

OLCC targets bars and taverns

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The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has started a new program aimed at reducing the number of arrests and accidents related to drunk driving.

Owners of bars and taverns will now be notified when an individual who is arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants, or who is involved in an alcohol-related accident, names their establishment as the last place they were served alcohol.

Peter O'Rourke, regional supervisor of the OLCC, said Lane County has been serving as the state's pilot program for the last two years, during which hundreds of notification letters have been sent out.

"We usually try to hand-

deliver it and explain what we're doing," O'Rourke said.

The Oregon State Police notifies the OLCC of all alcohol-related arrests when the individual in custody names an establishment with a liquor license. If the individual's blood alcohol content is .13 or higher, the OLCC will send the named establishment a letter.

The OLCC will monitor the program, identifying bars and taverns that repeatedly serve too much alcohol to customers.

Only 34 percent of those arrested actually name a bar or tavern, according to O'Rourke. The rest name convenience stores or parties as the last place they drank, he said.

Owners and managers of local bars and taverns have differing opinions on the worthiness of the new program.

"I think it's a horrendous burden on taverns," said Frank Cordoza, musical director and night manager of the Butte Tavern, 211 Washington St. "It just makes us more paranoid."

On the other hand, Fern Walton, owner of Sam's Place, 825 Wilson St., feels the program is beneficial. "I think it's wonderful," Walton said. "It's nice to know, and it gives you warning."

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MEETINGS

Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society will be holding its first meeting of the school year. All past and present members are invited to attend. It will be held in the EMU Maple Room at 5:30 tonight.

The Advertising Club is holding an organizational meeting today at 3:40 in 221 Allen.

The Telecommunications and Film Association is holding its first meeting tonight at 6:30 in 202 Villard.

College Republicans will meet tonight at 5:30 in Century Room F, EMU. Fourth Congressional District chair Judy Cassell will speak.

The Singapore Students Association will be holding a general meeting on Friday, Oct. 16 at 4:30 in Gerlinger Lounge. A potluck will follow.

The Division of Student Affairs video project will be holding a staff meeting today at 4 in Cedar Room D, EMU.

Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity, will be holding its fall organizational meeting tonight at 6:30 in Cedar Room C, EMU.

Circle K will not hold a meeting this week. For questions about membership on the LTC, call 484-5810.

LECTURES

"Battle in the Classroom: Creation vs. Evolution," will be

the topic of a video presentation and discussion today from 4:30 to 6 in Century Room A, EMU. Sponsored by C.A.R.P.

MISCELLANEOUS

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