

Volunteer jobs often unusual

Wanted: one pet instructor and one bingo caller. Only volunteers need apply.

Not all volunteer jobs are as unusual as these but volunteerism is steadily increasing its ranks. A prime example is the Springfield Volunteer Center (SVC).

SVC, located at 765 North "A" St., began 15 months ago as an experimental extension of the Eugene Voluntary Action Center (VAC). The experiment's success resulted last August in permanent affiliation with VAC.

Although SVC refers only about one-tenth the number of volunteers as VAC does, it is narrowing the gap at a fantastic rate.

"Last July we had only 19 volunteers, now we have 154," said Donna Kaehn, SVC coordinator. Publishing a list of volunteer jobs in the Springfield News every Wednesday has made people more aware of volunteer opportunities, she said.

Affiliation with VAC has not taken away SVC's unique character. Most volunteers come from the Springfield area and work for agencies

there. "It's better to have Springfield people helping Springfield people," said Elizabeth Heath, VAC executive director.

Separate funding is the obvious dividing line between SVC and VAC. VAC charges agencies for its referral service but the bulk of its money comes from United Way, the Joint City-County Revenue Sharing Fund, the Comprehensive Education and Training Act (CETA) and donations from the community, said Heath.

CETA uses federal funds to employ persons who are either financially disadvantaged or in need of additional training. Such persons are trained on the job in various non-profit agencies.

CETA pays the SVC coordinator but the rest of the center's money comes from the Willamalane Park and Recreation District, the Springfield School District and the City of Springfield.

For more information on volunteer alternatives, contact VAC at 342-4451 or SVC at 747-5399.

UO Demos fight voting changes

The University Democrats agreed Thursday to lobby against a legislative task force proposal to move back the voter registration date and to work against any changes in current Oregon primary laws.

The proposed cut-off date is 20 days before an election, which would give many University students only two to three weeks to register after starting classes.

Concerning Oregon primaries, legislative intern David McTeague said the open primaries favored by some have a generally lower voter turnout than closed primaries, with as few as 30 to 40 per cent of the voters showing up at the polls.

A bill favored by political science professor James Klonoski which would allow taxpayers to check off \$1 of their state income tax as a contribution to a political party is the third piece of legislation the group is considering supporting.

In other action, the University Democrats passed a resolution calling for the dismissal of Don Hodel, chief administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration. The group's president, Jeff Warren, said Hodel is too closely identified with nuclear power interests and Republican politics.

Warren said the University Democrats will loosely coordinate their lobbying efforts in Salem with the ASUO, and that they will help the Survival Center with its lobbying efforts.

"Child care, lower tuition — we're all fighting for the same thing," Warren said.

Rep defends Weyerhaeuser

'We're not missionaries'

By BILL LUTZ
Of the Emerald

A Weyerhaeuser spokesperson presented a colorful slide show at the First Congregational Church Thursday afternoon showing the giant multinational concern's timber concession in Indonesia. And in the audience, members of Amnesty International (AI) were present to ask Weyerhaeuser representative Wilbur McCollum about political prisoners in Indonesia, turning the presentation into a forum on Weyerhaeuser's alleged role in Indonesian political repression.

The Weyerhaeuser presentation wrapped up the Eugene League of Women Voters' conference on multinational corporations.

AI representatives say there are some 100,000 political prisoners in Indonesia. The AI members wanted to know how the Weyerhaeuser Corporation felt about political prisoners in a country where Weyerhaeuser receives 65 per cent of its profits on a \$30 million initial investment. According to Weyerhaeuser's own statistics, the Indonesian military receives the remaining 35 per cent of the corporation's profits.

"If we were missionaries it would offend our morals," McCollum said in answer to the political prisoner question.

AI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization concerned with the rights of freedom and due legal process for prisoners jailed for their political or religious beliefs.

Olive Bowers of AI, says her organization has targeted Indonesia as a country of primary concern. Bowers said many Indonesian political prisoners have been incarcerated since an attempted coup against the Sukarno regime in 1965. An estimated 500,000

people were killed in the coup attempt. Many prisoners were arrested for taking orphans of those who died, Bowers said.

The AI members present wanted to know what Weyerhaeuser was doing about

what AI called "clear miscarriages of justice."

"I can't answer that," McCollum said. "I was there to build roads." Bowers added social and political stability is necessary for future Weyerhaeuser earnings.



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