

Administering the bar exam

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Looking for a place to unwind after a long day of school and work? With winter in full effect, there is no better way to come in and warm up than hitting your favorite bar. And who better to lead the way than your very own "Bar Czars," Nic and Frank?

A long-standing tradition in the American bar scene, "happy hour" is a mainstay. Although some bars do happy hour better than others, almost anywhere you go you'll offer some kind of food and drink at low, low prices to help you get the day (and those lecture

First off, we started our journey to get twisted at "Sneaker's" in Tualatin. This is a medium-sized sports bar off of I-5 and, season-wise, this spot is not hot. Atmospherically speaking, this bar is leaking. But, they do have a decent happy hour with a number of cheap drinks and a full menu of cheap happy hour food. The service was very friendly and the

place looked as clean as a bar possibly could. On a scale of one to 10, we would rate Sneaker's a six.

Dr. John's Pub, in downtown Oregon City, was our next stop. This is a local hangout that caters to a younger crowd (think 20-something). This pub not only has a full bar, but great prices during happy hour, which is 4-7 p.m. during weekdays.

Unlike some bars with their unimaginative menus, Dr. John's rotates their menu daily. They also boast one of the few internet jukeboxes in the area, with more than 40,000 songs to choose from. And if the internet jukebox isn't enough, Dr. John's also offers pool tables and video poker to keep patrons busy.

Later on, we continued our "Crunk Fest '05" at Archie's in downtown Lake Oswego. Stay away from this bar unless you want to do some alcohol-fueled studying. This place has nightly happy hour specials, but that was about it. Archie's, however, is a good place to go—if you want to end the night with some water. When Nic tried to order a "crunk juice" (Hennessy and Redbull), the bartender looked at him like he was Kobe standing next to a white girl. So he

changed his order to a "Caribou Lou" (151, Malibu rum and pineapple juice) and was shut down like Mike Tyson at a Buster Douglas party. If a bar don't carry pineapple juice, then it just don't produce.

For those people who live in the Canby area, you too can get drunk for low, low prices. The Denny's Lounge is a very popular spot for happy hour. Denny's offers a full bar and food specials during all hours of the day, but the official happy hour is from 3-6 p.m. on weekdays. Although entertainment options are limited at this bar, there is video poker and other Oregon Lottery games at the customer's disposal. And for those gutsier crunkards, karaoke is offered on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights at 9 p.m.

Next up was OC's own Wichita Tavern. It's a tad bit hillbilly, but it's a nice bar with excellent food and great service from waiters who

act like they actually want you there. Located on Molalla Avenue, Wichita has happily served a wide range of customers since 1992. In addition to offering a full bar, Wichita also sports a large menu with several delicious appetizers. Happy hour runs from 4-6 p.m. every day of the week. The food was top notch, the prices were

average and the location—well, it's right down the street from the college. Wichita gets a full 10 out of 10.

Respect the alcohol enough to consume it in a place that keeps it crunk, not a place that stays up for drunks. Tip your cups and pour out some liquor for your boys, the Bar Czars.



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OC's own Wichita Tavern gets a full 10 from the Bar Czars. Located on Molalla Avenue, the Wichita has been open since 1992.

Dutch Brothers challenges Starbucks in price, quality

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It all started back in 1992 in Grants Pass, Oregon. Dane Travis Boersma went from a farmer to serving and making up killer coffee drinks. It began with a double head espresso machine, 100 pounds of coffee and a boom-box. Now there are over 62 shops throughout California and Oregon and growing.

As a matter of fact one just opened up right here in Oregon City. The first day of business was Jan. 7. All day Dutch Bros. served free coffee.

There was a line all the way past 7-11 and people all waiting in the grass for coffee," described owner Abe Menschenfriend. "We had to have signs directing traffic." He worked for Dutch Bros. for



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Dutch Brothers Coffee is located across the street from the Oregon City Transit Center and is open every day for your caffeine addiction fulfillment.

nine years.

"We who work here are just a whole bunch of coffee addicts supporting our habit," Menschenfriend stated, laughing.

Business has been good and

the most popular drinks are the Kahlua Kicker, made with Irish cream flavoring and milk, and the Annihilator, consists of chocolate macadamia nut flavoring and milk (described as "drinking dessert"). Both are served hot

and hot chocolate, and for the organic ones, try the Yerba Mate (100 percent organic), an iced or hot tea that comes in five different flavors.

"We are here to serve the customers and be light hearted,"

said Menschenfriend.

So now if in the need for a wake up call, try the 911. This drink is a 6-shotter and goes straight to the head for that too-early morning or busy day. Also, any extra flavors or whip is free. No need to worry about spending \$5 on a coffee, like at Starbucks. The drinks at Dutch Bros. are all under \$4.50 and range from a 12-oz. to a 20-oz. size.

Dutch Bros. is open 5 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It is located right across the street from the Oregon City Transit Center. Menschenfriend plans to open one more coffee shop, closer to CCC, by the end of the year. Soon Dutch coffee will be walking distance from the college. Go ahead and take a friend.

"It's about living life and having fun," insisted Menschenfriend.

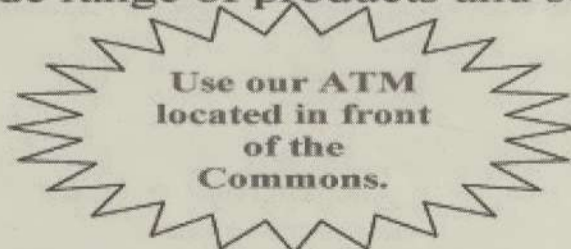


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