

Direction service offers help for handicapped

By Andrew LaMar
Emerald Reporter

Caring for handicapped children can be difficult and trying. But families with handicapped youths who have questions and problems can get help from a local organization, the Lane County Direction Service.

The direction service will hold a fund raiser Saturday, a treasure hunt, to raise money

for its staff, which is underpaid and swamped with work, according to Marshall Peter, LCDS executive director.

"Our case loads are overwhelming," Peter said. Last year the service helped more than 500 families and took more than 1,200 calls, and it did all that with about four staff members (most employees work only part time for the service.)

"We are constantly facing

financial crunches," Peter said. "One of the things that happens in private non-profits is that salaries and benefits simply don't keep up with what's happening in the public sector or in the private sector."

The directions service is a non-profit organization that has helped handicapped youths and their families for 10 years. The service was set up to answer people's questions about the physically disabled, agencies and programs that aid handicapped people.

Typical questions deal with legal rights, controversial treatments, community resources, adaptive equipment, accessible housing and available tax deductions, Peter said. The direction service also helps families connect with programs and agencies that facilitate cutting through red tape and help handicapped people receive help.

The fund-raiser, "Trivia Lover's Treasure Hunt," will take place Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. Teams of up to four can sign up for the hunt for \$32 the morning of the event.

"We've been looking for an event that would be uniquely ours in the community," Peter said. "It seems like everyone is having runs or marathons or



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whatever. So, we tried to figure out something different. Also, taking a look at Eugene, we've got a community that's pretty bright and likes things that require thinking but also a community that is looking for something active," he added.

Each team will get a packet with 34 trivia clues, each clue directing the team to a business in the area. The first team to get to a location will get prizes for each team member on the spot, and the team that gets to the most locations will win \$300, while the teams that get to the second and third most locations will win \$150 and \$75, respectively.

Several consolation gifts also will be given at a drawing after the event.

Registration forms are available at Knecht's Auto Parts, Kinko's and the Selco Credit Union. All teams must report to the South Eugene High School parking lot between 11:30 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. Saturday to pick up packets.

For more information call LCDS at 461-2212.

Peter said University students are very welcome to participate in the hunt, and he hopes to see fraternities, sororities and dorms put together teams and compete against one another.

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Republicans show North's slide show

By Kathy Proffit
Emerald Contributor

Evidence America never saw in the televised Iran-Contra hearings was revealed Thursday afternoon during a slide presentation and discussion presented by the College Republicans.

Approximately 30 people attended the show in the EMU Forum Room, as club chairman, Tim Cushing announced the purpose of the presentation.

He stressed the club was not taking sides with the Republican Party on the hearings, but wanted to expose the information Lt. Col. Oliver North had not been able to present in order to create more debate about the Iran-Contra situation on campus.

A portion of the televised congressional hearings was shown on videotape at the point where North was denied the right to show the slides, because of the reluctance or inability of the court to darken the lights. At present, this slide presentation is circulating around the United States, Cushing said.

The presentation, narrated by club vice chairman, Daryl

Nichols, followed the original script that North had planned to use during the hearings.

Photographs of Central America and surrounding areas emphasized that 55 percent of U.S. crude oil, 45 percent of U.S. imports and exports, and, in the event of war, 60 percent of U.S. reinforcements and supplies pass through the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. Thus, Soviets recognize the great importance of controlling this land bridge between North and South America, Nichols said, reading from the script.

A 1985 photograph of a Soviet surface action battle group just off the Louisiana coast emphasized that the Soviets no longer consider the Caribbean to be an "American lake." This sends a clear message to our friends in the region that the United States no longer controls the water off our own coastline, Nichols said.

According to North, the Soviets have spent three times what the United States has on aid to Nicaragua (approximately \$5.5 billion). This is evidenced in photographs of extensive military facilities constructed in Cuba and Grenada, along with facilities that are not yet com-

pleted in Nicaragua.

When these facilities are finished, they will enable the Soviets to patrol U.S. Pacific coast, as they have U.S. East Coast, Nichols said.

Similarly, a photo of the Soviet intelligence collection site at Lourdes, Cuba, the largest single intelligence site outside the Soviet Union, showed how the Soviets are intercepting U.S. communications.

Soviet support does not end with facilities, however. According to North, and photographs of military supplies received in Cuba and Nicaragua, highly sophisticated, modern equipment, including T-55 tanks, assault helicopters and other munitions provide an extensive offensive capability that threatens the stability of the entire region.

The discussion following the presentation focused on the human rights issue of the Nicaraguan people and Mosquito Indians who have been forced from their homes and stripped of their possessions. Questions were raised as to why Americans are over-informed about the weaponry and communism issues, as opposed to the rights of the people.

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