

wearing some *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* getups, including a pair of furry chaps that reveal her bare ass. (I tried not to look but was strangely drawn to it....) A little pricey, but if you've never been, it's definitely worth checking out.

**The Eagle, 1300 W. Burnside St.** Open seven days a week.

I had heard some crazy shenanigans took place at the Eagle, but deep down I thought it must be some gay urban legend. Trust me, its reputation is well deserved, having witnessed an older gent sucked off by two guys while three more jerked off. The whole thing disgusted me a bit, but to each his own. If you want some hanky-panky (and a maybe a little spanky?) check out this leather/bear bar.

**Embers, 110 N.W. Broadway.** Open seven days a week. Happy hour 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

I have a love/hate relationship with this drag bar and dance club. I love the hottie cocktail-waiter Matt; I hate the crowd. They have good drinks and play decent music (albeit a little too much '80s for my taste), and, again, Matt works there. But I'm sick of all the heteros. So I have a proposal. Go to Embers and start stealing this bar back. Maybe if you make out with your boyfriend there, it'll scare a few straight people away.

**The Fox & Hounds, 217 N.W. Second Ave.** Open seven days a week. Happy hour 4 to 8 p.m. every day.

Witty name for a gay bar, don't you think? This quaint little neighborhood establishment can boast it has the strongest drinks in town. The atmosphere was casual, but with the sketchy crowd of a Greyhound station. Still, it's a surprisingly pleasant place to grab a cocktail and some conversation.

**Gail's Dirty Duck Tavern, 439 N.W. Third Ave.** Open seven days a week. Happy hour 4 to 8 p.m. weekdays.

I'm told this little rickety bar is the oldest gay establishment in town, and, by the looks of it, I wouldn't doubt it. I better be careful what I say, though, because this is a bear bar and I don't want some big daddy beating my punk ass. (I do like your plants, and the dartboard looked fun.) Expect to find lots of leather and fur. Beer and wine only, beer bust every third Saturday, and leather night every first and third Friday.

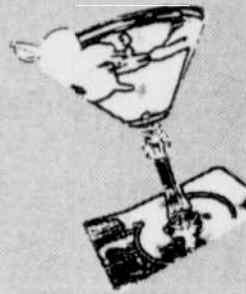
**Hobo's, 120 N.W. Third Ave.** Open seven days a week. Happy hour 4 to 7 p.m. weekdays and 4 to 6 p.m. weekends.

Named for all the bums who used to loiter in the area, Hobo's is, ironically, the classiest gay establishment I've ever been to. An elegant piano bar with beautiful archi-

# Dykes on tap

## Drink in the ladies at our kind of girlie bars

by **Jamie Bolyard**



Bethany Lars whets a girl's whistle at the Egyptian Club

**Dingos, 4612 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Wednesday and 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday to Saturday.**

Well, if you happen to have a hankerin' for burritos, margaritas and wall-to-wall women, Dingos is the place to go. This fresh Mexican grill plays host to Girls Night Out from 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays. By 7:30 it's standing room only at the bar, where \$2.50 pints are the special of the night. For dinner, you may have to wait for a table, but don't worry, time flies when looking at dozens of dykes.

To me, Girls Night Out implies this might be where singles congregate, but most women seem to be with partners or large groups of friends. It's a mixed-ages crowd (20s to 50s), the music is loud, and the air is carcinogen-free. But if you need a puff there's sidewalk seating.

**The Dive, 3145 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., 5 p.m. to midnight Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.**

Just down the road from Dingos is Port-

land's newest neighborhood bar, The Dive. Don't let the name scare you—it's quite charming inside. Blue walls, fish paintings, curtains with an aquatic design—hey, it's an underwater theme! (Get it?)

The Dive is an intimate space with only about 35 seats. It is nonsmoking but does have a patio. The Dive offers a full menu including sandwiches, burgers, salads and fries. The drink choice is beer, and if you like a stiffer drink, a liquor license is hopefully only a matter of time.

Unfortunately, The Dive is too empty too many nights. Is this the kind of welcome we want to give our newest lesbian bar? Here are a couple of ideas: Get a group of friends together and take over the place for a night—you'll have just created your very own dyke night. Or take a date for an intimate evening, and be assured her eyes stay on you all night.

**The Egyptian Club, 3701 S.E. Division St., 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. weekdays and 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. weekends.**

Don't drink, don't smoke—what do you do? Well, you certainly stay the hell away

from the E Room.

Seriously, though, you have to give the Egyptian Club (or the E Room or E.R., depending on how cool you are) some props for being around so long. Open seven nights a week, it is going on seven years strong as Portland's only lesbian dance club—I mean, where else are you gonna go to get your groove on?

The club has a lounge room with pool tables and video poker machines. There's also a karaoke room—maybe you'll be lucky like me and get to hear an Alanis Morissette medley.

Bartender Austyn rules the bar in the karaoke room. Take a look at her bras on display, a collection that rivals anything you'll find in a Victoria's Secret catalog. And if you're lucky, she'll ask for *your* bra.

Then, of course, you have the main dance floor, known as the Tomb. Techno music pumps from this room Fridays and Saturdays. The club also has a nude revue Tuesdays and live music occasionally on Fridays. [7]

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itecture, fabulous ambiance and dining by candlelight, it has a courtyard that's right out of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. It even has a laid-back game room with pool table, darts and video poker. If you want to dine here, though, bring your sugar daddy 'cause meals are about 20 bucks a plate. Free pool all day Sunday.

**JOQs, 2512 N.E. Broadway.** Open seven days a week. Daily drink specials.

I wish they would add the word "strap" to their name. That might bring in more business to this interesting little neighborhood bar. Fairly small space, older crowd, grouchy bartender, pool table, stiff drinks, occasional special events. If you get bored like this young devil, you can go next door and check out porn at Gai-Pied.



Knocking back a few stiff ones at neighborhood bar JOQs are (from left) Jonathan, Larry, Barry and Daley

**Klub Z, 333 S.W. Park Ave.** Open 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

I've always been a fan of Klub Z—a nice way for the kiddies to get their queer groove on. It's almost like boot camp for gay club life. I'm told drugs aren't as rampant as they used to be, and it seems like a good way for like-minded under-21ers to hang out. No liquor, so don't think because you're over 21 you'll find any. And if you're over 21, maybe you should just leave the youngins alone.

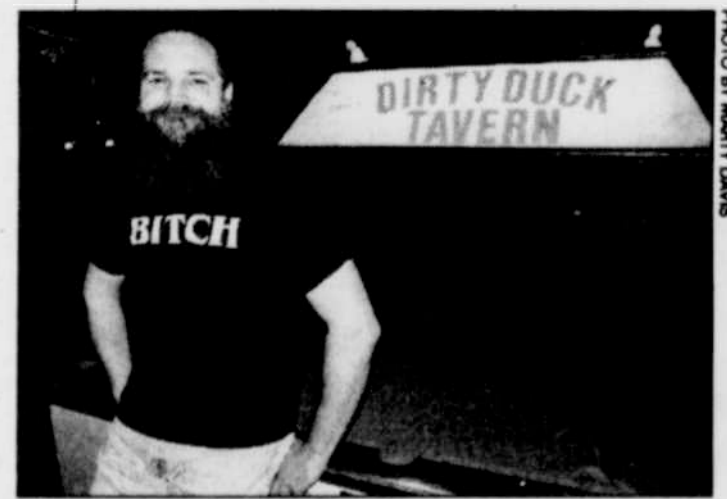
**Panorama, 341 S.W. 10th Ave.** Open Friday and Saturday. Happy hour 9 p.m. to midnight Friday.

Oh lord, what to say about Panorama? It's a load of fun, but you definitely have to be in the mood. Here's what you'll find: lots of heteros and shirts-off, drug-induced dancing around, petting each other's hair, boas, jackets and sweaty bodies. It's pretty much a circuit party every weekend. Bring lots of Life Savers and suckers and you'll make lots of tweaker friends. Pumpin' trance and house music makes it easy to find a beat and shake your booty. It actually can be quite a ball—just expect to see some wild, fucked-up people.

**Red Cap Garage/Brig, 1035 S.W. Stark St.** Open seven days a week. Happy hour until 8 p.m. every day.

I'm not sure what the hell they go by anymore—Red Cap, Brig, whatever—but this bar always gets me into trouble. I swear I've assed out here more than I care to mention. The funny thing about Red Cap is that no one really gives a shit what you do—it's nice. I feel like this bar is a place where you can be who you want, act how you want and do who you want without

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Weeknight bartender Rodert takes orders at Gail's Dirty Duck Tavern