

Class: 'You don't look at bars the same way'

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and bartending etiquette.

There is also a section of the class that focuses on wines. Students of legal drinking age are given an opportunity to taste a variety of wines. They also learn what wines to recommend for specific situations and proper corking and presentation techniques, Wilson said.

Students take the class for a variety of reasons, Wilson said. Some students want to start a career or supplement their income. Students can pay their way through college bartending, she said. Other students are just curious about what they are drinking.

"I am interested in possibly bartending in the future," said Rafe Hanahan, a senior business major at the University.

"I wanted to spice up my schedule, too," the 22-year-old added.

Hanahan and the rest of the class sat quietly at tables around the bar at the Valley River Inn on Tuesday evening. It was the final class meeting and their assignment was to watch Doug Renner, the bartender, go about his work. Wilson pointed out the subtle nuances of pouring and serving.

"Everything you want to know about being a good bartender," Wilson said, motioning towards Renner, who was pouring a lemon-drop.

"A lot of [bartending] is observation," Wilson said. "It is work that you have to be open to all walks of life. From the poorest to

the richest, you treat them the same."

Observation is a big part of the class. Wilson teaches the students, in accordance with OLCC regulations, to spot a person who has had too much to drink and how to spot fake identification, she said.

"What Dolores [Wilson] teaches makes it so you don't look at bars the same way," said Patrick Simmons, a 22-year-old business administration major who frequents a variety of local bars.

He said he notices things like the speed of service, the presentation of the drink and the exchange between the bartender and the customer.

Simmons recalled noticing a melon ball being poured incorrectly while he was at a campus bar. The bartender used an imitation melon liquor instead of the name-brand liquor that the recipe calls for, he said.

Students learn recipes and practice pouring drinks, Wilson said, although they use colored water instead of the actual liquors.

At the completion of the course, Wilson handed out certificates to the class and together they enjoyed happy hour drinks at El Torito Mexican Restaurant and the Cantina. The students in the class have become good friends this term, Wilson said. There have even been some couples who have "hooked up" through the class, she added.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

No change in status of Thurston victims

Two victims from the May 21 shooting incident at Thurston High School remained in the care of Eugene's Sacred Heart Medical Center as of Wednesday afternoon.

Teresa Miltonberger, who sustained a gunshot wound to the head, was listed in critical condition. Tony Case, who

sustained a gunshot wound to the abdomen, was in fair condition.

Jennifer Alldredge, one of 12 students taken to Springfield's McKenzie-Willamette Hospital, was the last of the patients released from the hospital. She was released on Saturday.

For updated information on the patients' status, call Sacred Heart at 686-6868.

PUBLIC LECTURE

THE LOST GENERATION AND THE NEED FOR
COMPASSION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Dr. Mike MacIntosh, Director
Youth Development International

Thursday, June 4, 1998

7:00 p.m.

Prince Lucien Campbell Hall (PLC)
Room 180

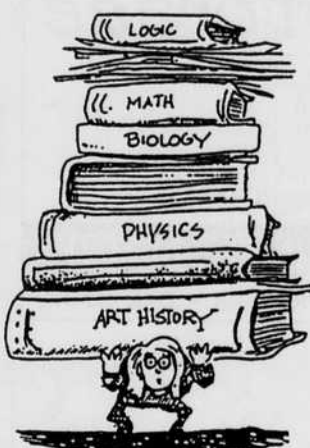
Youth Development International (YDI) operates the national youth crisis hotline, 1-800-HIT-HOME. Dr. MacIntosh will speak on the troubles facing our youth. He will speak on the need to show today's youth that there is hope despite tragedies like those at Thurston High School. YDI is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1959, dedicated to providing the kind of encouragement to young people that will get them home and help them find direction in life.



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