

Chocolate company sponsors fun run

By Betsy Clayton
Of the Emerald

The sixth annual Valentine's Day Truffle Trot, a fun run sponsored by the Euphoria Chocolate Company, will take place Feb. 8 to raise money for the Association of Retarded Citizens of Lane County (ARC).

Runners, walkers, joggers and wheelchair entrants can participate in a two-mile run, beginning at 1 p.m., or a four-mile run, beginning at 1:45 p.m. Entrance fees are \$9 through Jan. 31 or \$10 Feb. 1 through Feb. 7.

Entry blanks are available at Eugene/Springfield area athletic stores, Prince Puckler ice cream stores, the YMCA and the Euphoria Chocolate Company, 6 W. 17th Ave.

All registrants will receive a T-shirt and a truffle. Awards will be given to the top five overall finishers in women's, men's and wheelchair divisions

in both races. The course starts and finishes at Alton Baker Park.

ARC works to improve the lives of children and adults who are mentally retarded or developmentally disabled. ARC has been active in Lane County since 1952, the largest and strongest organization assisting the mentally retarded in Oregon.

Bob Bury, owner of the Euphoria Chocolate Company, believes that ARC is an extremely valuable program in the community. "It doesn't get the attention that other groups in the area like Easter Seals or Red Cross get. That's one reason I feel good about the race," he said.

The Truffle Trot netted \$3,000 last year and during the last five years, \$10,000 in proceeds has been given to ARC, Bury said. In 1982, there were 400 entrants as compared to

1,100 last year. "This year we may have a slight increase. We've seen a lot of enthusiasm in the community," he said.

Bury and his wife, Sue Sabbot, decided to hold the first Truffle Trot because they were running in Eugene road races and wanted to give something back to the community.

In addition to the awards for winners, a drawing of 50 to 60 prizes will be held following the race. These prizes range from dinners in local restaurants to 10-pound blocks of chocolate.

He attributes the growing success of the Truffle Trot to its easy accessibility, its creative T-shirt design that changes each year and its relaxed atmosphere.

"When you're running a race that's sponsored by a chocolate company, it's not quite as serious as some other races."

Legislators pledge to hold hearings on research park

By Shawn Wirtz
Of the Emerald

Eugene Mayor Brian Obie and Lane County legislators made assurances in Salem Thursday that citizens will have the opportunity to participate in the planning process of the Riverfront Research Park.

In response to press accounts and the excitement generated by Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's visit to Eugene Monday, "the perception just developed that this was a done deal, and nothing can be further from the truth," said Rep. Dave Dix.

The Riverfront Research Park Commission, the Eugene City Council and the Eugene Planning Commission will hold public hearings, Obie said.

In addition, Dix will ask the Trade and Economic Development Committee and the Ways and Means Committee to hold hearings in Eugene to discuss the project. "There

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because of its proximity to electrical power, water, major universities and an international airport," he said.

"Secondly, we do have substantial representation with (Sen. Mark) Hatfield back there. Even though he's not chair of the Energy Subcommittee of Appropriations, I believe he's still an important participant," Mason said.

Yih was less optimistic. "I imagine there will be a lot of states who will offer a free package of land," Yih said.

"Believe me, if it came down to us needing to donate land to the SSC, we would do it in a minute," Mason said.

Mason believes participating in the process is beneficial even if Oregon isn't chosen for the site, he said. "The SSC is not the only high energy physics project," he said.

"To eventually get some of those projects, you've got to have been down the path once. It brings Oregon kind of into the high energy physics field," he said.

Lawsuit

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had female editors for the majority of the time during the past five years, including the 1985-86 Emerald Editor Julie Shippen, Attorney David Force said.

Sturtz also is filing a separate suit against Brence for the sum of \$109,000, claiming she violated a law known as the "anti-black-listing act," Force said.

The suit claims Brence "did, by threats of intimidation, endeavor to prevent plaintiff (Sturtz) from continuing and performing work as Emerald editor."

Brence had no comment about the suit.

Both parties must respond to the suit within 30 days of receiving it, Force said.

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