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## NOT unloved JUST UNKNOWN



Giovanni Salimena Emerald

Imagine a quiet little restaurant and pub located in the middle of campus offering a quaint dining experience for those seeking refuge from the hustle and bustle of everyday college life.

The reason you have to imagine this small piece of paradise is because you probably didn't go when it already existed in the form of the Collier House and Clancy Thurber's Campus Bistro. But now it's been closed down due to declining revenue, presumably because no one ever went there.

The real perplexity to this situation is why students and faculty passed by the building everyday without ever stopping. It's almost as if the restaurant was an invisible entity without any voice to beckon passers by.

While it seems that the building was a silent victim, it was not as if the operators didn't make the effort to get more business. They placed ads in the Emerald last year to let people know they actually existed, though it appears to have been an effort in

be turned over to University Housing to be run as the department sees fit. While it is currently unknown what the new incarnation will look like, it is pretty much a given that it won't be as cool as the quiet little shack serving good food in a quiet demeanor.

Some might argue that a better promotional campaign could have saved the life of the unknown restaurants or that students should have been naturally more inquisitive and investigated the building during lunch breaks or to study for finals. Whatever deficiencies were present offer very little explanation for the oddity that was a quaint pub going unvisited by students renowned for their love of local microbrews and good food.

This is one that ranks up with some of the great mysteries of the ages: stone henge, crop circles, and why anyone watches Wheel of Fortune. And why people missed a little gem on campus that would've offered an escape from University Hous-

vain.

As it stands now, the Collier House and Clancy Thurber's will

Unrecognized by many students for its good food and dining experience, the Collier House and Clancy Thurber's Campus Bistro now run the risk of being lost to the University beauracracy

ing food or a reprieve from the fast food nightmare of all-you-can eat "mystery meat."

Now there will be a very nice old house filled with unremarkable food. Gotta love the efficiency of progress.

Who knows? Maybe we've found the cause of the demise of Collier's and Clancy Thurber's. Maybe our generation of now-based thinking and an inability to delay gratification in favor of a quickly constructed combo meal just didn't leave room for a dinosaur of inefficient goodness.

Notwithstanding the social or economic pressures for change, for sentimental reasons it seems a shame to lose a longtime member of the University landscape. Once an entity falls into the clutches of University bureaucracy, all the joy it once produced is quieted like one happy clown in the fiery pits of burning hell.

It's a sad enigma that has few viable explanations and no definitive answers, but the fact still remains that the departure of the Collier House and Clancy Thurber's Campus Bistro is going to happen.

This editorial represents the opinion of the Emerald editorial board. Responses may be sent to ode@oregon.uoregon.edu.

### THE WEEK IN THUMBS



To a funny little man on a big day.

Just one event of Homecoming, comedian and Saturday Night Live alumnus David Spade will perform at McArthur Court on Oct. 30th.

To new dribbles in rainy Portland.

There will be a new women's basketball team in Portland after the Blazers were granted an expansion WNBA franchise, which has yet to be named.



To good causes going unfunded.

The AIDS Alliance, which serves 313,000 Eugene residents in some form, will be forced to make drastic cutbacks in assistance it can offer because it's losing a federal grant.

To the little boat who couldn't.

Try as it may, the New Carissa cannot find the ability to leave the Oregon coast. It's still there because there have been even more complications recently, such as a cracking engine bulkhead.

### CORRECTION

The article "After financial struggles, restaurants to close doors indefinitely" (ODE, Oct. 11) should have read "The University Club voted last month to close the Collier House and Clancy Thurber's Pub indefinitely, pending a change in management to University Housing Food Services." The Emerald regrets the error.