

PAWS demands equal radio air time

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Claiming they have been denied equal access to radio air time, members of the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) and the Committee to Ban Decompression Chambers in Lane County (CBDC) may file an equal time complaint with the Federal Communications Commission

(FCC) against Eugene radio station KUGN.

According to Diane Yeager, a member of both PAWS and CBDC, the groups may register a complaint with the FCC because opponents of Ballot Measure Six, who want to eliminate the use of the controversial decompression chamber as a method of killing unwanted animals in the county, have been sold more air time for

their political messages.

Yeager, who spoke to the Lane County Demo Forum about the measure Friday, said afterwards that opponents of Ballot Measure Six were allowed to broadcast several radio messages against the measure and participate in KUGN's Talkradio show, while supporters of the measure weren't offered comparable radio time to respond.

Although no action has been taken by the groups on the matter, PAWS lawyers are researching an FCC equal access complaint, Yeager said. Management officials at KUGN were not available for comment.

The decompression chamber touched off a controversy last September when members of the CBDC, including the machine's operator, questioned the chamber's humaneness. The chamber, a large cylindrical machine that kills unwanted animals by suffocation, has since

failed mechanically and won't be repaired for use by the Green Hill Animal Shelter (formerly the Lane County Humane Society).

The ballot measure that would eliminate the chamber and replace it with injections of Sodium Phenobarbital as the method to kill unwanted animals has come under increasing attack from area veterinarians. During the past week, Eugene's Chamber of Commerce denounced the proposed measure as "narrow, poorly written and too costly."

The measure, however, is badly needed to insure that unwanted animals are killed as humanely as possible, Yeager told the Demo Forum audience. Questions of the replacement drug's availability and cost on the West Coast were raised by a Portland veterinarian supply salesman whose firm does not carry Sodium Phenobarbital she said.

The drug can be obtained by return mail when ordered, Yeager

said, and it costs only five cents to kill a large dog with an injection.

News releases and paid anti-measure six commercials by opponents of the measure were continuously broadcast by KUGN radio last week, Yeager said. Local veterinarians opposed to the measure were also allowed time on the station's Talkradio program last Sunday evening.

Supporters of the measure, however, were offered time on the Talkradio program two hours later than the opponents, Yeager said, which prompted the equal access complaint.

After meeting with KUGN officials Friday, Yeager and supporters of the measure arranged to appear on the show from 9 to 11 p.m. Sunday evening.

"We don't think it's the management of KUGN who won't allow us equal time," Yeager said. "We think it's the newscasters who run the programs."

Survival Center hires Stratton as director

The University Survival Center announced Friday that Jim Stratton will serve as its director for 1978-79.

Outgoing Director Janet Gillaspie also named three chosen as assistant directors for next year: Bruce Farling, Cathy Johnson and John Rimel.

Stratton said much of the Survival Center's energy next year will go toward supporting pro-environmental referendums in the general election and lobbying with the state Legislature.

"We'll be lobbying all next year on the issues we've researched this year," Stratton said, referring to the center's Legislative Action Team.

An ocean symposium is also on the agenda for next year, "probably during winter term," according to Stratton.

"We'll examine not just the killing of the ocean's creatures, but also pollution of the sea from oil spills and land sources, the possibilities of the sea as a food source and the impacts it would have, and the mining of the ocean's minerals," he said.

Stratton also stressed the center's need for "committed volunteers." He said the best volunteer help is from people who follow an issue through the year.

"We offer credit and a unique learning experience," he said.

The new assistant directors will be responsible for different areas of environmental interest, Stratton said, according to interest and expertise.

Farling has been active with both the Oregon Wildlife Coalition and the Sierra Club. Jackson worked as the center's office manager during the past year and Rimel has been a volunteer in many areas, including public relations.

Gillaspie, who has been especially active in energy issues this year, will work this summer as a research assistant for the state Department of Energy. She will prepare a consumer advocacy plan for use in electricity rate hearings.



The State Forestry Board's Forestry Assistance Committee will meet Wednesday in Eugene, to consider plans promoting more intensive use of the state's forests.

The meeting will start at 9 a.m. at Lane Community College, in the board room of the Administration building — it will be open to the public.

Forestry department staff recommendations will be considered, including one urging county governments to put some of their timber receipts back into intensive forest management. Another plan would require public owners of forest lands to make major efforts to rehabilitate their unproductive holdings in the Coast Range by 1990 and forest

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industry owners to complete rehabilitation by the end of the century.

Converting the underproductive Coast Range land into productive timberland is a major step in the board's program designed to prevent a future timber shortage, the "Forestry Program for Oregon."

University biologist Edward Novitski has received a \$43,000 grant to continue his research on "The Nature of Radiation-Induced Genetic Damage."

He is studying the differences between chromosomal damages caused by chemical compounds and those caused by radiation. His experimental subjects are *Drosophila*, or fruit flies, a species whose chromosome structure is similar to humans'.

Novitski received a four-year award to pursue his studies in 1977 from the National Institute of Health; the grant is a part of that award.

A traveling solar exhibit will

open Tuesday, May 16, at the University's Architecture and Allied Arts School.

The exhibit features three working models of solar/heating systems and films of solar homes and their heating and cooling systems. The converted mobile home's travels are sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"The van is designed as an education and solar energy promotion tool for designers and manufacturers of solar energy systems," according to HUD solar analyst Barbara Whipple.

The exhibit will be parked on 13th Avenue in front of Johnson Hall during its University visit, open at hours yet to be announced.

The Sierra Club's first Annual Outdoor Equipment Swap is scheduled for Saturday, May 20. The group will sell outdoor gear for a 10 percent consignment fee, from noon until 5 p.m.

Consignments will be accepted from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1475 Ferry Street in Eugene.

Housing workshop offered

Students interested in moving off campus this summer or next year are invited to attend a housing workshop from 7 to 8 tonight in the Forum. The workshop will focus on when and how to look for housing, how much it costs, finding a good landlord and what kind of housing is available. A question-answer session will follow.

The workshop is sponsored by ASUO Off-Campus Housing. For more information call 686-3731 or stop by Suite 3 of the EMU.

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