

Dance spots offer choice of music, atmosphere

One club opens doors to minors

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Students who are tired of grinding pencils during day classes will be relieved to know there are places in Eugene where they can grind their hips at night.

There are lots of places to go dancing around town, and the music these clubs play range from real-live sweaty soul to get-down flashy pop. Here are some of the local ones:

Guido's, 801 13th Ave., offers disc jockeys playing popular dance hits on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

There is a large dance floor as well as all of the refreshments that a full bar can offer. There is no cover charge on weekends, and the crowd is mostly made up of students.

Scandals, 2222 Centennial Blvd. has dancing seven nights a week. There is no cover charge and the crowd is made up mostly of college students and people in their mid-twenties.

Coconut Joe's, located on top of the Hilton Hotel at 66 E. Sixth St., has popular music dancing with a DJ every day of the week and no cover charge. On Fridays and Saturdays the crowd is mostly college students.

Club Arena, 959 Pearl St., offers its patrons a 15 screen video system to dance to. There is a \$1.50 cover charge Fridays and Saturdays and Manager Jerry Aldoroty says the "Euro-flash fusion" style of music that is played there is unique in the Eugene area.

Taylor's, 894 E. 13th Ave., has live music every night with an ever-changing roster of reggae, soul, and R&B acts. There is a small cover charge at the door, usually between \$1 and \$5.

Hopper's, on 19th Avenue and Agate Street, is a music club open Thursdays through Saturdays that offers a diverse range of music. It is frequented mostly by students and has a \$2 cover charge.

The one dance club that is open to minors is **Club Hollywood**, located at 136 E 11th. The club is open on Wednesdays from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; the cover charge is \$3.

On Fridays and Saturdays the club is open from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. and the cover charge is \$5.

A variety of music is played at the club and the average age of the clientele in the late teens.

Although Club Hollywood is the only exclusively all-ages club in town, **WOW Hall**, 291 W. Eighth St., opens its doors

to people of all ages for most of its shows.

WOW Hall books a diverse array of acts from all different styles of music, and because of this the crowd there is constantly changing. There is usually a reasonable cover charge at the door for local acts (\$2-\$5) and a larger charge for more well-known groups.

Although it is not a dance club in the strictest sense, there are many opportunities to dance to good music at WOW Hall.

This is meant to be a selection of the various dance spots available in the Eugene area and not a complete listing of all the places one can go to be entertained.



Photo by Tony Peck

Eugene offers those who enjoy dancing a choice of many places to go to. The WOW Hall may not be a dance club in all sense of the word, but it sure offers a diversity of music and bands.

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