

Club strives to educate smokers

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"We're basically trying to inform people that marijuana isn't something that is going to make you go crazy," stressed Vincent "Max" Maxian.

Maxian, along with Tony Taylor, founded the 1980 edition of the NORML (National Organization For the Reform of Marijuana Laws) on this campus. The College's NORML club had been defunct for several terms until Maxian and Taylor began reorganization in late April.

"I'd been trying to get the club started up again since winter of 1978, but until this last term, response had been pretty

apathetic," Maxian said. The club now has about 20 members.

"What our club is attempting to do is educate and make our members aware of the various marijuana laws in the state. Oregon has decriminalized the personal usage of marijuana, but you can still go to jail for selling it," Maxian emphasized.

According to Maxian, the club really is not in favor of complete legalization in this state.

"Once there is complete legalization with both selling and usage, someone out there is bound to corner the market. I

read where any of the big cigarette companies could convert over to marijuana cigarettes in a week," he said.

Maxian suggested that a better plan would be for the government to sell permits to persons wanting to grow marijuana with half of their crop going to medical usage and the other half for private use.

"A farmers' manual listed California, Hawaii and Oregon as having marijuana as their biggest money-making crops. It's an untapped reservoir of revenue for the government, if

handled properly," Maxian said.

Lately, there have been an increasing number of surveys indicating that marijuana has harmful side effects, ranging from sluggishness to brain functions. Maxian questions the authenticity of some reports.

"Some of these long-term studies really are not valid. I mean, if you blow one or two ounces of pot into a monkey's face for several weeks, there is going to be a change," he said.

Maxian also discredits certain publications which side against marijuana.

"To My Kids With Love was a one-sided piece of crap, whereas Marijuana Reconsidered was a legitimate presentation of the facts on both sides, and came out in favor of marijuana," he said.

According to Maxian, the future of this campus's NORML club remains very sketchy as summer approaches.

"I probably will not be back after this term and Tony (Taylor) is undecided. Also, finances are a problem. We are trying to organize some fund-raisers, but I have no idea if the club will continue next year," he said.

Wilderness help for the outdoor woman

Now that it's almost summer and the weather should soon be decent (cross your fingers), it is time to think about summer recreation. If you are of the feminine persuasion, are at least 16 years old and enjoy the great outdoors, there is a program that may be just for you. This is the "Keep Listening" wilderness program of trips for women.

Keep Listening is sponsored by the Women's Wilderness Institute Northwestern, a non-profit educational organization. The corporation was founded in 1977 by a group of Oregon women dedicated to wilderness education and preservation.

The two programs of the Women's Wilderness Institute Northwest are Keep Listening trips for women, and Shared Outdoor Adventures for Recreation (SOAR), which offers outings for physically limited adults. Keep Listening has offered a year-round

program of backpacking, bicycle camping, and cross-country skiing instruction since 1977.

Many important skills are taught on the backpacking trips like outdoor cooking, how to use a map and compass, outdoor survival and first aid, and selection and care of equipment. On the bicycling trips, basic maintenance, emergency repairs, and backpacking techniques will be taught. The trips range from easy to strenuous and are designed to cover a variety of terrain. This summer backpacking trips will be offered in the Mount Hood

wilderness area, Hart Mountain Antelope refuge, and the Willamette Valley and The Canadian Gulf Islands.

Anyone with any questions should call the Keep Listening leaders at 239-6896 or 622-3895.

Graduation speakers selected

College graduation ceremonies on June 6 will be highlighted by four student speakers.

Reed Campbell of Canby, Kathy McMahon of West Linn, Darren MacFarlane of Milwaukie and Phillip Boitnott of Oregon City were selected as speakers last week. Campbell's topic will be "Behold the Leaders." The three other speakers will read poetry, dramatic readings and comment on the subject of graduation in a "readers' theater" format.

The College brass ensemble and chamber choir will be presenting the music for the ceremonies, which will begin at 7 p.m. in Randall Hall Gymnasium. The invocation and benediction will be given by Pastor Wally Gustav of Grace Lutheran Church in Molalla.



Graduation speakers; from left to right—Darren MacFarlane, Kathy McMahon, Reed Campbell and Phil Boitnott.

There will be a reception after the commencement exercises in the College cafeteria.

Approximately 500 students are expected to graduate this year.

According to James A. Roberts, dean of student services, "Any student who has accumulated enough hours for either a certificate or an

associate's degree should petition for graduation with the Registrar's Office."

If a student has petitioned for graduation, he or she should have received a letter pertaining to graduation already. If the student has not received a letter, he or she should contact the dean of students' office, Roberts said.

Oregon history, literature subject of workshop

An intensive look at Oregon history will be presented during a one-week workshop, June 16-20, at the College.

The study of Oregon's past and present will include a walking tour of historic Oregon City and several films. History and literature instructors Donald Epstein, Fred DeWolfe, John Rau and Mike Kepler will present lectures.

The registration fee for the workshop is \$45 for those wishing three credits and \$30 on an audit basis.

History instructor Fred DeWolfe has written four books on urban history and the city of Portland. Epstein, also a member of the College's history department, has written articles for the Oregon Historical Quarterly.

In addition to the workshop, the College will host a public lecture series on Oregon history and literature, June 16-19, featuring some of the state's leading historians. The series is co-sponsored by the Oregon Committee on the

Humanities.

The lecture speakers will be professors Gordon Dodds and E. Kimbark MacColl of Portland State University, Edwin Bingham of the University of Oregon and Stephen Beckham of Lewis and Clark College.

The speakers are the authors of numerous articles and several books, including "Oregon: A Bicentennial History," by Dodds, and "Requiem for a People: The Rogue Indians and the Frontiersmen," by Beckham.

The lectures are scheduled for the McLoughlin Hall Theater at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge.

While both the workshop and lectures are designed to be useful to high school and elementary teachers, anyone with an interest in Oregon history and literature will gain from them, according to Epstein, who is directing the workshop.

Schedule for the week's events includes:

—June 16: The Two Oregons: Rural and Urban, lecture by Donald Epstein; Film: Roots of the Tree; and an evening lecture: Oregon History by Gordon Dodds.

—June 17: The Indians, lecture by Donald Epstein; Film: The People Dancing Again; and evening lecture: Oregonians, by Stephen Beckham.

—June 18: Oregon Literature, lecture by Mike Kepler; Films: Natural Territory, Sometimes a Notion; and an evening lecture: Oregon Literature by Edwin Bingham.

—June 19: The Urban Scene: Portland, lecture by Fred DeWolfe; Film: The Willamette; and an evening lecture: Oregon Governors by E. Kimbark MacColl.

—June 20: Walking Tours of Oregon City and Clackamas Community Park, presentations by city and park preservationists.

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