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Drug Information Center faces closure

The University's Drug Infor-
mation Center may close its
doors for good this year
because of financial difficulties.

DIC Director Mark Miller says
the state, suffering budgetary
pains of its own, has made
severe cutbacks in the human
resources department budget,
the state agency that funds the
DIC.

The DIC receives money from
the ASUO and Lane County
which the state matches.

The center provides informa-

tion about legal and illegal
drugs to anyone. Miller es-
timates that 40 percent of the
University student body uses
the service.

"We are very worried," he
says of the tentative fate of the
nine-year-old agency that keeps
students, residents, schools
and local government agencies
abreast of current drug trends.
And, to make things worse, "our
service load keeps growing."

The DIC is the only center of
its kind on the West Coast, and
Miller says it would be sorely
missed.

The DIC's "one-of-a-kind"
drug library offers books not
found anywhere on University
library shelves, he says. Pre-
sentations on drugs to Universi-

ty health classes would also end
if the DIC expired.

And the community would
lose "the best drug experts in
the state," he says, describing
them as "irreplaceable."

Miller doesn't know the effect
of the cuts on the DIC yet, but he
fears the center may lose 40-50
percent of its funding. Miller and
the three other DIC employees
are writing letters to Salem and
investigating other ways to keep
the center afloat.

The agency has sought
grants from large corporations,
but their requests have proved
futile, according to Miller.

"We've written to everyone,"
he says, admitting that there
aren't many possible answers
left.

Most of the money allocated
to the human resources depart-
ment supports treatment for the
mentally ill. Very little, Miller
complains, goes for drug
education and prevention.

"That doesn't make sense,"
Miller says.

NW cities ask for ash relief

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Of-
ficials from 15 counties and ci-
ties in the path of Mount St.
Helens' destruction last May
have asked the Legislature for
an emergency \$12 million ap-
propriation to pay cleanup
costs.

"Basically, I'm asking and
pleading for help," said Marvin
Carroll, Whitman County public
works director. He said last
spring's disaster aftermath has
nearly bankrupted the county.

Carroll was one of several city
and county officials who tes-
tified Friday before the House
Appropriations General
Government Committee.

Many costs incurred after the
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by the Federal Emergency
Management Agency and also
are not covered by state funds,
the officials said.

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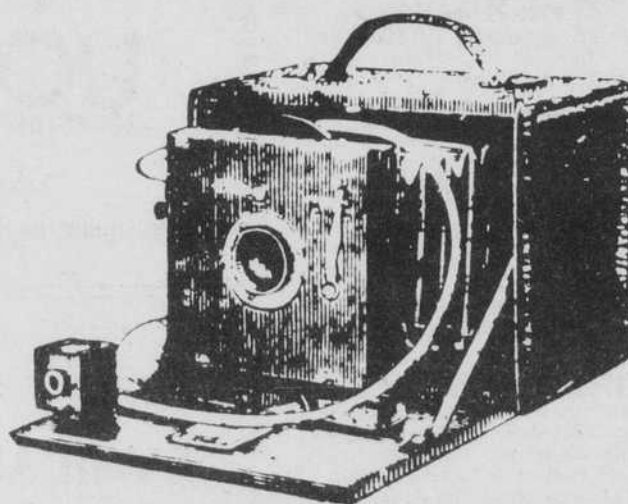
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