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...Like other unwanted animals in the county, this canine won't face a decompression chamber.

## Voter statement clear on animal measure

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The overwhelming victory of Tuesday's ballot measure which eliminated the controversial decompression chamber in Lane County was a "statement" by county voters, an animal welfare activist said Wednesday.

That statement may now be carried statewide.

Diane Yeager, head of the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), says the victory of Measure #6 by nearly a three-to-one margin shows that county voters wanted their unwanted animals killed as humanely as possible. It may also show that people in the county are ready to accept responsible pet ownership.

"I think the tremendous margin shows that people are really seeing what the problem is and that they want humane euthanasia for their animals," Yeager said.

The decompression chamber was defeated Tuesday night as voters approved the measure 55,072 to 14,741.

The chamber, a large cylindrical machine that kills unwanted animals by suffocation, became the focus of a county-wide controversy last September when several citizens, including the machine's operator, questioned its humaneness.

The chamber has since failed mechanically and, because of the measure's approval, won't be repaired for use in the Green Hill Animal Shelter (formerly the Lane County Humane Society).

The measure was placed on the ballot after PAWS and the Committee to Ban Decompression Chambers in Lane County gathered several thousand voter signatures. A last minute door-to-door canvass by the groups was also part of the campaign.

The overwhelming approval of the measure that replaces the chamber with injections of sodium pentobarbital as the only method to kill unwanted animals, may be a good sign for animal welfare activists, Yeager said. The next step may be taking the issue to the entire state.

"I think that it sure would be nice," she said, "but right now the legislature isn't convened so we've got a lot of time to think about it."

If the measure is pressed statewide, the legislation "probably won't be as strict as the one we passed here," she said. "We made ours here for a specific set of circumstances."

Yeager and other PAWS members were "stunned" by the large number of voters who turned out to vote on their measure. Of the winning votes, only six percent didn't vote either for or against the measure.

The group's victory may be short-lived, however. There is speculation that several local veterinarians, who opposed the measure to the end, might challenge the new ordinance in the courts.

"I think they really have no reason to be uptight about the whole thing," she said. "I think that if they just gave it a chance they'd find that it works better than before. But if they jumped the gun and tried to challenge it next week, then I think they'd be going too far."

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# Measure No. 51 opponents ask for court battle funds

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Although "Vote No on 51" buttons are now campaign relics, opponents of the successful human rights ordinance repeal announced Wednesday they would start collecting money to fight

court battles.

The measure to repeal a clause in Eugene's human right ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing and jobs for reasons of "sexual discrimination" won by a 2-1 margin Tuesday.

Douglas Huneke, campus Pres-

byterian minister and an ardent speaker against the repeal, said churches and organizations will be asked to contribute to a "fund for justice" to take violations of gay rights to court.

Huneke called on VOICE, the organization which led the repeal effort, to contribute money to the fund.

Larry Dean, VOICE campaign manager, said although the group is against unfair treatment — against bigotry and prejudice of any kind, "he didn't think VOICE had any funds 'left to give.'"

Dean added that VOICE supporters believe homosexuals enjoy the same laws that protect the rights of all citizens and that a special ordinance was not necessary.

Dean said he thinks the fund is a good idea because there are isolated instances of discrimination against homosexuals and those should be dealt with in court.

Anita Bryant, the Bible-quoting leader of a successful drive to repeal a similar ordinance in Miami, sent VOICE a congratulatory telegram.

Bryant praised VOICE "the Christian public and all the citizens of Eugene who worked and voted against legalized immorality."

The telegram continued: "Let us continue to reach out in Godly love to all homosexuals who want deliverance, while opposing at the threshold every attempt of the militant homosexuals to represent their lifestyle as 'normal' and to impose it on us and our children."

## State Board to hold tuition, fees hearing

The State Board of Higher Education will conduct a public hearing 11 a.m. Friday on proposed tuition, dormitory room and board and other fees for the 1978-79 academic year.

The hearing, to be held in Room 338, Smith Memorial Center on the Portland State University campus, will be followed by the board's final assessment of fees.

The following tuition schedule has been recommended by the board's finance committee and modified by the state's Emergency Board:

Resident undergraduates: \$194 per term, a \$13 increase, non-resident graduates, \$810 per term, a \$46 increase; resident graduates, \$333 per term, a \$10 increase and non-resident graduates, \$441 per term, a \$69 increase.

The finance committee, in complying with the Legislature's intent, has set tuition rates for next

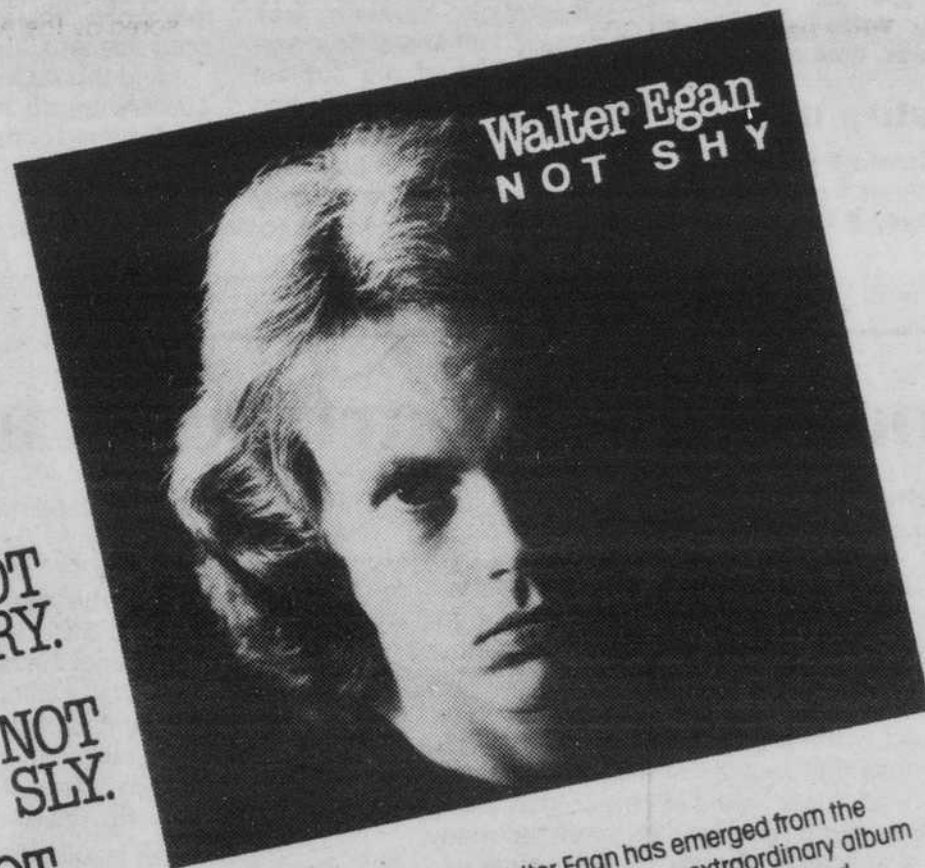
year: non-resident undergraduate students will pay 100 percent of the cost of their instruction, non-resident graduates will pay 38 percent, resident undergraduates will pay 23.5 percent and resident graduates will pay 28.5 percent.

The board will also decide whether to adopt recommended student building fees, student Health Service fees and incidental fees.

As it stands now, the building fee is set at \$12.50 per term for full-time students to a minimum of \$6 for students taking from 1 to 6 hours.

If all fees are adopted as recommended, total tuition for resident undergraduates would total \$263 per term.

If proposed dormitory room and board rates are adopted, a student living for three terms in a standard, multiple occupancy room and eating approximately 19 to 20 meals a week will pay \$1,484 a year at this University, an increase of \$84.



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