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one-sided material, the judge disallowed the defense, Mr. Troen pleaded guilty, and the University of Oregon's response to the allegations was never heard.

Without attempting to respond to every claim made by PETA, I would like to make the following points about research using animals at the University of Oregon.

During the past five years, funding for research in areas utilizing animals has more than doubled at the University; during this same period the use of animals other than fish, mice and rats has been reduced by about 60 percent.

The University's animal facilities are inspected at least monthly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but have not been cited for even a minor problem in the past year. We received a particularly detailed inspection on May 24; no problems were found.

All current use of cats and monkeys in research have been reviewed by the full Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) prior to the submission of proposals. These reviews typically result in recommendations for improving the animal care and use, which are always followed.

Dr. Gordon-Lickey's current

NIH grant ends on June 30, 1988. Her renewal proposal received a very high priority score by the NIH peer review panel, and has been accepted for funding effective July 1, 1988. Her research is not in the area of pain, but of the visual system, supported by the Eye Institute.

Many of the incidents quoted by PETA happened many years ago, and in no way reflect current practice at the University. For example, the so-called "joke photo" of Greg Stickrod on page 5 was taken in 1974. I in no way condone such activities, and can assure you that they have not occurred at the University in the past four years, and probably no in the past ten years.

The University has under construction a complete new animal care facility. With this facility we expect to be able to obtain AAALAC accreditation, the highest level of accreditation available, and one which substantially exceeds the requirements of the NIH.

We have discussed the situation here at length with representatives of Director Wyngarden's office of the NIH, as well as of the Office for Protection from Research Risks. They have concluded that there are no substantive reasons to

conduct further investigations of animal care and use here, but have stated that they might be forced to conduct a formal investigation for political reasons. Obviously, we would like to avoid such an investigation due to the negative public relations aspect, but we have no concerns that significant negative findings would occur.

The University of Oregon has never restricted the research that a faculty member performs with the support of peer-reviewed unclassified basic research funding from an agency of the federal government. I doubt that any major university has ever restricted such research. To do so would be a blatant violation of the very fundamentals of academic freedom. In sensitive areas such as research using animals we try to be especially careful that all regulations are followed, and I am confident that we have succeeded in the cases under consideration here.

I regret that you (and we) must respond to these attacks. The issue should really be debated at the national level — the use of animals at the University of Oregon is very small compared even with most other major universities. Our biological research is much more directed towards cells and biomolecules. Unfortunately, our success in bringing one of the Animal Liberation Front supporters to trial has placed us at the focus of a national concern. We appreciate your support in helping us to explain the fact that animal care and use at the University of Oregon meets very high standards today, and that we are constantly working towards improving it.

Sincerely,  
John Moseley,  
Vice President for Research

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added. Moseley said OPRR officials have yet to contact him.

He also charged that PETA has singled out the University's animal research program because of negative publicity generated by the trial of Roger Troen, the sole suspect convicted in the Oct. 26, 1986 Animal Liberation Front raid on the school's animal care facilities.

"They're (PETA) trying to make an example of us. They're not out picking on the big boys

because those institutions are more protected — they have more people involved with fending off the attacks of PETA," Moseley said.

In underscoring Moseley's remarks, Newkirk said, "I'd really like to see the University of Oregon animal labs closed down as an example of the worst kind of use of animals, from a scientific perspective, a humane perspective and from a funding perspective."



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