

TAX

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Although the increase is 5 cents per drink, the tax will be by the barrel. For a 31 gallon barrel, the tax would equal about \$16.53.

Currently, beer distributors pay about \$2.60 per barrel in taxes, said Gary Gibson, general manager for General Distributing Inc. in Portland.

The new tax would be unfair, he said. The distributors had their federal taxes doubled in 1991, which caused the industry to lose 30,000 jobs, Gibson said.

"Maybe we could get through this, but small businesses won't," Gibson said.

But Shibley said anyone engaging in the manufacturing of "these drugs" should have to pay the tax, Shibley said.

Some students do not think the new tax would be a good idea.

Kevin Williams, a junior sociology major said he would not support the tax. If a person is a responsible drinker they should not be responsible for funding a drinker, he said. Matthew Hoffman, a junior theater major agreed.

"My gut reaction is that I would be paying for someone else's problem," said Hoffman. "Although if I am drinking I am part of the problem."

Rebecca Faketty, a junior English major, does not support a tax increase, but because the money would go to fund rehabilitation programs, she said she could at least understand the need for the money.

Shibley also proposed an increase in privilege tax for high

alcohol malted beverages.

"If you are going to sell fortified malted beverages then you are going to pay an increase," Shibley said. "It's really a users fee."

Hoffman said there is a danger with adding a tax to items such as beer.

"You could find a social evil for anything you buy," Hoffman said.

But one of the purposes of the tax is to make the alcohol harder to obtain. Most street alcoholics are addicted not through any other kind of alcohol but fortified wine, which contains more than 14 percent alcohol by volume, Shibley said.

No hearing date has been set for HB 2056. Shibley said she hopes to have the bill heard before the end of the session.

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preserving Amazon."

In the past, the Save Amazon Coalition has continually expressed an interest in saving the housing complex by moving it to another site where low-income rates would continue. The city of Eugene and St. Vincent DePaul are making plans to move 30 of the units.

Mike Eyster, director of University Housing, said he believes the appeal made by the coalition will now hinder those plans.

"The delay made Monday lowers the time to begin moving the property by about a month and reduces the window of opportunity for moving and preserving the site," Eyster said. "If we had the permit, they would have free access to the site. But we can-

not physically move the buildings until we have the permit."

He said opening bids for demolition contracts will start at the beginning of March, with contracts being awarded the following week. He expects the council will schedule their public hearing the same week the opening bids begin on the demolition contracts.

"We may be at a standstill in protecting the buildings, but not in our plans for demolition," he said. "Our interest is in getting this process started. The people who are making these delays are working against the interests of students in keeping rents low."

He said University housing officials are still proceeding with their plans to begin demolition after April 8 — when the city can no longer delay the permit.

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MEETINGS

Students for Choice will meet tonight at 7 in EMU Century Room E. For more information, call 346-0649.

RELIGION

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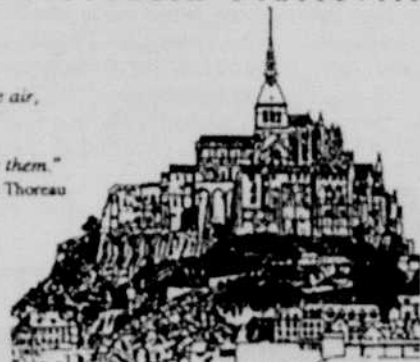
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