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Today is the last day to withdraw from courses for credit, to initiate changes in variable credit courses and to change majors or advisers for the term. Changes must be made before 4 p.m. in the registrar's office, Oregon Hall.

VOICE wrote off campus voters

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Of the Emerald

It may be a moot point, but if only the precincts in the University area had been tallied, Ballot Measure 51, the "gay rights" repeal measure, would have been soundly defeated.

A tally of the eight campus precincts, including Westmoreland and Amazon housing projects, residential neighborhoods directly surrounding the University and on-campus voters, shows the "no's" outnumber the "yes" votes by more than a 2-1 margin.

An average of 69 percent of the voters in the University precincts voted "no," in support of the "sexual preference" amendment the Eugene City Council added to the city's human rights code last fall, leaving 31 percent of the voters supporting the amendment repeal.

"Students are more likely to understand gay rights as a civil rights issue," said Carl Goodman, a member of Eugene Citizens for Human Rights (ECHR). He says there is a high percentage of students who exercise their voting right, compared with the rest of the population.

"A number of non-gay students helped quite a lot," said Goodman, adding that much of the ECHR's volunteer support came from the University.

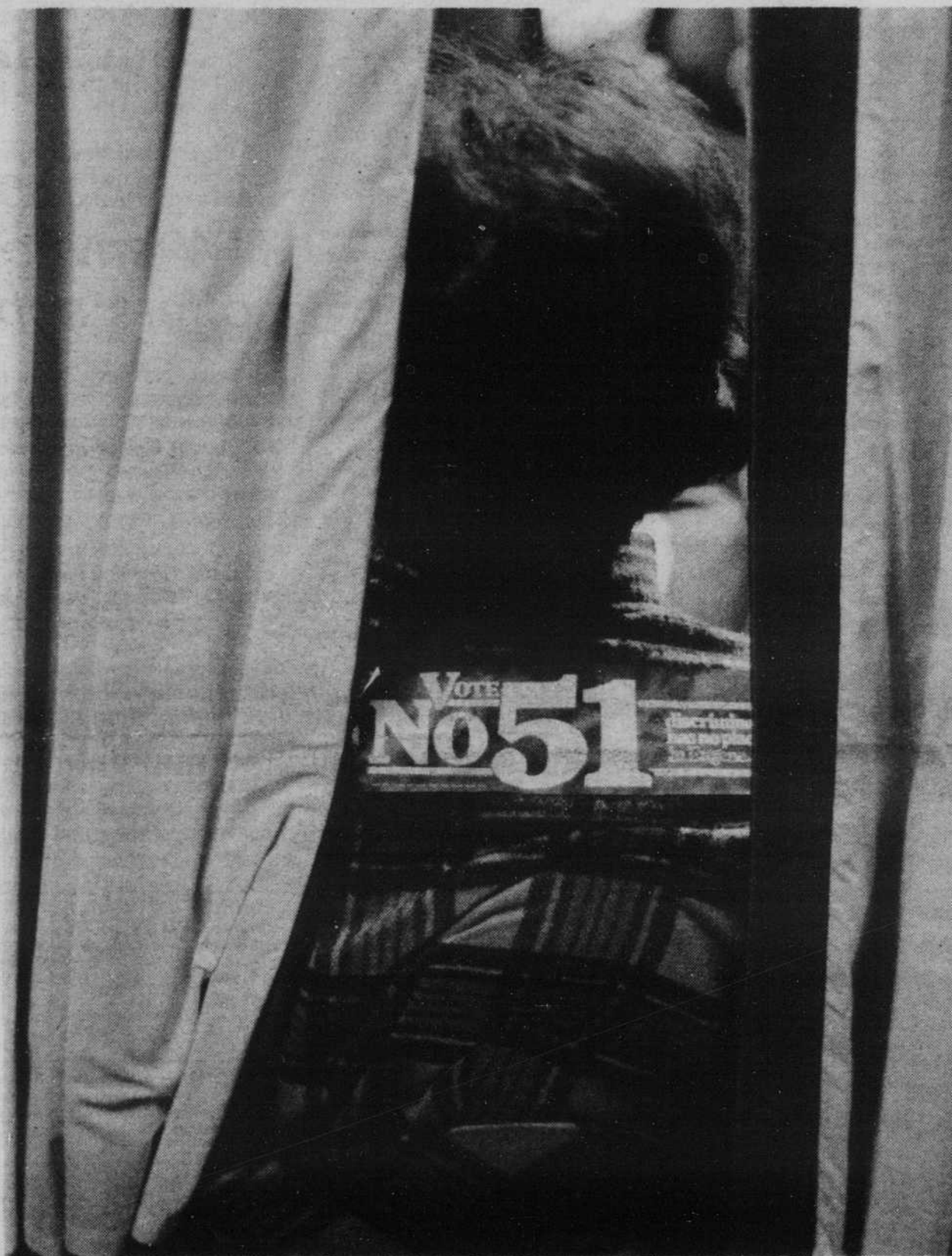


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Goodman said that through the course of the campaign he has seen many non-gays turn into "staunch gay supporters."

"We didn't make any special effort on campus," said Larry Dean, VOICE (Volunteer Organization Involved in Community Enactments) campaign manager. But even so, he was surprised at the number of University people that did vote "yes."

"I kept being surprised at what a large (campus) element was on our side," said Dean. He said that voting "yes" may have been prompted by "many students that remembered things like student body money being spent on gay rights groups."

Dean said that while the VOICE people "wrote off" the campus vote, they would have campaigned more strenuously if they had realized the support they had.

He said that by reading the Emerald and what he termed "pro-gay" articles, he got the impression that the most of the University population felt the same way, but now he feels that was not necessarily so.

Dean said that someone from the University came to VOICE headquarters and picked up some yellow "Vote Yes on 51" buttons to distribute on campus and he heard reports that the buttons "disappeared."

today

elections

An election round-up of the Lane Transit District, senior housing and metro waste plant bond issues can be found on Page 8.

bullets win

The Washington Bullets shot down Seattle in Landover, Md., last night, wounding the SuperSonics 106-98. The NBA Basketball Championship series is now tied 1-1. Get all the details on Page 17.

grads

University graduate students have a few more channels to pursue if they feel they've been victims of unfair treatment, due to adoption of some new graduate department guidelines. See Page 3 for the story.

energy

The Northwest Energy Policy Project's prediction is that the area's consumer demands will increase by the year 2000. See a wrap-up of the project's findings on Page 12.

University administrator dies after lengthy illness

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. today in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 166 E. 13th Ave., for the late Herbert Penny, University assistant to the vice-president for Administration and Finance.

Penny, 56, died Thursday morning at Eugene's Sacred Heart General Hospital after a long illness of heart disease. He had been on leave from the University since January.

A former Oregon newsman, Penny was a member of the University administration for 17 years.

Born September 28, 1921, in Cliftondale, Mass., he was raised in Detroit, Mich. He worked on the Detroit Free Press before coming to Oregon in 1940 to enter the University School of Journalism. From 1942 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Army in the Office of Strategic Services. He graduated from the University in 1947 and studied for a year at the University of Grenoble, France.

He was a reporter for the Portland Oregonian and People Today magazine during the 1940s and the 1950s. In 1960 he was named business editor of the Honolulu Advertiser.

He joined the University administration in 1961 as assistant director of public services. He later served as director of information, assistant to the president and associate director of University Relations.

He is survived by his widow, Lee; a daughter, Ann Elizabeth; two sons, Robert and William; a brother, David Penny, and a sister, Mrs. Arthur Hooper, New Canaan, Conn.

He has donated his body to the University Health Sciences Center and his eyes to the Oregon Lions Club Bank at Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland.

The family has requested no flowers or memorial contributions.