



Photo by Nicholas Fleming

Is Morris' fate to die dyed?

For three years, Carson Hall residents have been feeding, loving and caring for their orange cat Morris. Now he needs help.

"Last night somebody dyed Morris black," explained Marie Chenoweth, a Carson Hall maid. "If we don't get help soon, it could be harmful."

Morris has several times been featured in newspapers for his ongoing relationship with Carson Hall students.

But this morning the students discovered Morris had been dyed dark black, except for his orange

face. "The kids here feel terrible. They've always loved Morris, and fed him regularly," says Chenoweth.

Unless the residents discover what kind of dye was used, she says, it could be curtains for Morris. "The vet has to know what kind of dye was used before he can help," she says. "It's a matter of life or death."

Chenoweth requests anyone knowing the components of Morris's dye to call 686-5393.

Nudity not covered by first amendment, judge says

EUGENE (AP) — Lane County's anti-nudity ordinance is constitutional, District Court Judge Bryan Hodges has ruled.

Hodges rejected a challenge by the Lane County Public Defender's Office. His written decision was released Tuesday.

The Public Defender's Office filed the challenge on behalf of six persons who have been accused of violating the ordinance.

Hodges' ruling — unless appealed — clears the way for the six to go to jail.

The six persons represented by the Defenders' Office are among 20 who were cited in July and August for violating the ordi-

nance by "skinny dipping" or sun bathing nude at recreation spots around the county.

The 20 were the first to be charged with violating the ordinance since it was approved by county voters in November, 1976. The law, which carries maximum penalties of 30 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine, prohibits exposure of genitals in public.

Public Defender Bob Larson challenged the ordinance on grounds that it is unconstitutionally vague and overbroad, that it addresses behavior already covered by state law, and exceeds the authority granted to "home rule" counties such as Lane, that

it doesn't contain a level of criminal intent necessary to prove guilt, and that it discriminates against males.

Hodges said the Oregon Supreme Court in 1969 upheld the constitutionality of a Portland anti-nudity ordinance which Hodges said he regards as more vague than Lane County's ordinance.

Hodges also rejected Larson's argument that the county ordinance violates First Amendment rights to free speech and free assembly. He said, "Nudity in public is not communicative expression, which is protected by the federal or state constitutions."

State neglects retarded, suit claims

PORTLAND (AP) — A suit has been filed in U.S. District Court here alleging the state of Oregon has imposed illegal quotas on admissions to a program for the care and treatment of mentally retarded persons.

The suit, which seeks class-action status, names Gov. Bob Straub, Human Resources Director Richard Davis, former Health Division Administrator Keith Putnam and two other state officials, Duke Morton and Dr. J.D. Grady as defendants.

Plaintiffs are four people who receive state assistance

because they are mentally retarded.

The suit, filed Monday, claims that the state is decreasing the level of service provided through community-based programs because it is increasing support of state institutions in Salem and Pendleton.

The suit asks that a payment plan for the community services programs be declared illegal and the state be required to provide every resident of state institutions the right to be transferred to a community program.

Women in science

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mathematically demanding "soft" sciences, such as biology.

In the "hard" mathematically-oriented sciences, currently only 2.5 percent of the doctorates in physics are held by women, with 3.6 percent in geological science, 6.1 percent in chemistry, and 6.9 percent in mathematics and computer science.

According to the same survey, more women are obtaining doctorates in science and engineering now than in the past.

Thus, the percentage of women doctorates in science has for the same periods increased from 8.8 percent to 14 percent.

"I have not seen any other country where there is this division on sexual grounds between hard science and the rest of general knowledge. Most certainly not in Germany or France," says Crasemann.

At the Curie Institute in Paris where Crasemann spent a year as a visiting professor, he estimates that between 30 to 50 percent of the advanced students were women. One class section had only two men in a group of over 60 women, he says. Crasemann says that the example of prominent women like Marie Curie can be very important. The United States, he says, badly needs a "charismatic woman" in the physical sciences to serve as a role model for young girls.

"The ultimate remedy lies in encouraging young women, even at the grade school age, not to have the prejudice that a girl doesn't study science," Crasemann says. The really crucial decisions which enable a person to qualify for a career in a

mathematically demanding science must be made very early, he emphasizes.

"As long as little boys get cal-

culators for birthdays, and little girls get only dolls, it is quite hopeless to expect more women in science," he says.

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