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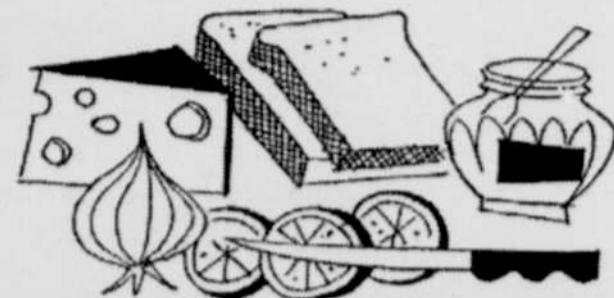
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BY MEG DALY

Drink your milk!

Remember that bit of party advice from high school—guzzle a glass of milk before going out drinking so you don't get too wasted? (Of course, many of us purposely went out empty-stomached.)

Well, I'm here as your queer guardian angel to remind you to eat before, during and after your wild nights out. It keeps your energy up for every last booty shake and soaks up that extra shot you couldn't resist.

Before:

Dahlia Cafe and Lounge • 3000 N.E. Killingsworth St.

Handily situated in one of Portland's proud queer meccas, Dahlia is the kind of fixture that belongs in this neighborhood (as opposed to the chain-laden shopping complex on nearby 33rd and Killingsworth.) Bright, funky, cheery and queery, Dahlia serves up the kind of healthy diner food you would make for yourself if you had the time. But since you can't wait to hook up with friends, meet here for a little pre-party grilled cheese, shrimp bisque or red beans and rice. The feta may be missing from your Mediterranean salad, but who could bear to complain to that cute server?

During:

Holocene • 1001 S.E. Morrison St.

You already know this is the coolest club in town—swanky without being pretentious, atmospheric without being airheaded. Their cocktails, lounge areas and DJs are all the rage, but praise is due, too, to their fab finger food. Don't miss the substantial daily cheese plate, the roasted Yukon potatoes with Indian spices or the salmon cakes with lemon aioli—they all go well with a Ginger Rogers or Piaf cocktail delight!

During:

Crush • 1412 S.E. Morrison St.

Have a crush on gay-owned Crush, with its spunky, sexy aura and full bar of delights. When the crowd at Holocene's bar gets too thick, wander up the street to where you can refuel for a moment with some smoked gouda mac and cheese, a sweet potato enchilada, house-made falafel or a slice of espresso-infused Chocolate Crush Cake. A bonus prize awaits you in the restroom, where double monitors show kooky footage of classic flicks and other pop culture eye candy.


After:

Sandy Hut • 1430 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

When you're starved for a late-night respite from the dance floor's flash and glitter, traipse into the Sandy Hut aka Handy Slut, which serves the best late-night crispy-outside-juicy-inside chicken strips with fries you'll find at 2 a.m. One step up from a dive bar, the Hut is enjoying a queer clientele explosion.

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