SCS office.

The act calls for SCS appraisal of the nation's soil, water, and related resources; development of a comprehensive five-year program to guide conservation efforts; and

evaluation of the effectiveness of existing conservation programs.

"Each Soil and Water Conservation District will examine its problems and end up with different priorities," Bishop said.

In Lane County, there are three SWCD's — the Upper Willamette, North Lane and Siuslaw. The five elected SWCD board members will identify severe district problems, and then hold public meetings for citizen input, according to Bishop.

The 47 district appraisals will then be coordinated at the state level. "Each state will identify its major problems — this will tell us what specialists to hire and what the state's budget needs are," Bishop said.

"This appraisal part of the five-year process is to be completed by the end of 1978, with a nationwide inventory of conservation

problems and opportunities," he said. The three county districts are scheduled to complete their natural resource appraisals by June, 1978.

Groups or individuals interested in participating in the conservation appraisals can contact the Eugene office of the Lane Soil and Water Conservation District, at 687-6436.

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Standards Committee's recommendations regarding the awarding of academic credit for tutoring.

"We cannot accept the notion that every worthwhile activity should be granted academic credit," Struble said. The committee recommended that credit for tutoring be offered only through the Learning Resources Center, Center for Self-Development and the ESCAPE field program.

Marshall Wattles, vice-provost, gave a progress report on the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF) bargaining sessions.

"I'm sure you've seen in the paper or heard the news that the negotiations have reached an impasse," he said. "We failed to reach an agreement on an issue and the Union took the position that the University is stalling."

Wattles said the issue had to do with relationships which the University collective bargaining team believes involve a conflict between the graduate students' separate roles as student and employee.

"We have never attempted to

take from the GTFs any rights or benefits they have, but we do not believe it is appropriate to put in a contract privileges that attach to graduate students as students," Wattles explained.

Wattles said the next step in negotiations is to have a State Conciliation Service mediator attempt to resolve the differences on the points in contention.

"We are not sure when the mediator will be here, but we assume that it will be within the next two or three weeks," he said. "Following that, the law establishes other procedures which will be followed if negotiations do not make appropriate headway."

Wattles said the University wishes to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. "We are appreciative of the role of graduate students on our campus," he said.

"We stand ready to continue these negotiations at any time that they wish to come back to the bargaining table. If they do not come back we shall follow the procedures mandated by law in the hope that we can arrive at solutions beneficial to the University and to the GTFs."

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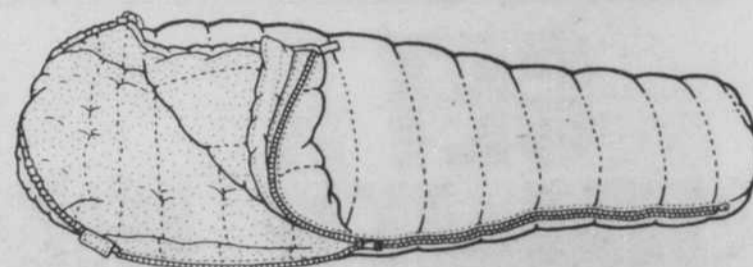


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