### Tradition evergreen at Duffy's

By Michael Stock

bars in Lincoln. And Sunday night will find everyone sharing in at least one proud Irish tradition the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's day is regarded as second only to New Year's Eve for drinkers' amateur night, Duffy's owner, Reg McMeen offered.

"It really is. People who come out and drink twice a year... they get real drunk on New Year's Eve and kind of drunk on St. Patrick's Day, because they're still dealing with their hangover from New Year's Eve," McMeen said.

with that," joked not-so-silent coworker, Red Tolnai.

Red jokes a lot. Duffy's was swept into existence in 1938 by John Wilhelm. (Note the strictly Irish surname.)

**-Guinness Stout** 

liquor license in Lincoln.
"Basically, I think everybody

over and they wanted to start dissatisfied with his position making some money on liquor ... "They were sucking us dry for legally. It was a soda shop prior to ideas and not giving us any monebeing a bar. I guess there was some tary compensation. So I took my

between Irish people and drink-ing. So I think it was more of a "Just

"Of course, professional drinkers like us don't have any trouble name for bars. If you go to a comif you're interested in just a regumunity of any longevity at all, most lar old bar, but there's this bar on of them have a Duffy's. There's a Ostreet for sale.' The next day we Duffy's in Omaha, Colorado were down here taking a look at it and in Ireland, it's a national holi-Springs ... Ireland. It's just a real and about two weeks after that we day," McMeen said.

One working partner and two silent partners have owned Duffy's Created originally as a soda shop, silent partners have owned Duffy's Duffy's holds the second-oldest for nearly four-and-a-half years,

-Harp

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about that?

Taking time off from school, Duffy's is one of the few Irish wagon because prohibition was defunct bar as bartender, but was

"They were sucking us dry for kind of . . . gin mill activity going \$3.01 an hour and left that joint in on here, or something," McMeen search of a better and more lucrative opportunity," McMeen said.

"It was basically a tie-in to of entertainment, McMeen conprobably try and get a large portion of the drinking populace in. There is certainly a correlation nothing seemed to offer the right

"Just when we were about ready propaganda tool than anything. to give up on the idea, our real "Duffy's is a real traditional estate agent said . . . 'I don't know lar old bar, but there's this bar on traditional name," McMeen said. were signing papers to get in it,"
One working partner and two McMeen said.

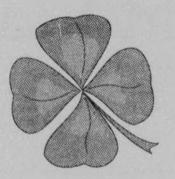
With Harp and Guinness beers on tap, and Bushmen and Jameson whiskeys behind the bar, Duffy's takes its Irishness seriously.

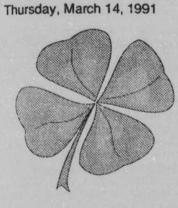
"I'd like to think that even hough Duffy's wasn't set up to be an 'Irish tavern,' that we've done what we can to . . . validate it a ttle bit," McMeen said. "We've tried what we can to at least pro-

ing something.

And what does McMeen think







#### Lincoln Pubs and Taverns

it to be. It's a drunken brawl here, board table at midnight.

Patrick's Day?

"What a stupid question that chortled."
Red Tolnai screamed and ofIt isn't is!" Red Tolnai screamed and of-fered a comprehensive list of vi-jello shots that make Duffy's the

"First, because I'll be here for one. Second, where else are you probably going to see the prettiest ing, and she's the best bartender girls and the ugliest guys? Third, in Lincoln. Judy can handle more if you can't get laid on St. Patrick's customers than . . ." Day, when can you get laid? Fourth, green beer. Fifth, Barb (Burke) will Burke. vide for those people in the community who feel ultimately tied to be here. Eighth, where else are you going to go? We're going to more — but Jesus for sure . . . Tolnai offered. find only the true Irish out for a celebratory drink. St. Patrick's Day could come here..." Tolnai chuckfinds nearly everyone out celebrated, actually liking the non-Irish

"St. Patrick's Day has been so seventh on Tolnai's list comes the bastardized by the Americans (that)
it's really hard to distinguish Irish
bration, when Tolnai strips to his tradition from what America wants shamrock boxers on the shuffle-

"This year I've got something . if you want to come special. So why come to Duffy's for St. down. They took pictures last year The pictures are startling," Tolnai

true Irish hot spoton St. Pat's Day. It's the people.

Tolnai said that "Judy's work-

"God?" asks barmaid, Barb "Well. God can handle a few

"If nothing else, there is always someone at Duffy's who can quote Yeats at any given time," Burke

As I said, Red jokes a lot.

Isn't that as good of reason as Somewhere around sixth or any to celebrate St. Pat's at Duffy's?

## Irish eyes to smile at O'Rourke's

With a name like O'Rourke's,

Whether it's the name or the atmosphere, O'Rourke's Tavern, 1329 OSt., is bound to be packed

bartender with no surname.

While there is nothing decid- co-workers. The bar will open at

rest of the year, St. Pat's at O'Rourke's has a variety of festive on "school days" before without a

In addition to green beer, the bar will be serving free corned stay away from the bar on a tradi-beef and cabbage. Jim also expects a big run on Guinness and Harp For those students who choose

The fact that St. Patrick's Day pose no problem for Jim and his

edly Irish about the bar during the noon and stay open until 1 a.m. rest of the year, St. Pat's at Since St. Patrick's day has fallen

equent clientele loss, Jim said he is not worried that people will

to drink heavily despite their Monday academic conflicts, Jim said Jim, a friendly O'Rourke's falls on a Sunday this year will guarantees a heap o' Irish day fun. "A good time will be had by all," he said.

One O'Rourke's regular expects to have a good time this Sunday. For Bob Holbert, this St. Patrick's day will be especially fun and he intends to celebrate at O'Rourke's.

"The woman I'm living with will be out of town and I'm Irish Catholic," he said.
On the other 364 days of the

vear, O'Rourke's is one of the most delightful bars in town. It's bound to be one of the best bets in town

#### Distributors tap into Lincoln's green beer market Local beer distributors estimated how many kegs of green beer they will sell for St. Patrick's Day celebrations this weekend. Lincoln Beer Distributing Distributing Co. **Distributing Co D&D** Distributor 100-150 kegs Co. Inc. 35-50 kegs 60 kegs 50 kegs

# Everyone comfortable at Duggan's

By Pat Dinslage

Despite the Irish name, Dug-gan's Pub, 410 S. 11th St., is not what you would call an "Irish"

There are no year-round shamrocks or pictures of leprechauns decorating the walls. The lighted signs, advertising just about every kind of beer you can think of, do

folk album that ever went gold.

There are no stereotypical goes for men. drunken Irishmen or women hold- The Pub's a

tion of most all the groups who cause they call the bartenders by call Lincoln home. There are the name when they want a drink. bikers, the college students, the blue-collar and white-collar work- four bartenders serving drinks to ers, the suits-and-ties and the lat- customers - three were behind est-in-casual-wear yuppies. But the bar and one bartender was there's no rainbow-colored hair circulating around to the booths or punk rock styles.

beards and long hair hang out there, as well as men without any hair on their heads at all.

There are women in jeans and sweat shirts and women in heels and suits and every mode of dress in between.

The Pub does not seem to discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, ethnic origin or sexual preference, only on the basis of age: You have to be 21.

A friend of mine who goes to There's no "Danny Boy" or the Pub told me that it is one of "When Irish Eyes are Smilin" on those old-fashioned bars: It's safe the jukebox. Instead, there seems for a woman to walk in by herself to be just about every oldie rock or folk album that ever went gold. and not get bothered unless she wants to be. I suppose the same

drunken Irishmen or women holding forth about the beauties of the small-town bar. There are the regulars who hang out there. You Who is there is a real cross sec- can tell they're the regulars be-

On a Friday night, there were and tables, socializing and mak-There are people dressed up ing sure no one was going dry. and dressed down. Men with The owner, Jack Gross, knows what his customers come into the Pub not as many on Sunday evening

not the cheapest in town either. A Irish songs will be added to the glass of beer is \$.85; pitchers are \$3 jukebox for those customers who o \$3.50. Mixed drinks run about want to be Irish for the weekend.

ing is not your style, there's the usual. games. The Pub has two pool tables, to some form of sports at all times. Pub.

That's the Pub on pretty much any given weekend, according to the bartenders and Gross. But and the business will be moving to what's harmoning on St. Patrick's the province of the province

Gross said the partying will probably start Saturday, March 16, with the biggest crowd on Saturday evening. He is planning to serve the traditional green beer and peanuts, as he has for the last or be Irish for a weekend, or just 13 years, both Saturday and Sun- have a good time, make the Dugday. He is expecting a "decent" gan's Pub one of your stops on the crowd on Sunday afternoon, but grand St. Patrick's Day tour.

St. Patrick's Day decorations

Speaking of the drinks, they're will be put up sometime this week, healthy. They're not expensive, but Gross said, and a few traditional Other than a somewhat larger than The Pub is a friendly bar and an normal crowd that he expects will easy one in which to start a con-drift from bar to bar downtown, it versation. If just sitting and drink- will be pretty much business as

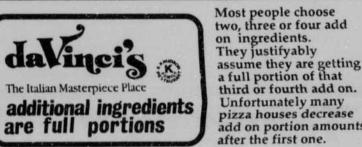
However, St. Patrick's Day 1991 a pinball machine and at least two television sets. It should not surprise anyone if the TVs are tuned could be the beginning of nostal-gia. This will be the last St. Patrick's Day celebrated in the "old"

what's happening on St. Patrick's the new location this summer. The new place will be half-again the size of the current Pub. He plans to retain the "Duggan's Pub" as part of the new name, however, he









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