

Drug center crisis eases, but budget still cramped

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Despite its "many irons in the fire," the University Drug Information Center's current financial crisis remains a threat, Director Mark Miller says.

"The prognosis is good, but the patient is not yet stable," he says, only half smiling.

The DIC staff recently announced that cutbacks in funding requests could close the center by Dec. 31. Its 1978-79 budget is almost \$22,000 smaller than originally sought from state, county and University agencies and the lack of funds prevents the DIC from paying staff salaries or maintaining its present level of services after the first of the new year.

But Miller and other DIC staff members aren't giving up without

Slide show scheduled

A slide-tape show on the World Peace Tax Fund, followed by discussion and refreshments, will be presented at the Church of the Brethren, 21st and D, Springfield, on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting, to be held on the day the Nobel peace prizes are awarded in Stockholm, marks the beginning of local co-operation of several churches known traditionally as "peace churches."

a fight. "I've put too much into this thing," Miller says.

As soon as DIC staff members recognized that financial problems were at hand, Miller says they submitted a request for \$12,500 in emergency funds to Lane County.

The county budget committee approved the request and it now sits before the county commissioners, he says. But the budget committee has warned the DIC that it has requested more funds for various programs than are available from the commissioners, Miller adds.

Community response to the DIC's financial problems has been encouraging, he says. Both the South Eugene Rotary Club and the Eugene Register-Guard Publishing Company have given the DIC \$100 donations.

Miller says he is awaiting confirmation of donations from the Eugene Active 20-30 Club.

Pacific Northwest Bell and the Junior League of Women.

The Junior League has worked with the Drug Information Center in a special drug awareness program in the Eugene-4-J school district for the past two years, Miller says. DIC staff train league members who in turn educate area school-children about drug use and abuse.

The DIC also has obtained the services of professional fundraiser Bob Gillette, who is helping Miller make contact with various Oregon foundations. Over the next month, Miller will be meeting with several organizations, making his pitch for aid.

Despite the many fund-raising possibilities, Miller says he can't rest until the money actually comes in. DIC staff are now working with local radio stations to organize a jog-a-thon for early January.

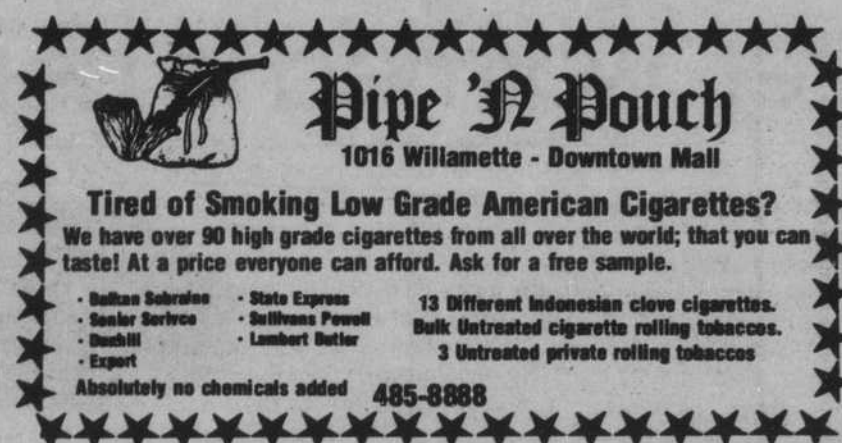
"We need student support — we really do," Miller says.



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I gotta be me

If his fine, silver mane failed to excite constituents in Congressman Jim Weaver's reelection campaign for his Fourth District seat, perhaps his new hair style will solicit some definite likes and dislikes. Weaver, recently voted into a third term in the U.S. House of Representatives, decided to ditch the toupee he's worn since 1974. He is pictured here, sans hairpiece, during his unsuccessful 1972 campaign. Asked for an explanation of his new style, Weaver said it was now or never for introducing the "natural" look.



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