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House license, micro-breweries are able to serve the product in the same building in which it is

However, Oregon law does not a micro-brewery make. According to the Bridgeport Brew Pub in Portland, it's the "traditional technique" of brewing beer that makes micro-breweries what they are.

Concocting British-style ales. Bridgeport classifies its products as "better tasting and stronger" than American beers. In addition to being conditioned in casks, their ales contain no added carbon dioxide and are the result of a natural

1430 Willamette

and traditional brewing pro-

Another Oregon brewery. Widmer Brewing Company. makes its niche with a traditional German-style bier. With two breweries in Portland. Widmer distributes its product to California, Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Widmer's explanation for the popularity of its micro-brewery is its interesting biers with unique flavours.

Oregon saw its first BrewPub since Prohibition in October of That year. McMenamin Family opened The Hillsdale Brewery & Public House. Citing international acclaim for its Captain Neon's Fermentation Chamber as well as its wide variety of exotic,

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handmade ales. McMenamin Family has expanded its number of locations to 20. Five of these locations actually brew on the premises. one exists right here in Eugene.

Jennifer Gomez, manager of the High Street Brewery and Cafe, said she sees every age group come into the cafe. Located at 1243 High St., the cafe is a big hit with the college crowd. However, Gomez said High Street's largest clientele is the working middle-class

What's the local hit? The Teminator stout, followed closely by the Ruby Tuesday fruit ale (made with whole Oregon raspberries).

"It's hard to beat their popularity." Gomez said.

Besides being the home of a great mushroom-and-swiss burger, the cafe also houses a Captain Neon Fermentation Chamber. Gomez cites the different ales and beers as the attraction of micro-breweries.

Located at 1485 E. 19th Ave., the East 19th Street Cafe offers the same selection and menu as High Street, without the brewing facilities. Manager John McBarron points to co-owners Mike and Brian McMenamin for the chain's popularity, specifically, "their ability to find a good location and atmosphere with casual conversation, as well as a personable staff.

So popular does this microcraze seem to be that Eugene will soon be home to yet another brewpub. At the end of October, the Oregon Electric Station will open the Steelhead Brewery in a building on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Pearl Street. Tom Sobieski, manager at OES, said the style will be 'more casual than OES.

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