

Neighbors — anything goes at alternative local bar

The friendly, welcoming atmosphere is a departure from the expected, typically overcrowded bar scene

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Typically, when a person enters a bar or a club, they can usually find people drunk and on the verge of puking, wallflowers standing in the corner waiting anxiously for someone to approach them and couples grinding up a storm on the dance floor. Neighbors, however, is quite a departure from the expected.

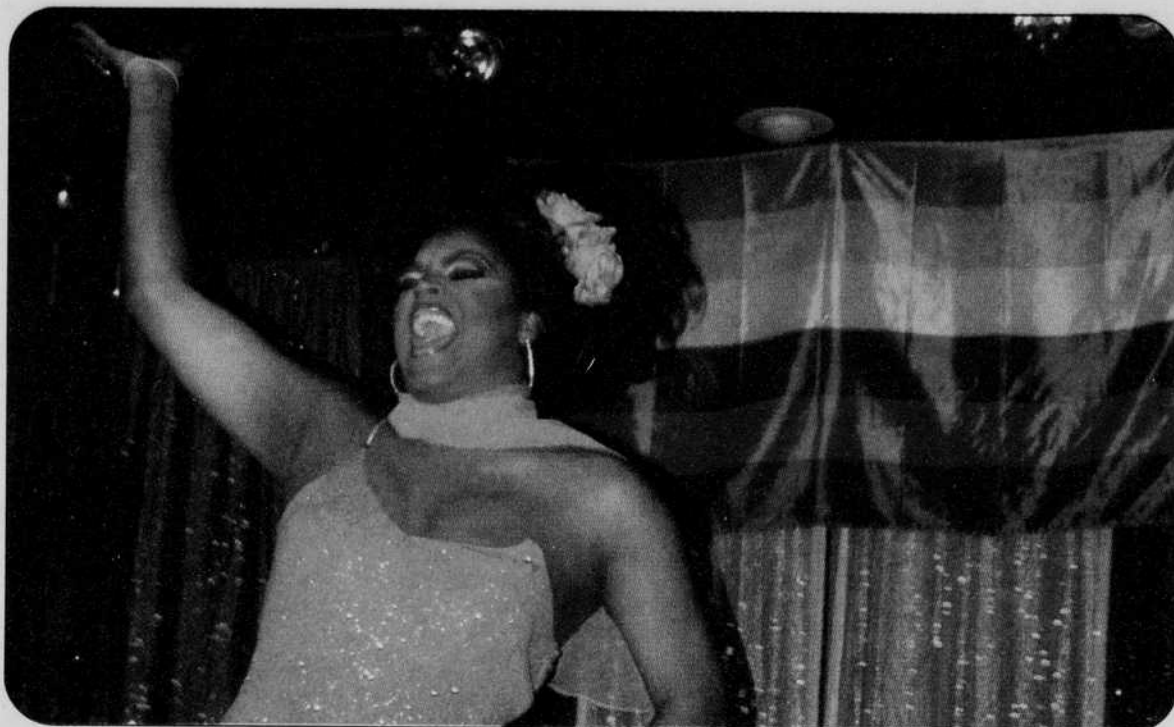
I entered the bar to find myself engaged in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. While the bar focuses on attracting the gay/lesbian/bi-sexual crowd and while it seemed that everyone at the bar attends regularly and knows one another, I strangely did not feel out of place or unwelcome. While the venue and crowd at Neighbors is significantly smaller than other bars near campus, such as Rennie's or Taylor's, everyone present at the bar appeared to be socializing or danc-

ing merrily to hits such as Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean." On the small but accommodating dance floor, it was possible to find girls dancing with girls, guys dancing with guys, girls dancing with guys, a guy sandwiched between two girls, and overall, people having fun and being carefree. Nobody in the crowd, even by midnight, seemed overly drunk. It appeared as though people were there to meet others, dance and relax rather than get wasted.

"Everyone at Neighbors is friendly and accepting. It is a better crowd here. There are no fights like in other bars," Neighbors' doorman and DJ Brian Letsom said. "This is the most alternative bar in town. You can be gay, straight, whatever, and not have to worry about not being served."

Robyn Landis, a 21-year-old Neighbors customer, said she

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Diva Samone Slaughter was ready to entertain the house last Friday night with the rest of her dance troop Shebang! at Neighbors Bar.

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Stacked will perform at the Downtown Lounge on Saturday.

Thursday

What: 80s Night
Where: John Henry's
When: 10 p.m.
How much: Free

Saturday

What: Gel, Stacked and Lila Site
Where: Downtown Lounge
When: 11 p.m.
How much: \$5

Monday

What: Laptop Nerdfest convention
Where: John Henry's
When: 10 p.m.
How much: Free

Friday

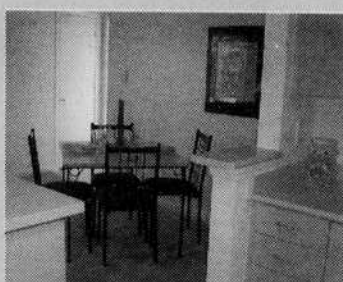
What: Ritmo De La Noche
Where: Luna
When: 8 p.m.
How much: \$5

Sunday

What: Bingo w/ Tom and Scott
Where: Sam Bond's Garage
When: 4 p.m.
How much: Free

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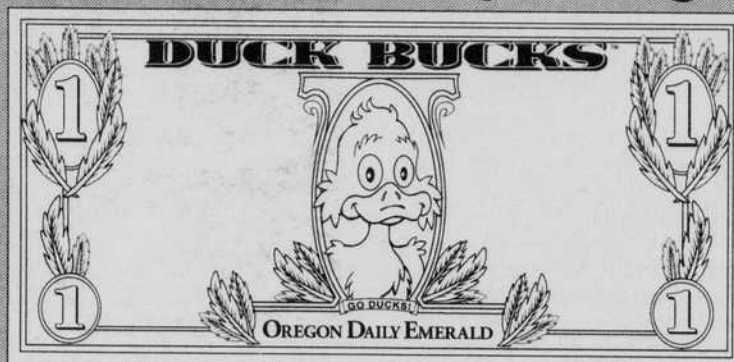
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