

## Buyer held responsible

# New OLCC law requires keg information

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In theory, the new Oregon keg law sounds like a good solution to the state's number one killer -- drunken-driving -- but according to some local tavern owners, to implement it may be a horse of a different color.

The new law concerns the sale and distribution of any brewery-sealed individual container of malt beverage having a liquid capacity of more than seven gallons.

Beginning Jan. 1, individuals must fill out a receipt when they buy bulk beer, according to Don Rielly, assistant director of the special investigation division of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). The law applies to individuals other than licensed groups like distributors and tavern owners.

A pre-numbered label with three numbers is affixed to the keg so that the seller of the keg and the purchaser can be traced if the keg is found abandoned, according to Rielly. Removal of this label is punishable by law.

Keg identification numbers are recorded by the seller as are the purchaser's name, address and drivers number. The year, make, type color and palet number of the vehicle in which the keg will be transported is also recorded. And finally, the law requires the location, time and date of consumption be recorded.

"We would often come up with a keg of beer and not know where it came from," Reilly said. "We were also concerned with the distributors and taverns selling to minors or it somehow getting into minors' hands."

"Every law is intended to be a common sense approach to a problem," said Paul McAllister, Clackamas County Deputy. "Basically it was intended to stop some of these keggars that were causing fatal traffic accidents. You have to use your head on some of these things. We're certainly not going to go breaking down doors acting like gang-busters, if we just hear some noises, but we'll enforce the law to the best of our ability."

Some of the local tavern owners are pro and others are con.

"It's a fantastic law and I was all for it," said Barbara Holiday, owner of Doc Holiday's in Oregon City. "It takes some of the liability off of the tavern owners and puts it on the adults that are misusing the law."

"It also makes the adult think about what's going to happen if they do buy the keg," Holiday, who is also a member of the Clackamas County Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Problems, said. "Like if a mother of a minor buys a keg for 20 or so kids and those 20 kids go out and drive, she's responsible. They have a definite responsibility now. It makes them stop and think that if anything did

happen, they could have a lawsuit pending."

Another Clackamas County tavern owner, who wishes to remain anonymous, is not quite so optimistic about the new keg law.

"It's time-consuming for our bartenders," he said. "It's also a waste of time and money for the commission. The kids have already found ways to beat it."

"We sold 18 kegs over the weekend and only two of the returned kegs had the stickers still left on them," he said. "Sure its against the law to take the stickers off, but it's also against the law to drink if you're a minor, smoke marijuana, or park your car on main street for more than an hour. That still doesn't stop them from breaking the law."

"It's not going to work and I think they've created a monster," he said. "A person can still buy 20 cases of beer or hard liquor and not sign anything."

The Oregon Traffic Commission was instrumental in the passing of the legislative law, according to Gil Bellamy, Safety Commission administrator.

"The new law tells the over-21 person flat-out that you are responsible," Bellamy said. "This is higher than a traffic violation-- you are civally libel. You now know that you are putting everything you own, or hope to ever have on the line by furnishing a minor with intoxicants."

The worst weekend in 1976

for traffic deaths -- including holidays with three- and four-day weekends -- was the two-day weekend following graduation, according to Bellamy. Eleven people were killed on the highway, ten of which were minors with four of those ten directly traced to official graduation parties.

The new keg law is still infant in the law enforcement books. Time is the factor that will tell if the law will actually help stop minors from consuming alcohol and lessen the drunk-driving accidents and fatalities on Oregon highways.

## Board nixes football

The recommendation to eliminate the football program at the College was passed by the College's Board of Education with only two "no" votes at its Dec. 15 meeting.

After hearing the final report of the Athletic Study Committee, board members agreed that this controversial issue had been discussed and studied enough and that it was time to vote on the matter.

Gary Cornelius moved to replace only intercollegiate football at the College (leaving other intercollegiate sports intact) with an overall sports program stressing intramural sports and sports where individuals may develop life-long learning skills and enjoyment.

Ralph Groener and Bonnie Jones were the only two members of the board who voted against the measure.

In other business, the board:

--Heard a report from the planning committee and discussed the merits of building general classrooms rather than specialized fac-

ilities. Dr. John Hakanson, president of the College, suggested perhaps the teaching day could be extended to make better use of facilities available until new facilities could be built. It would take 10 to 12 years to complete planned construction, Hakanson said.

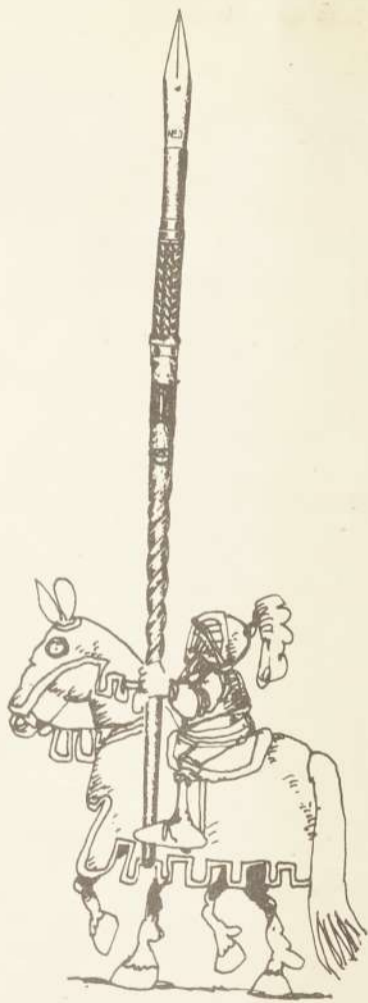
--Directed the administration to move ahead with construction of the science building and the vocational facility within the next three to six years.

--Voted to support the continuation of the Handicapped Resource Center project, and authorized the transfer of from \$18,000 to \$22,000 from the contingency account of the capital project fund to be used for this purpose.

--Decided to have architects draw up a request for a proposal to be submitted to appropriate marketing firms to study the feasibility of a large auditorium-type facility.

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