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- Women For Peace
- Dance Oregon
- Hong Kong Student Association
- Art History Department
- Singapore Students Association
- Mortar Board
- Sociology Peer Advising
- International Students Association
- College Republicans
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society
- Museum Student Association
- Saferide
- Students United Nations
- Big Mountain Survival
- Southern Willamette Alliance
- Sister University Project
- Undergraduate Economics Association
- Survival Center
- Student Campaign for Disarmament
- UO Equestrian Team
- Oregon Ballroom Dance Club
- Witness For Peace
- Scape
- African Students Association
- Child Care Center
- Leisure Studies
- Native Hawaiian Student Union
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Barber to cut out for the world

By Tammy Batey
Emerald Reporter

During his 31 years behind the barber's chair at the Kampus Barber Shop, 851 E. 13th Ave., owner Ed Mayars has seen everyone from streakers to Vietnam War protesters pass by his window.

Mayars, 61, said he's seen almost every facet of campus life, and now he wants to see the world. As of June 12, Mayars' dreams of world travel will become a reality when he retires.

"I'm getting old and tired and I want to travel," Mayars said. "I've never been east of the Mississippi. I have virtually the whole world to see. I want to see it all."

Despite his big travel plans, Mayars said he'll miss his job and his customers, many of whom are regulars.

"I'd like to think I give them the best haircut they can possibly get," he said. "It's not as convenient as other places because of the parking, but they'll fight parking to come back here."

"I'd like to thank my customers for their support over the years," he said. "I've really enjoyed them and I'm going to miss them."

Mayars said he sometimes sees some bizarre things through his window. He said he once saw 12 naked students streak along 13th Avenue.

"One girl looked at the streakers running past and turned to her friend and said, 'I guess my boyfriend is normal after all,'" he said.

Despite people's attitudes toward the "hippies" of the 1960s, Mayars said he found his long-haired male customers to be very polite. A short-haired man wrote the one bounced check Mayars received during his 31 years at the Kampus Barber Shop.

"I had no trouble," he said. "They were all nice people. Students get rowdy at times. They have to let off steam, but I've run across very few students who weren't great people. I've had the cream of the crop of the University."



Ed Mayars, owner of the Kampus Barber Shop at 851 E. 13th Ave., cuts the hair of one of his foreign customers, Richard Librach of Toronto. Mayars will retire from the shop after 31 years and plans to travel the world.

Mayars said he argued six years ago with a customer who didn't believe foreign students contributed anything positive for the University. Mayars said he promptly tacked up a large map of the world on which pins represent each customer's country of origin. The map represents the international flavor of the University and helped his foreign customers open up about the places they've lived.

"After putting up the map, they talked more than ever before about their country, their culture and their religion," he said.

Men's haircuts haven't changed much since he first began working at the barber shop, Mayars said. Today's male students ask for flat tops, just as men did 31 years ago. However, men may now request that Mayars shave parts of their head to create designs.

In 1922, the Kampus Barber Shop opened under the ownership of the late Leo Deffenbacher. Mayars began working with Deffenbacher in 1961 and bought him out three years later.

The dad of a childhood friend spurred Mayars' decision to become a barber, he said. The man owned three

houses and his barbershop. Mayars said his friend's dad "had a good life even during the Depression." Ironically, Mayars said he now owns three houses and his business, just like his friend's father.

Mayars chose Penny Berry, his son's girlfriend, to replace him as Kampus Barber Shop because "she promised me she'd keep it the same." Berry, who has 25 years of hair-cutting experience, said Mayars has taught her a lot.

"He's helped me have a positive attitude, and he's helped me with my confidence," Berry said. "I'll bring a few more people to the area. I don't want to change anything, but it will have a different feeling. It'll feel like Penny's been here before long."

Red Rooster Barber Shop owner Pete Peterson and Mayars have been in friendly competition for years, Mayars said. Peterson, whose shop is across the street from the Kampus Barber Shop, said he envies Mayars' retirement.

"I would trade places with him, and I wish him loads of luck," Peterson said.

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