

## NIGHTLIFE

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It is a very intimate environment here, and very crowded. Candles sit on the wooden tables and jazz posters adorn the walls. People can play backgammon or draw with crayons on the paper-covered tables. There is no cover charge but a \$4 per person minimum on drinks. All drink prices go up 50 cents during music performances. Pizza and appetizers are served, as well as coffee specialties.

Jo Federigo's is open from 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on weekdays and until 2 a.m. on weekends.

Sitting on the top floor of the Hilton, 66 E. 6th Ave., Coconut Joe's has a wonderful view of the city. There is even an express elevator that will take you there.

The decor is very bright and tropical, although the wall-to-wall carpeting gives it away that you're not in the Bahamas. There are fish tanks, plastic sharks, and neon lights.

The beverage menu is also exotic. Electric Neon Iced Tea is served, as well as drinks called Beach Ball, Silver Sunset, and Blue Caribbean. There is a TV located over the bar and DJed dance music.

Club Arena, also known as Perry's, 959 Pearl St., is Eugene's only gay bar.

"If you want to flaunt your heterosexuality, go someplace else," said manager Jerry Aldorogy. "There are ten other bars to choose from."

A black and white checkered dance floor is at the center of the club with colored flashing lights above.

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Televisions with artistic videos are on the walls. "We were the first place to show the Rob Lowe video," Aldorogy said. The lighting is low-key with a

bluish tint. There is a pool table and video games. Different events are featured each evening, ranging from "Womyn's Night" to bingo.

Free condoms are given out

on occasion, and the bar sponsors events for charity, especially AIDS benefits.

The club is especially known for the dancing, which attracts a mixed crowd. Club Arena is open from 7 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. 7 days a week.

On 1243 High Street, in a former residence, is the High Street Brewery and Cafe, which offers a more earthy atmosphere than the others. Oriental rugs cover the wooden floors, and the tables, chairs and booths are wooden as well. Real and painted flowers and plants decorate the white walls, as do bohemian posters.

Pizza, appetizers, sandwiches, soups, salads and even better burgers are served as well. There is seating outdoors in the back and a few tables out front during the spring and summer.

They serve their own beer and wine from the Edgefield Winery, which goes for \$2.75/glass, \$7/half carafe and \$12/carafe. They are open from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., and noon to midnight on Sunday.

And if you enjoy the atmosphere and home-brewed beer at High Street Cafe, try the East 19th Street Cafe, 1485 E. 19th Ave. Both places are part of the McMenimen's pub family that operates small cafes throughout Oregon.

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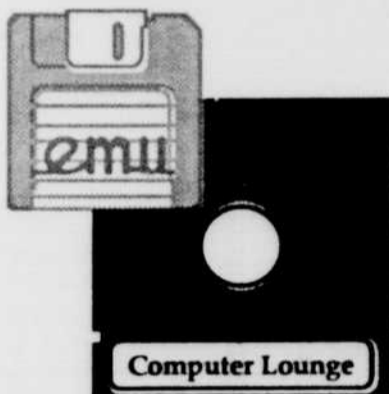
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