

Don't know where to go? Start here

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To both new and returning students: Welcome to Eugene! Close your textbooks!

Even though school officially begins next week, adjusting to the grind of academic self-abuse won't be possible for at least another month. Trying to study after scurrying all over campus will be an exercise in futility. If you don't start studying by 10 at night, forget it. Go get a drink.

Where are you going to go? Here's a list of 10 places where people in Eugene go at night and on the weekends. They're grouped according to their various purposes — cafes, bars and/or clubs, and one poolhall.

The Glenwood (1340 Alder St., next door to 7-Eleven): "atmospheric," "austere" and "capacetic" were the first three words my friend thought of when asked to describe this place. Ignore her. Other than being closed between 9 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday, the Glenwood is basically a 24-hour cafe. It's the best place near campus to eat neo-bohemian food (pretty good, not too expensive) and have those maddening late-night conversations that supposedly typify college life.

Closer to downtown, **Allann Brothers' Bakery & Coffee House** (152 W. 5th Ave.), aka **The Beanery**, has better coffee

than the Glenwood but not as much food. It's open until midnight every night. If you come early enough in the evening, you're likely to find at least a few games of chess going on. Live acoustic music can be heard Thursday through Sunday nights.

On the weekends, Eugene has a handful of bars where you can go for a drink, or dancing, or both. Near campus, **Guido's** (801 E. 13th Ave.) and **Rennie's Landing** (1214 Kincaid St.) are usually crammed on Friday and Saturday nights. Rennie's — before it fills up — feels spacious and relaxing. After 9:30 p.m., however, crowd-o-phobia sets in. On a busy night, it takes about two weeks to get from the second-floor landing to the downstairs bathroom.

Guido's has a DJ, a dance floor and a disco ball hanging from the ceiling. The music, mostly top 40, rarely surprises. The dance floor is actually a pit. It's the sort of place to start a relationship that you know will end by sunrise. One evening last winter term, I overheard an innuendo-drenched conversation between a woman wearing what looked like a black lace slip (in February!) and a plastered fratboy. When he reached for her thigh, she spat on his hand and hissed, "Not here, you freak." Half-an-hour later, they were gone.

A better dance club than Guido's is **Club Arena** (959 Pearl St.), downstairs from Perry's Restaurant. The music mix is

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