

'Side' Must Go, Co-op Needs Space

The College Side Inn will be gone next year. A campus tradition, "the Side" will be torn down to make room for a new Co-op building. At a meeting Thursday, the Co-op Board decided not to renew the leases of the three establishments on its 13th Avenue prop-

erty. Bill Baker's Men's Wear and the Westgate Shop will also yield to Co-op expansion. **DESTRUCTION OF** the Side has elicited no protests from alumni or students, according to Walt Evans, Co-op Board chairman. "In the last ten years, the Side

has been just a place to sip coffee," he said. "The only times the board hears about protests is when we bring it up." "In four years," Evans said, "there will be anew campus tradition. The alums recognize the changing needs of the University." He said that no deci-

sion has been reached regarding preservation of Side furnishings, although it has been suggested that they be removed to the Bottom of the Bowl in the SU. **PRELIMINARY** architectural and financial plans for expansion of the Co-op will be discussed at the Co-op Board's next meeting, Evans said. Because of increased University enrollment, 10 per cent over last year, Co-op facilities are very cramped, Evans said. He added that the University of Washington, which had no significant increase in student body size, plans to expand its bookstore to 45,000 square feet of floor space. The new building will give the Co-op 36,000 square feet of space. Other large Universities have facilities of comparable size.

"the Side," as it was commonly called, was part of large two-story structure on the corner of 13th and Kincaid that sported a quasi Tudor style. According to reports from the early sixties, the Side was comparable to today's Duffy's as the social gathering scene for University students.

The 1962 decision by the Co-op board, which owned the building that housed the Side, resulted in a large crusade to "save the Side," led mostly by an architecture student named Vic Sabin who even dropped out of school during the controversy to spend more time on it. The entire building finally came down in February, 1964, and the Bookstore was in full swing on the same spot by 1966.

The Side's interior looked like a medieval hall, according to Ted Mahar, Emerald managing editor in 1962-63. The place was popular mostly as a place to sit and talk or study, and really wasn't much of a money maker, he says, because most of the customers would only order a coke or two during their hour or longer stay.

The Side used to sell beer but was forced to go dry in 1952 when the Oregon Liquor Control Commission instituted a dry zone around the University.

Today, there's still a College Side Inn in town, at 86495 College View Road in Springfield. The place opened after the original Side was torn down and rumor has it that U.S. Congressman Jim Weaver constructed it in the hope of carrying on the Side tradition.

Two Campus Restaurants Have Become Institutions

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As familiar as Oregon rain and just as characteristic of the University of Oregon are two on-campus restaurants, The College Side Inn and Taylor's Coffee Shop.

THERE IS a rumor that both restaurants were originally taverns. But it's a false rumor, according to Rod Taylor, son of the original Taylor's owner, Hersh Taylor.

"We just served bottled beer when we opened in '31 along with milk and cokes. We had no trouble at all. If anyone got noisy we just signaled his friends to walk him home."

TAYLOR, alum of the University and Phi Delta Theta fraternity, grew up on the corner of 13th Ave. and Kincaid St. Remembering the former reputation of the University as the country club of the Pacific Coast Conference, he explained that even if the dry zone were lifted, as in the "old days," he doubted that his business would increase greatly.

"I know; I've been here to see the change in student attitude. Oh, we'd probably have the steady three to nine Friday crowds, but I seriously doubt if we'd have the weekday business we had about ten years ago. Students are just more studious minded now," he said.

ACROSS THE street, the College Side Inn is now under its sixth ownership since it opened in 1922. Originally it was strictly a coffee shop and restaurant, but an area for serving beer was added on later. Wooden swinging doors separated the restaurant and bar. Since 1951

both Taylor's and The Side have been included under the dry zone restriction. The Side's bar became Bill Baker's clothing store.

The Side, owned by the student co-operative store may be torn down in the future, but Mr. and Mrs. Howard Twite, the present owners, say that although things are "up in the air now," they are looking forward to many more years of business.

UPDATE - The English Tudor building on the corner of 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street is hardly the "dry" spot it used to be in 1962. True, the place still holds the name "Taylor's Coffee Shop," but it sells a lot more than coffee now. The place is a regular tavern with the beer flowing out its taps as smoothly as any other beer hall in town.

In 1962, Taylor's was smack dab in the middle of a dry zone that encircled the University. This zone, instituted in 1952, ringed the campus from the Willamette River to 22nd Avenue between Patterson and Villard streets.

During the zone's reign, no market or eating establishment in the dry area was allowed to sell beer. The zone was established in 1950 when a 19-year-old student secured a mug of beer from Taylor's by asking an of-age friend to buy it for him.

The dry zone legally lifted in 1958 when the state attorney general ruled it illegal. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission, however, refused all licenses to sell beer in the zone until 1969, when it granted a few markets in the area beer-selling licenses.

Taylor's finally obtained a

license to resume selling bottled beer in 1970.

During the zone's reign, Max's Tavern, just beyond the zone, continued to sell beer and became the hot spot for college beer drinkers, according to Ray Hawk, vice-president for administration and finance.

Nowadays the only dry area in conjunction with the University is the campus itself. Despite attempts by several student officers since the 1960s, beer and liquor have remained strangers to the campus.

The target of all campus tavern attempts, of course, is the EMU. While tavern proponents argue that a tavern in the EMU would enhance the University's annual revenue by as much as \$150,000, historically the University presidents have vetoed the idea.

Arthur Flemming, University president from 1961 to 1968, openly opposed the tavern issue, just as University Pres. William Boyd has indicated he would if the proposal ever becomes a likely reality.

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