



Photo by Greg Clark

Mark Miller (right), head of the Drug Information Center, discusses the problems of the center, created when University organizations played musical buildings and last year's Incidental Fee Committee cut the center from the ASUO budget. The Drug Information Center is located between the Eugene Fire Departments Number three station and Columbia Street.

'stuck in the middle'

DIC moves, needs funds

When University organizations began playing musical buildings recently, the Drug Information Center (DIC) seems to have gotten lost in the shuffle. From a tiny room in the EMU, to their new location stuffed between the Eugene Fire Department's Number three station and Columbia Street, the accommodations have been less than accommodating, according to center members.

It might take a couple of trips around the block for a driver to spot the place, and when he found it he might think he was at an abandoned army barracks and do a quick about face. But as Mark Miller, director of the center will tell you, the DIC has far more urgent worries than the housing shortage.

"We're stuck in the middle," says Miller dolefully. "We're not quite considered an ASUO or a state program." The DIC, Miller is quick to add, however, is the state's main clearing house on drug information, and the state's only drug analysis center, making its middleman status a little hard to live with. And like many social organizations, the DIC is in dire

need of money to keep its services operating.

The last Incidental Fee Committee, said Miller, cut the DIC funds from the ASUO, saying "drug use is not rising." Miller and his crew say otherwise, and statistics showing increased student use of the drug information program seem to back him up.

The DIC will ask the IFC for \$2,000 to continue operations, in a matter that will be brought before the IFC Wednesday, Nov. 27.

The program, which Miller contends "has the potential to be the model for the nation" is involved not only with helping persons identify drugs and their possible dangers, but runs an extensive program of education of the local police agencies, the grade and high schools.

The future of the program, now in its third year, will depend on the additional funds from the IFC and a possible subsidy from the State Alcohol and Drugs Commission, Miller said.

Authorities recover stolen radioactive isotope

(CPS/CUP) — A radioactive isotope stolen from the McMaster Nuclear Research Building in Hamilton, Ontario has been recovered, but the thief is still at large.

The still-unidentified thief recently made off with 50 milligrams of thulium 170, a potent radioactive material used in scientific research. An anonymous telephone call last week alerted authorities to the whereabouts of the material, which was recovered from a basement locker in the McMaster University Medical Center.

Richard Tomlinson, in charge of security for radioactive materials at the nuclear research center, speculated that the robbery was an inside job done to prove that radioactive material could be stolen.

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