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Photo by Michael Clapp

Max's is a popular spot for a game of darts or cribbage or just to sip a brew and read the week's history assignment.

Checking out Eugene's taverns



All dressed up and nowhere to go? With well over 100 bars, taverns and restaurants, Eugene offers a wide variety of places to meet, drink and be merry. Listed below are but a few to get you started.

The Cooler, 20 Centennial Loop

The Paddock Tavern, 3355 East Amazon Drive
These particular drinking establishments are two of Eugene's classic neighborhood sports taverns. Dark wood interiors, antlers on the walls and heavy oak bars make apt the setting for billiards (total of six tables) and watching big-screen T.V. with satellite reception.

Also, The Pad is one of the only taverns in town to still have a foosball table. Student, alumni and community Duck fans frequent the two taverns, making for "active" sports watching, beyond mere observation — almost to a participation level.

Each tavern serves 65-cent draft beer, and features specials on live sport nights. Both are open until 2 a.m. on weekends.

Cassady's Tavern, 539 East 13th Ave.

Perry's On Pearl, 959 Pearl St.

Two of Eugene's gay drinking establishments, Cassady's is a neighborhood tavern with rustic interior and pool tables; Perry's, conversely, is a downtown bar with a dance floor.

Both places feature recorded music — Cassady's playing mostly rock, pop and jazz; and Perry's also featuring rock and pop, but also funk (with an emphasis on danceable music). The crowd includes community members and students, and is by no means made up of gays only.

There is 85-cent draft beer at Cassady's, and a full bar at Perry's, which also has a service charge. Both establishments are open until 2 a.m.

on weekends.

Lone Star Restaurant, 160 South Park

Located downtown, The Lone Star is a large bar featuring a dance floor in front of the stage, with raised tables and seating along the back walls. The decor is "late '70s thrashed." Playing loud for serious rockers and metalheads, the music is live on weekends.

The crowd is somewhat young, and though many people come as couples, the atmosphere is conducive to interaction among singles. The Lone Star has a cover charge on weekends and features a full bar, draft beer and weekly specials.

Max's Tavern, 550 East 13th Ave.

Surviving through those dry days of prohibition, Max's is the second oldest tavern of continuous location in the state. It is a rustic tavern complete with a high ceiling, darts and a heavy oak bar; somewhat reminiscent of oldtown San Francisco drinking establishments.

Max's patrons are treated to five different beers on tap and 16 different bottled beers. Bartender Mike Hitchcock considers Max's to be the "genuine U of O tavern." "If your father went to school here, he drank here," he says.

Frequented by regulars in the midweek, Max's fills with community members and students on the weekends. It features 70-cent beer and \$2 pitchers, and has Friday specials.

Rennie's Landing, 1214 Kincaid St.

Rennie's is a classic example of a true college tavern. Converted from a large home, the atmosphere is warm with two floors of comfortable seating, light oak furnishings and a partially-covered patio.

The menu is complete with long-standing student favorites and daily specials. Serving regular customers on midweek nights, Rennie's attracts a predominantly Greek crowd on weekends. Rennie's features 13 different bottled

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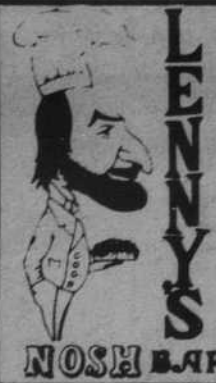


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