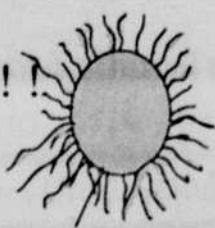


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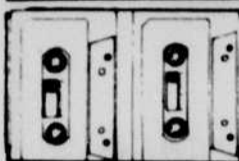
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River Walk fundraiser to help services for people with AIDS

By Hon Walker
Emerald Reporter

Shanti in Oregon will hold its largest fundraiser, the annual River Walk, on Sunday, May 21.

"It's absolutely crucial that the River Walk is a success," said Shanti Executive Director William Warren.

Shanti in Oregon provides local AIDS support services and counseling. Last year's River Walk raised about \$10,000 for Shanti's budget, he said, which is about a quarter of the annual budget.

About 125 local walkers participated in last year's event, and it is hoped that more will participate in Sunday's walk, Warren said. Advance donations from people who will not be joining the River Walk are already arriving at the Shanti office.

"The dollar pool is limited but the need is great," Warren said. He added that Shanti is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization, and that the number of agency clients has doubled during the past twelve months.

Shanti strives to assist individuals deal with the results of a diagnosis either of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection or AIDS. The group provides support for families and friends as well, Warren said.

Currently Shanti is serving more than 100 clients, Warren said. He said that although public funds are being used for AIDS research and education, little if any federal or state money is used for counseling and support of

those who are already infected with HIV.

For this reason, he said, community support of the River Walk is especially important.

Individuals or teams of 10 or more may join the River Walk. The 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) course follows the Willamette River. Participants will begin at the Alton Baker Park shelter, follow the bike path to the Greenway Bike Bridge near Valley River Center, then return to Alton Baker Park after crossing the Autzen Stadium footbridge.

Those joining the walk will contribute pledges and donations for Shanti, and prizes will be given to individuals and teams gathering the most pledges.

"We're hoping people will come out to just participate and show their support of Shanti," Warren said. "The walk clearly is open to everyone."

The River Walk will take place at the end of AIDS Discrimination Awareness Week, which began Monday and will include a number of events held in Portland.

Among the scheduled events is a Wednesday community forum on laws and civil rights of people with AIDS, and a cable television program, "AIDS, the Law, and You," Thursday night at 9. In addition, the Portland Metropolitan Human Relations Commission will be recognized for its anti-discrimination work.

Warren said the River Walk was not planned as part of AIDS Discrimination Awareness Week, but the walk was coincidentally scheduled at the same time.

Multi-cultural festival planned to honor women's past, future

By Frale de Guzman
Emerald Associate Editor

The Women's Center, with help from five student organizations, is sponsoring "A Multi-Cultural Gathering of Women" May 16-18.

The events co-sponsored by The Women's Task Force, Project Saferide and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Elaine Kim, assistant dean of the AsianAmerican studies department at the University of California Berkeley, will present a speech on "The Asian American Woman as Subject/Object in the Popular Media." This will be sponsored by the Asian/Pacific American Student Union and the Eugene-Chinju Sister City Committee as part of its Heritage Week celebration.

All events are open to the public. Child care will be provided at all evening events.

The calendar of events is as follows:

- Today:
 - noon — One Fine Day — video honoring women in history at the EMU Lobby. Music by Kay Weaver.
 - 2 p.m. — A "Body Image"

workshop conducted by Teresa Reeves will be held in the EMU Cedar Rooms A & B.

- 4 p.m. — Margo Schaefer talks on Bag Ladies of the World and Aleta Miller and Dani Harper present the Bartering Network in EMU Cedar Room A & B.

- 6:30 p.m. — Barbara Turrill, acoustic guitarist, and Chrystos, a Native-American poet, will perform in Gerlinger Lounge.

Wednesday:

- 11 a.m. — Carla Gary, Council for Minority Education assistant director, will speak on "Cultural Diversity" at the EMU Forum Room.

- noon — One Fine Day video to be shown at the EMU Terrace.

- 4 p.m. — Isbel Ingham speaks on "Unlearning Anti-Semitism," at the EMU Forum Room.

- 7 p.m. — Brenda Wong-Aoki tells Japanese ghost stories and talks about Asian-American women at the Wesley Center. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for non-students and free for children under 12. Tickets are only available at the door.

Thursday:

- 11 a.m. — International

Women's panel moderated by Dr. Revathi Balakrishnan, Oregon State University director of Women in Internate Development. The brown bag panel will be held in the EMU Gumwood Room.

- noon — One Fine Day video to be shown at the EMU Lobby.

- 12:30 p.m. — Willamette Aids Council presents "Women & Aids" in the EMU Cedar Rooms A & B.

- 2 p.m. — Barb Ryan, Women Center's director, will speak on "Myths and Facts about Lesbians" in the EMU Fir Room.

- 4 p.m. — Elaine Kim, UC Berkeley assistant dean to Asian-American studies, will speak on "Asian American Women as Subjects/Objects in the Popular Media" in the EMU Fir Room.

- 6 p.m. — Coffee hour featuring women in the community in the EMU Fir Room

- 8 p.m. — Cheryl Camelio and Judy Vogelsang, acoustic guitarists, will open for Deidre McCalla, who will be playing acoustics women's music, in the EMU Ballroom. Tickets are \$4-\$6 and are available at the door, Mother Kali's and the EMU Main Desk.

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