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Alcohol: Perceptions problematic

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tribute this increase in citations to tougher enforcement, not increased usage, according to the Chronicle's report.

Peter O'Rourke, regional director of the OLCC, said the commission has been more active policing kegs the last couple of years. OLCC inspectors accompany police on weekend patrols around the campus area.

"We've been making a more concerted effort to stop the parties before they get too big and out of control," O'Rourke said. "If you take the keg away, the party is over. If you just tell the party to quiet down, the party continues and eventually escalates. We're not really seeing that pattern now."

Sgt. Rick Gilliam, supervisor of the police force at the University, warns students that the Eugene Police Department has a preemptive approach to policing keg parties. The police go to residences with registered kegs early in the evening to warn the hosts of their responsibilities and notify them of the laws.

"If we come back and give them a citation, then we will cite every violation we can," Gilliam said. "We are less tolerant of violations."

When a violation is cited to the host, the keg is immediately seized. The OLCC and the police department will confiscate any keg for which there is incorrect information on the keg registration, missing keg tags or underage drinking. It is a criminal violation and Class A misdemeanor to remove keg tags or to write in-

Student alcohol use

■ **31%** reported "0" as the average number of drinks per week

■ **65%** reported using alcohol twice per month during the past year

■ **43%** reported having five or more drinks at a sitting within the last two weeks

SOURCE: 1996-1997 Annual Report prepared by the Office of Student Life

correct information on the keg receipt.

Confiscated kegs are returned to the distributor, and the students lose their deposits. The police and OLCC confiscated 31 kegs in April.

Many students don't think of the ramifications of dispensing alcohol at their parties, Gilliam said. If a student leaves the party and is involved in an accident, or if a student dies from alcohol, the party host could be held liable.

In April, the Eugene Police Department cited 200 alcohol-related violations; about 110 of those were citations for a minor in possession, Gilliam said.

"Underage drinking is not taken seriously by students, but we are enforcing it more stringently," Gilliam said.

Gilliam warns that parties that attract attention to themselves will be policed. He warns students to use their judgment when planning on hosting a keg party.

"We are realistic — we're not going to stop drinking violations," Gilliam said. "We're try-

ing to moderate the behavior. Students on and off campus need to drink in a safe and relatively closed environment."

O'Rourke warns students that it is illegal to take the kegs across state lines, and the kegs will be confiscated at the border if students attempt to take the party on the road, especially for Memorial Day weekend.

The Office of Student Life is trying a broad range of programming and creative new approaches to fight the problem of campus drinking.

A report from the office shows part of the problem is student perceptions of campus drinking.

"Younger students think they need to drink," Devine said.

A random sample of University undergraduates showed students think 99 percent of University students drink once a month, when in reality only 72 percent do. The sample showed 96 percent of the campus is perceived to drink once a week, but only 52 percent actually do. The problem is that half the survey respondents were below the legal drinking age.

Devine said information shows seniors drink less than freshmen. But perceptions surrounding campus drinking persist. The letter system is just one way the Office of Student Life is trying to help students.

"Students think everyone needs to drink," Devine said. "We want to make sure we aren't beating students up about this. But they need to look ahead and realize alcohol can interfere with their academic performance."

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