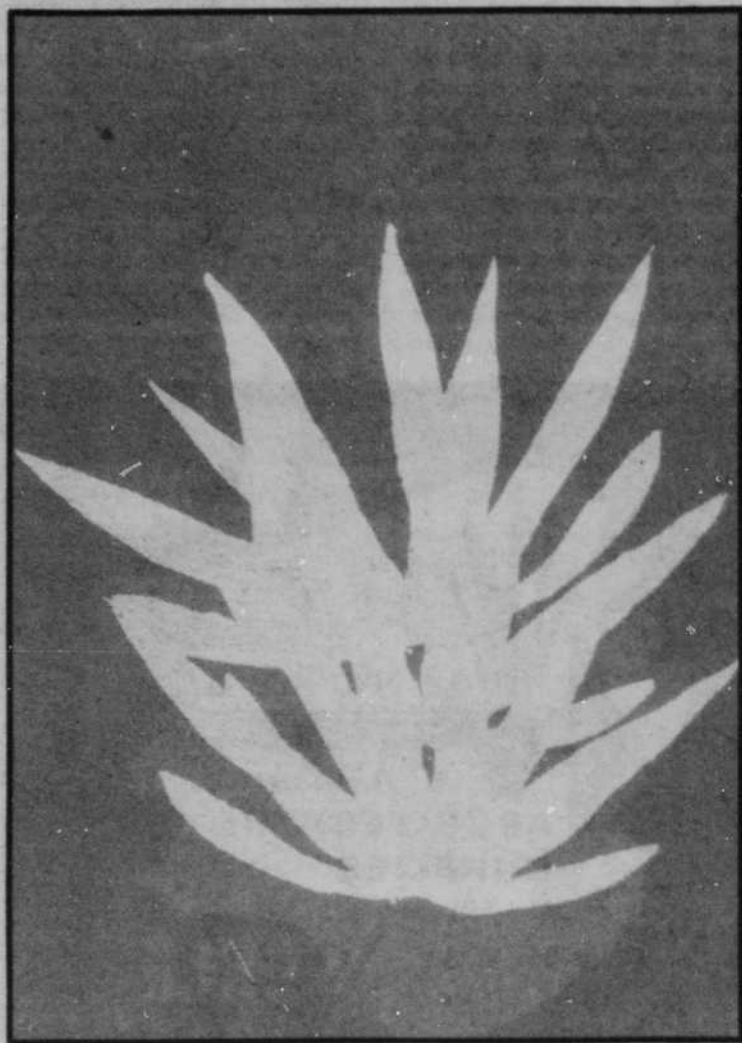


Groups to petition pot enforcement

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Two allied groups say it's time to stop the arrest of otherwise law-abiding citizens for marijuana possession. They've started a petition drive for a voters' initiative that would assign "lowest priority" to city police enforcement of marijuana laws.

The University group, Citizens Active to Legalize Marijuana, will start their petition drive Saturday with a gathering at Lamb's Cottage in Skinner's Butte Park.

CALM needs 6,227 petition signatures to get its measure on the November ballot. Group members are attacking the problem by registering voters as well as distributing petitions.

"Police are still coming through doors and people are getting arrested for small amounts of marijuana," says CALM community member Vivien Schafer. "There has been a 250 percent increase in marijuana arrests here in the last two years."

Lewis Ward, a member of both the University and community CALM groups, says he doesn't think people should be going to jail for something they do in their own homes.

"People in Alaska are now able to possess marijuana legally in their homes," Ward says.

Schafer says 96 percent of the people arrested for drug offenses are charged with marijuana possession. One out of four Oregon residents use the drug. "Many of these people become felons. They shouldn't have their lives destroyed," she says.

CALM's strongest appeal to petition signers and potential voters is financial. The groups

point out that the city of Eugene spent more than \$3 million from 1975 to 1977, to prosecute 2,706 people for marijuana possession.

"This does not count the cost of investigation, surveillance, search and seizure or housing while awaiting trial," the groups say.

Besides working for the change in city law, CALM plans to lobby for a "fair and equitable" tax on the state's marijuana trade to provide income for city, county and state governments, as well as lobbying for state legalization of the plant and amnesty for Oregon's marijuana prisoners.

Oregon's branch of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws is "doing all we can to support CALM," says state coordinator Ron Friedland.

He says that though the groups have different methods, CALM's effort is a united process, with NORML behind it. "It's very clever idea," Friedland says.

City attorney Joyce Benjamin has raised the question of the proposed ballot measure's constitutionality under state and federal law, but Friedland says that's still an open question, "enough so that it's worth trying." He thinks that even if the measure fails after a successful petition drive, the movement will still show the discontent of residents with the marijuana laws.

But Schafer says the groups have had the help of attorneys, a firm called Northwest Legal Advocates, who don't believe the measure will be threatened by the state or federal constitution.

The Skinner's Butte Park meeting will last from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, and Schafer says there will be live music. More information is available by calling the community group at 683-3081, or the University group at 683-1593.

Music school announces 27 scholarships

The University School of Music has announced 27 winners in the annual Ruth Lorraine Close Scholarship competition.

Each winner will receive \$2000 for study at the University next year.

Twenty-three scholarship winners are currently enrolled at the University, and four winners will begin attendance this fall. In addition, five alternates were named.

The currently enrolled winners include:

Laura Zaerr, freshman harp student;

Susan Cohen, graduate piano student; David Cudo, freshman saxophone student; Christopher Dungey, senior string bass student; Laural Workman, freshman voice student.

Lynne Eisert, graduate violin student; John Lundblade, junior piano student; Leo Whitlow, senior viola student; Malcolm Baker, graduate saxophone student; Allan Comstock, sophomore bassoon student.

Crystal Hanson, graduate clarinet student; Alfred Carter, graduate organ student; James Pelley, graduate cello

student; Scott Linden, graduate tuba student; Michael Mathews, graduate composition student.

John Maddy, graduate piano student; Jack Gabel, senior composition student; Kristine Hall, sophomore French horn student; Jane Allen, graduate harp student; Michael Golden, graduate composition student; Margery Fitts, sophomore harp student.

Keith Hill, senior composition student; James Noble, junior French horn student.

The scholarship winners who will

enroll this fall for graduate study in music include:

Douglas Bovee, trumpet; Ronald Dieker, clarinet; Michael Grosvenor, tuba; and Joanne Kong, harpsichord.

The following are alternates for the award:

Lois Mattson, senior cello student; Scott Whitwer, senior trumpet student; Karen Strand, senior oboe and English horn student; Karen Chester, sophomore violin student; and Kim Hayashi, graduate piano student.



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