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"We're not going to find another room like this."
 — Tom Tracey, co-owner John Henry's



Thomas Patterson Emerald

Thursday's at John Henry's are (in)famous for the hard-partying '80s Night crowd. Soon, though, the bar and venue will relocate to make way for low-income housing.

By Lisa Toth
 Oregon Daily Emerald

There's a secret about John Henry's — the venerable bar at 136 E. 11th Ave. that features everything from live music to community artwork — that only the locals know.

About seven years ago, native Eugenean Adrian K. Adrian built a square skylight above the bar that he said most customers don't notice. Through the skylight, a huge maple tree grows above the building — but it can't be seen from the street.

The "heritage tree" can only be viewed through the skylight, and Adrian said it's an especially beautiful spot "when the sun is setting and the leaves are blowing."

It's little details like this that the regulars at John Henry's said they'll miss the most about the location.

St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County, which owns the building, will tear down the building shortly after John Henry's closes its doors May 3. However, the doors will reopen — possibly as soon as June — at the bar's new location at 77 W. Broadway, co-owner Tom Tracey said.

And the bands will play on

Downtown bar and concert venue John Henry's is closing its doors May 3, but the owners are already at work on a new location

John Henry's and the other businesses on the 100 block of East 11th Avenue are being evicted — a move Tracey said they knew was coming for several years — so the charity can start construction May 6 on a low-income housing project.

"It's an inevitability," Tracey said. "This building is falling apart. We could probably

get a few more years out of it, but the roof is shot and needs to be fixed."

Even though the building is in shambles and the bathrooms have seen better days, the spirit of John Henry's is indestructible. Generations of drunk college students have danced in the "big old funky room" to the music of national and local bands. The red-brick room and adjacent pool hall are decorated with neon lights, red tinsel and silver stars hanging from the ceiling.

The room is already so "wrecked" that Tracey said it makes for an easy cleanup. Employees just hose it down every morning. But Tracey added that the atmosphere can't be recreated.

"It's dedicated to the music," Tracey said, explaining that at John Henry's, the tunes are the center of attention, and the bar has always had a clientele that supports music. He said he enjoys offering a place for bands to be in the spotlight.

"It's nice to see people doing something constructive and artistic rather than destructive," he said. "Rock music is a great expenditure of energy."

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Students protest Marlboro campaign

■ Anti-tobacco activists counter Philip Morris-sponsored promotions at local bars

By Eric Martin
 Oregon Daily Emerald

A group of more than 20 anti-smoking advocates braved the cold weather and a cold reception during a Friday night protest of a grassroots Marlboro promotion at Club Tsunami.

The protesters, including a handful of students, arrived at Club Tsunami, 2222 Centennial Boulevard, shortly after 9:30 p.m. as a Marlboro Bar Nights promotion happened inside. But security staff ordered the protesters to leave the property when they arrived at the club. Security personnel told reporters that they had to leave notebooks, tape recorders and cameras outside before entering. Philip Morris representatives at the club refused to comment for this story. Christina Malito, a spokeswoman for Philip Morris, said the company doesn't conduct interviews with student publications.

"It's our policy that we don't do interviews with student publications," she said in a phone interview last week. "It's been company policy for a while. We stick to it."

The protesters Friday night held signs, including one depicting a Marlboro cowboy smoking a limp cigarette, and wore T-shirts with anti-smoking messages such as "I miss my lung, Bob." Several protesters drove Volkswagen vans with ornate murals parodying some tobacco company advertisements. One, a takeoff of Newport cigarettes, read "Newcorpse."

Once the protesters re-grouped on the sidewalk north of the club, a man who refused to identify himself took close-range photographs of many protesters, including Oregon Daily Emerald staff. Activists said the man was not part of the protest, and some of them

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Gubernatorial candidate wants to improve higher education



HILL

■ Jim Hill hopes to keep tuition costs as low as possible so that more Oregon students can attend in-state colleges and universities

By Brook Reinhard
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Jim Hill, a lawyer, consultant, former state legislator and state treasurer, has held public office for two decades. First elected as a state representative in 1982, he served two terms before being elected to the Oregon Senate in 1986.

Hill resigned his senate office in 1992 to serve two consecutive terms as state treasurer, a position he held until 2001. He received his law degree from Indiana University College of Law and now lives in Wilsonville.

Q: Why should students take an interest in this primary election?

A: As you know, Bev (Stein) and I did show up at the U of O. I've actually been down and spoken to President Frohn-mayer. One of the reasons that we showed up was to get the interest going. I don't know if we will be coming back

down; you know the primary is very close. But the reason I wanted to get down to the candidate forum was to drum up funds and interest from students.

Q: Would you back initiatives to raise tuition at Oregon universities beyond the 3 percent per year cap?

A: What we'd hope to do is not to have to raise tuition. My goal is to keep the cost of tuition down as much as possible. It continues to rise and rise and rise; of course every time it does, fewer people have the opportunity to go to school.

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GOVERNOR RACE

This is the first of a six-part series featuring the leading gubernatorial candidates in Oregon's May 21 primary election.

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