

Wine bottlers may escape bill

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SALEM (Special) — "We let some culprits escape," said Gordon Macpherson (R-Waldport). But the culprits may not be caught until 1975—if then.

The culprits in this case are the wine liquor bottlers, and the escape they made is from the 1971 Bottle Bill.

The bill required bottlers of carbonated beverages and beer to put a deposit on their bottles and cans to reduce the amount of litter strewn over the Oregon landscape.

Macpherson has authored a bill (HB 2885) that would extend the scope of the original bill to cover "alcoholic containers."

But Macpherson himself doesn't expect the bill to pass. In fact, he seemingly didn't in-

troduce the bill with the hope of it passing. The purpose of the bill is to make the special Joint Committee on Alcohol and Drugs, the legislature, and bottlers and conservationists think about what Don Wagoner of the Oregon Environmental Council called "inevitable"—the extension of the bill to alcoholic containers. Most witnesses in testimony before the committee Monday favored putting the bill off until the next session of the legislature in 1975 to allow more time for study.

Jerry Mendel, a Portland lawyer representing the wine association, even said that the bill would be "financially and practically impossible." Oregon's supply of wine comes mostly from other states and foreign countries. "It's naturally impossible," he said, "to return

wine bottles to countries such as France and Spain for resale." Mendel estimated a price increase per bottle of 20 to 25 cents if the new bill passes.

Morrie Druhl, representing the Distillers Institute, concurred. He said the wine and liquor bottles only constitute less than one per cent of Oregon's roadside litter. He said the state along with the bottlers would have to share the increased cost as the Oregon Liquor Control Commission would have to approximately double their warehouse facilities to handle the empties.

Even some of the prime movers of the 1971 bill, Rich Chambers, Alfred Hanson, and Wagoner, recommended that the bill be set aside until the 1975 legislature meets and the results of the governor's study of the effects of the present law are in.

Mt. McKinley expeditions on six-week clean-up mission

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Would you take a six week jaunt to the 20,000 foot peak of Mt. McKinley—to pick up trash?

The Denali Arctic Environmental Project would. It launched a first team from Eugene Friday to clean up the major expedition routes of the Alaskan mountain. Gary Grimm, director of the University's Outdoor Program, who went up

on Friday, is coordinating the project. Of the DAEP's unusual goal, Grimm stated, "In the arctic conditions of Mt. McKinley, litter does not deteriorate—it lingers on the routes indefinitely to make the mountain look like a junk yard. "This is a unique ecological project that has rarely been attempted elsewhere," he continued.

Of the five members in this first of two expedition parties, two, Gary Grimm and Steve Pitts, live in Eugene.

Also on this expedition which is sponsored by the U of O Outdoor Program and the American Alpine Club, are Herbert Hilbert, director of the Idaho State University Outdoor Program, Tom Stich of Minnesota's Mankato State College and Dan McBride of Idaho Falls. Pitts' parents live in Medford. A second party of six will leave Eugene on May 20th.

The departure came after months of preparation.

"We've had extensive physical, nutritional and medical training to prepare ourselves for this trip," said Grimm. "Among the

other things we'll be accomplishing is that we are serving as an experimental group for a study of the effects of altitude on the iron content of the blood," he noted.

"Supplies have already been sent ahead to a camp on the mountain," Grimm said. "We hope to bring the collected trash back to this camp and have the Forest Service helicopter it out."

Personal desires also form a portion of this expedition's goals.

"I want to test my body and my mind in a tense, small group living situation," said Hilbert. Stich commented, "I want to reach out and stretch my capabilities to the maximum."

Grimm, one of the people who founded the University Outdoor Program in 1967, added, "This type of expedition represents the peak of a pyramid of Outdoor Program activities."

"The bulk of what the Program does broaden out to any of the many outdoor activities that all students are urged to participate in," he added.

For further information contact the Outdoor Program at X4365 or in room 23 EMU.

DMIC asks lower budget

In the last Incidental Fees Committee budget hearing, Tom McGarry of the Draft and Military Information Center (DMIC) requested a \$4,590 budget for next year, a \$2,709 decrease from this year's budget.

McGarry said that though the draft is dormant now, men still must register for the draft and comply with selective service regulations.

"We see selective service, as an institution, still as a threat to people's freedom of choice," he said.

He said the Center provides an alternate view for high school seniors, both male and female, who are being recruited by the military and ROTC programs.

The program provides counseling for Conscientious Objectors, high school students and persons in military reserve programs.

McGarry said they counsel many students who are completing their educations through ROTC programs and who have changed their philosophies toward the military. The obligation of active duty is a real threat, McGarry said.

McGarry said DMIC is the only counseling center available between San Francisco and Portland.

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