

Cloud and Dog

CORVALLIS EATERY AND BAR PACK THEM IN WORDS AND PHOTO BY KATIE KALK

Cloud Davidson

Over the last few years, the Corvallis restaurant scene has gotten a lot more interesting. Chalk part of that up to Cloud 9 and its accompanying bar, The Downward Dog. Both bring in a large cross-section of the city with fresh, innovative food, unique drinks, movie nights, live music and atmosphere that might not be out of place in Portland's Pearl District.

Opened in 2007 and 2008 respectively, Cloud 9 and Downward Dog are the brainchildren of owner Cloud Davidson, a farm kid from Halsey who saw the magic in the restaurant environment after getting his first dish-washing job out of high school.

"The atmosphere was so electric," he says. "Everyone was having fun. It was like a nightly celebration of life."

Davidson began bartending, checked out the Australian restaurant scene and returned to Corvallis to bartend at Iovino's, Magenta and the Crowbar. When a waterfront location became available, he jumped on the chance to open up his own space — a clean-lined, modern bistro featuring "handmade American fare."

Head chef Ko Atteberry has created a unique menu with American, French, Italian, Southern, Japanese and Mexican influences. Dishes include avocado salads, chicken yakisoba, steaks, bean burgers, fish tacos, quesadillas, tofu and ravioli. But the staple is their ever-evolving mac and cheese recipe.

"We make psychotic amounts of mac and cheese," says Davidson.

Taking inspiration from Portland's Montage, Cloud 9's mac has taken on a life of its own, with "everything from applewood smoked bacon with Tillamook cheddar to wild boar with smoked gouda, white wine parmesan and fresh basil pesto," Davidson says.



Many of Atteberry's ingredients are bought a block away at the Corvallis Farmer's market.

"We're incredibly lucky," says Davidson. "There's a

lot of accessible stuff that's right at our doorstep."

Next door, The Downward Dog is headed up by manager Chris Churilla, who's created an array of signature drinks.

"He's been quickly picking up a really impressive

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