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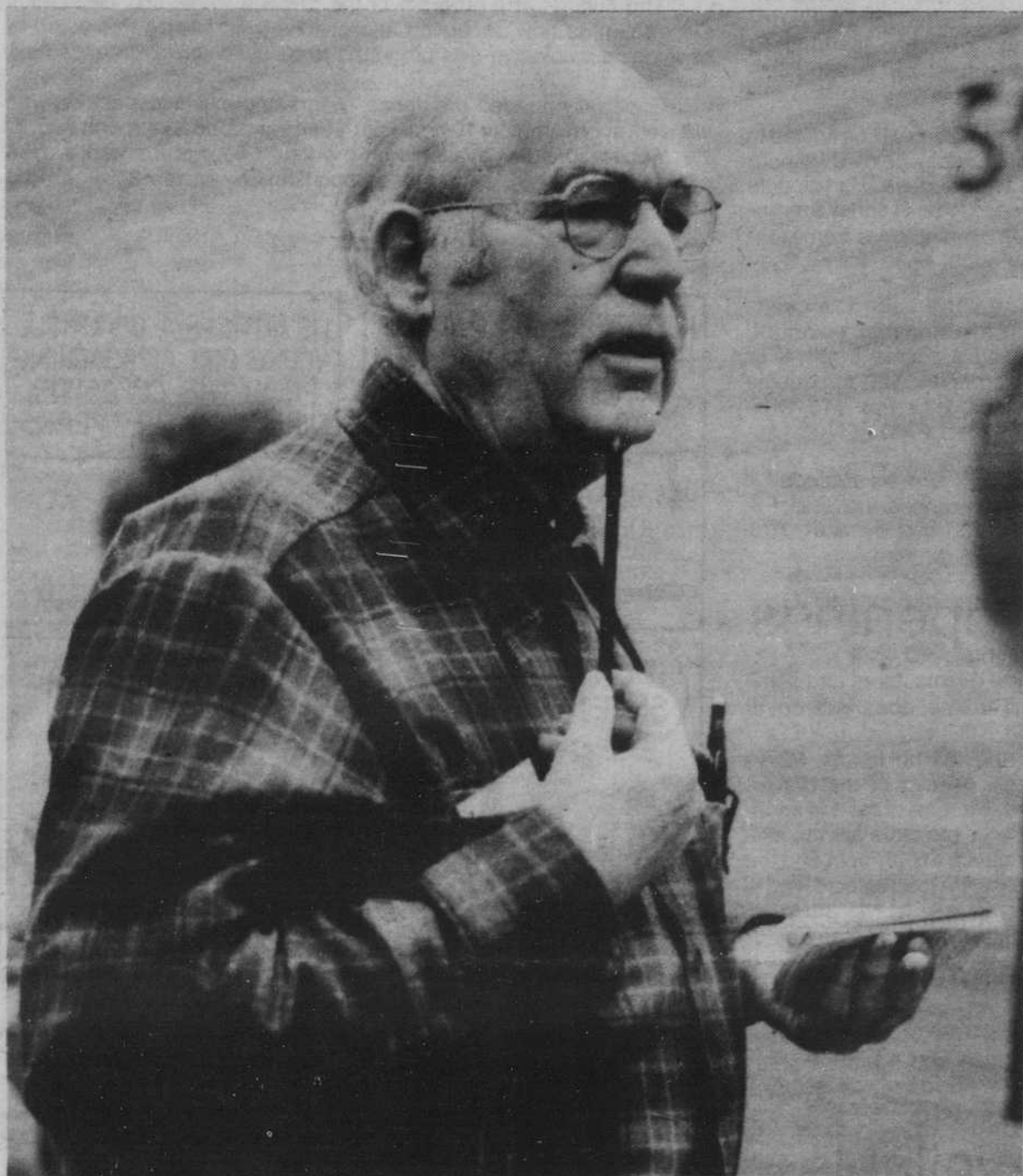


Photo by Susanna Aiden

ROTC stays put

Biology Prof. Bayard McConnaughey is not totally dissatisfied with the 19-11 University Senate defeat of his motion to terminate the present University contract with the ROTC. McConnaughey says his main concern is getting people to think about the issue of military presence on campus. Story on Page 16.

Drug Info Center survives 'til July with county funds

By KELI OSBORN
Of the Emerald

The University Drug Information Center was granted a reprieve Wednesday when the Lane County Commissioners voted to give it more than \$6,000 in county contingency funds to keep it alive until July.

But before giving the stamp of approval to the funding proposal offered by Commissioner Archie Weinstein, the commissioners extracted a promise from DIC Director Mark Miller that he would make the money last.

After the meeting, Miller said the \$6,250 from the county was half what he had requested, "but I promised I'd make it work."

The county's donation still leaves the center about \$7,000 short of what it needs to carry out full operations through July, Miller said. But it should give DIC staff "some breathing room" until more funds can be gleaned from private sources.

The DIC received almost \$22,000 less than it sought for the 1978-79 fiscal year from state and county agencies, the University health, physical education and recreation department, and the ASUO.

Miller announced last November that unless the center was able to raise additional funds, it would have to close its doors with the advent of the new year. But the DIC has remained open, with staffers going unpaid in hopes that funds would be found, he added.

The county money allocated Wednesday should pay salaries for the full-time, five-member staff for a few months, Miller said. "These people are the core of the services we provide," he told commissioners, "if we lose one, we can't operate our program."

Miller appeared to have difficulty getting the county funds, with several commissioners expressing dismay that the DIC was coming to them outside the normal budget process.

At the request of Commissioner Jerry Rust, Miller presented evidence that his program is the only county service providing drug education and substance analysis.

Miller read from several letters, including one from County Mental Health Consultants which said that with the closure of the DIC "a very serious gap in Lane County's ability to combat drug abuse would arise."

Miller's request followed a 2½-hour debate over how the county shall administer funds for alcohol abuse programs. He tried to turn the agenda to his advantage by citing the need for prevention programs to avoid abuse problems.

"If you look at the budgets of your treatment centers, you'll see ours pales in comparison," he said.

The county commissioners urged Miller to seek contingency funds from the Eugene and Springfield city councils. "I will do that," he vowed.

A jog-a-thon sponsored by the DIC earlier this month raised about \$3,500 in pledges, and private organizations have contributed another \$4,000 in pledges, Miller said.

NDSC default rates may decrease federal funding

By KELI OSBORN
Of the Emerald

The federal government warned colleges and universities Sunday that rising default rates may lead it to cut back its contribution to a national loan program, but it probably is too early to tell what that will mean for the University.

Joseph Califano Jr., secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, announced new figures that show the default rate in the National Direct Student Loan program increasing, despite government efforts to convince institutions to tighten up their collection activities.

He said he has asked Education Commissioner Ernest Boyer to develop a proposal to cut participating schools from NDSC

money unless they meet federally set performance standards for reducing their default rates.

The proposal would first evaluate schools' performances for the year ending this June 30 and take effect in the 1980-81 academic year.

The default rate in the loan program increased from 16.9 percent at the end of June 1977 to 17.7 percent a year later, Califano said. At 16 percent, as of Jan. 1, the University's default rate falls below the national average, says Business Office Director William McLaughlin.

But until government performance standards are set, McLaughlin says it's difficult to predict the future of the loan program on

this campus. "That would be all supposition right now."

Califano claims that "institutions have not taken full advantage" of government help in cleaning up the backlog and improving administration of the loan program.

McLaughlin disagrees, adding that he'd like some help finding addresses for loan recipients. "They say they can't give us addresses—legally—because we're an outside agency."

In addition to sometimes "losing track" of recipients, the University faces an HEW-mandated ceiling on the amount of funds used to administer the program, which makes it hard to keep up with the "terrific volume" of loans, McLaughlin says.

At the beginning of his administration, President Carter sought to end continued federal funding of the direct loan program, saying it was designed to be a revolving fund, with the schools using the money paid back by graduate students to fund new loans.

Congress rejected Carter's attempt to pull out of the program, and this year Carter proposed a cut of \$94 million, reducing the \$329 expected to be spent in the current fiscal year to \$235 million in fiscal 1980, which begins Oct. 1.

"If they cut us back to the point where we're unable to provide aid to students, it's naturally going to hurt enrollment," McLaughlin says.

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The Student University Affairs Board and the Incidental Fee Committee remain in a quarrel over the role and funding of SUAB. See story Page 3.

Banning disposable diapers as well as polyvinyl chloride packaging are the priorities the Survival Center has set out to push through the Legislature. See Page 4.

Making war for fun has become the particular penchant of more than one gaming man and woman. Tom Wolfe looks at the games and the generals on Pages 4B and 5B.