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Steve and Jeff on the Town: A new high

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Editor's note: The "Steve and Jeff on the Town" column is a regular feature in the monthly magazine The Oregon Voice.

Hey. Okay, so you're saying one of four things: 1) Steve and Jeff sold out by defecting from a quality magazine, *Oregon Voice*, and infecting a common daily paper, *The Oregon Daily Emerald*. 2) Who the hell are these guys? 3) This Christmas supplement will make great fire kindling. 4) Boy, Steve, I can't believe we've sunk this low.

Ah, Christmas. Tidings of comfort and joy, chestnuts roasting, boughs of holly, Jimmy Stewart movies, another influx of advertisements for Christmas albums featuring people you've never heard of (or want to hear), singing

songs you always hear, and of course, the opening of 19th Street Cafe.

Upon entering, we were greeted with surprising warmth. In fact, the server was so cordial and genuinely interested in who we were that he requested to see our little cards which happen to discuss our hometown, eye color and weight. He was especially interested in finding out when our birthdays were.

After working our way through the gauntlet of sincerity, we were presented with a multitude of ales, our favorite beverage, on tap. We thought hmmm, this is just like being a kid at Baskin Robbins—31 flavors to choose from. Actually, they have but a mere 30 ales on tap.

Also, being like a kid in Baskin Robbins, we had a difficult time deciding just exactly which ale to pursue first in the form of a pitcher. We used one of the oldest tricks in the book, "The Sample Taste." Here's how:

1. Be indecisive. (Pretend



you really don't know which one you want.)

2. Be inexperienced. (Pretend you have never tried any of the selections offered.)

3. Be subservient. (Follow any whim or conversation by the server, which may lead to another taste.)

4. Debate with your quaffing comrade. (This way you can get a second taste of your favorites.)

5. If you have any money, buy something. Otherwise, say, "I like that one...But I'm just browsing today."

After tasting the Deschute's Jubal Ale and the Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, we ordered a pitcher of Nut Brown Ale. The Nut Brown is one of the more enthusiastically flavored ales with a bit of a bite to it.

After a pitcher of the Nut Brown, we had a pitcher of Red Hook ESB. This ale is close to Steve's heart, as they both come from the same geographic region.

At this point, John and Jamon, our buddies, walked in and we conned them into buying a pitcher of Terminator to complement the two pitchers of Henry's they had before they went to the Duck basketball game.

Since the Ducks beat No. 2 Arizona (*Oregon Voice* editor Cliff Pfenning's favorite team), we had to celebrate. It all seemed like a scene from *It's a Wonderful Life*.

The amazing metamorphosis of decor was another impressive feat that can be attributed to 19th Street's interior decorator. They took a pre-existing cold, sterile environment and created a warm, creative, comfortable place to drink and sometimes dine. Oh yeah, the Cafe is open to kiddies if they're with their mommies or daddies until 8 p.m. After that, it's just for grown-ups.

The bathrooms. A word of warning. These hallways and facilities (assuming the women's room is similar to the men's), could be dangerous to your health if you partake in over-consumption. The walls are painted in the manner of extreme artistic lunacy, assaulting your senses with colors and shapes. If one were to lose control and activate reverse mastication, the foreign substance spewing out would blend in with the walls.

After another pitcher, plus an afterthought pint, we de-

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