

Drinking

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She went on to say that at least one-third of the people picked up by police for drunken driving are between the ages of 18 and 25.

"Police can't get them all because of under staffing, but that's probably a good half," Dodge said.

Other out-of-control parties have forced University officials to conduct studies to identify why student parties result in "riots." The survey is conducted every two years.

The most recent survey conducted in the 1997-98 school year by the Office of the Dean of Student Life said the answer is the rampant and often abused use of alcohol. It also states that the perceived use of alcohol is much higher than the actual use of alcohol, but at the same time, the Office of Public Safety with the Eugene Police Department issued twice as many liquor law violations during the 1997-98 school year than the previous year.

According to the survey, 31 percent of students reported zero drinks per week but 43 percent reported having five or more drinks within the previous two weeks.

Thirty-eight percent of students re-

ported doing something under the influence that they later regretted, while 33 percent missed class and 22 percent performed poorly on tests due to alcohol or drug use.

The study's conclusion is that college students "drink up to perceptions."

Both students thought the VIP program was a useful tool to curb drinking tendencies.

"I don't know if much will deter people from drinking and driving," Hansen said. "It was very informative, and it had a good message, and it used real people with real experience."

"It's a good lesson for everybody," Gillis added, "Especially because we're all 21, and we can all drink."

Gillis and Hansen agreed that alcohol use and abuse is prevalent on campus.

"It puts it into perspective — all the ramifications of what can happen, the possible consequences," Gillis said.

"And that you're really responsible for everyone there and what might happen," Hansen said. "It doesn't have to be you that was drinking. None of us are immune to that."

Today's Events

Tuesday, April 13


■ The Jewish Student Union is holding a conference on the Holocaust from noon to 6 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

■ The International Students Association is holding a lecture on economics in Latin America from 5 to 7 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.

■ Project Saferide is showing a film as part of a series from 6 to 9 p.m. in 138 Gilbert.

■ The Survival Center is presenting a movie and discussion from 7 to 9 p.m. in the EMU Umpqua Room.

■ The Human Rights Alliance is holding a Town Meeting Forum to discuss a University corporate code of conduct. The forum will start at 7 p.m. in the Gumwood Room of the EMU.



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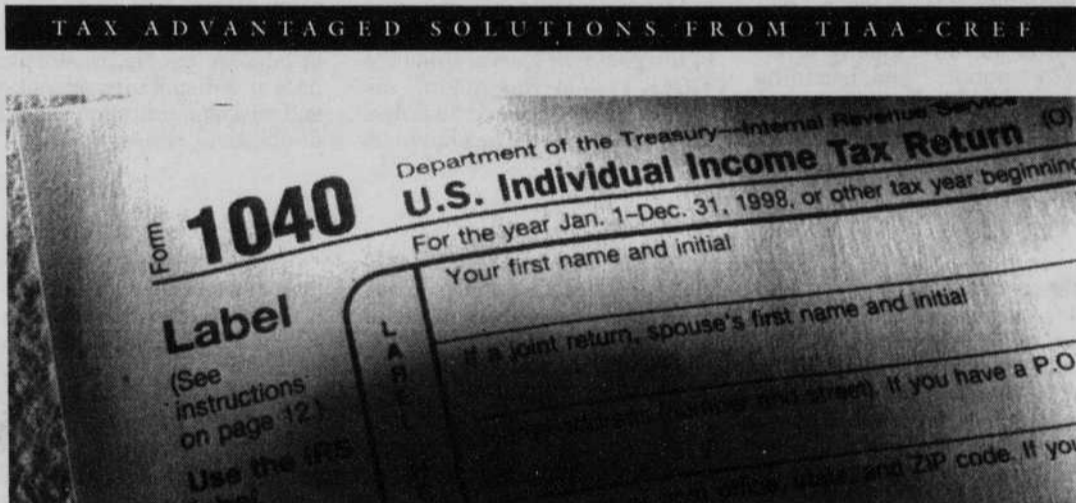
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