

Drinking Problem at University of Oregon Not as Great Now as It Was in 1950

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Campus coffee shops are popular during breaks from classes, at all times during the day. Students cut classes to go to them, but not as often as they used to. There's a reason.

Two of them sold beer by the glass until 1950.

They aren't allowed to now because students were cutting classes to attend their daily beer-drinking sessions, and were also finding it convenient to have a beer after afternoon classes instead of returning to living organizations for dinner.

Another problem: minors were consuming beer in alarming quantities.

"You had to be able to reach the top of the counter with your money," one student in 1950 told Donald DuShane, director of student affairs.

The state law that people under 21 couldn't buy beer was in effect at that time, but it was impossible to enforce when beer was so close to campus, DuShane said.

Everything came to a head during Homecoming weekend in 1950, when the bonfire rally was held on the Fiji parking lot. Beer was handed out the windows of one place indiscriminately. Alumni and other groups were so disgusted that they brought pressure to bear.

WCTU Steps In

One such group was the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which urged elimination of beer licenses near the campus.

Then Oregon's Liquor Control commission stepped into the picture, first holding preliminary hearings on student behavior.

The commission then consulted student affairs, asking for a map of the campus showing University buildings and living organizations. They proposed to draw up a tentative "dry zone" boundary to settle the question and satisfy critics.

A fifteen-day suspension was levied on the two offending establishments by the liquor commission, which charged them simply with serving beer to minors.

Harry K. Newburn, then University president, told liquor commissioners that in the early pre-war days students, many of them returning veterans, needed "a beer outlet near the campus," according to a 1950 Oregonian article.

The faculty changed its mind, however, and recommended a

mile limit around the campus restricting sales, Newburn told them.

Student reaction at that time was interesting. Barry Mountain, then ASUO president, pledged full co-operation in living up to administration and liquor commission rules, but asked that the campus establishments be allowed to continue serving beer.

A suggested alternative was to have student body cards printed with pictures and ages, and the card could serve as identification. The ASUO Senate defeated that plan.

"Why should I vote for something that would prove I'm not old enough to drink?" one senator said, according to DuShane.

Between 1950 and last spring the agreement between student affairs and the liquor commis-

sion was the one under which the dry zone operated. Last spring the Eugene city council voted approval of the principle of the zone.

The council has since shown disapproval of the zone, particularly last November when they were forced to deny a beer license application from a grocery within it.

The council felt that the zone is "unfair" in some cases, a Eugene Register-Guard article at the time reported. But members agreed that they don't favor indiscriminate sale of the alcohol, and that the boundaries are fair for the sale of liquor by the drink.

Where is the zone? Roughly, it is set at "a block or so from the campus and living organizations," DuShane said.

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The nuclear double feature roared its opening at 4:55 a.m. when a device estimated to equal 20,000 tons of TNT reduced its 500-foot tower to stubs of twisted metal.

It gave Las Vegas a mild jolt and appeared similar in force to the other major test of the spring series, held last March 7. But be-

cause of overcast skies it was less spectacular, being seen in only five states in contrast with the previous spectacle seen border to border throughout the West.

Six hundred soldiers were crouched in trenches 3500 yards away on the Yucca Flat test site. Then they went in to look at the large amount of military equipment exposed to it.

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