



**Epiqueerean**  
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## Campus Cravings

It's back-to-school season, a time when students are hard at work developing not only their brains but their bellies as well. Although every college grad knows about Top Ramen and mac 'n' cheese, there are those few places nearby that have helped sustain the hearts and minds of local college cravings. Here are a few places to hole up for some good old-fashioned comfort food at your home away from home.

### Eddie's Flatiron Pizza • 1218 N. Killingsworth St.

This tiny take-out joint just a few blocks west of Portland Community College's Cascade Campus is home to some of the area's best gourmet deep-dishes. From standard Hawaiian and pepperoni pies to more luxurious homemade pesto and Sicilian olive oil pizzas, Eddie's is fast, cheap and close. For those with more sensible tastes, there's a variety of veggie-packed pies, and for those with heftier needs, there's a killer Big Jerry pie loaded with Canadian bacon, pepperoni, breakfast bacon, meatballs and Italian sausage. Even the oven-baked sandwiches are a steal at \$5.95 for any of the plentiful varieties. From calzones to Caesar salads, Eddie's has it all and at extremely college-friendly prices. Call ahead and pick up your feast in less than 30 minutes. Open every day of the week till 10 p.m.

### The Twilight Room • 5242 N. Lombard St.

This University of Portland landmark dive bar is like a second home to many—and not in the bad way, either. Family-owned since its inception, the well-worn bar is both wild and homey. The highly "decorated" walls and ceiling along with the old wooden booths are proof of years of love. The hamburger is outrageously delicious in all its greasy glory, as are the heaping nachos and chili cheese fries. The selection of microbrews suit any fancy, and then there are the nice, long pulls on the well drinks, too. Happy hour, karaoke, pool, darts and pinball make this a one-stop party for many folks of all ages, not just hormonal Vikings. On the outskirts of a booming St. John's neighborhood, the gleaming beacon of the T-Room's neon is a sign of the area's past, present and hopefully future.

### Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery • 6385 S.W. Macadam Ave.

A gigantic building has never felt so comfortable and warm before. From the moment I set foot inside this two-story saloon, it was like I had come home. Small rooms with booths and couches lead into other rooms with pool tables and Pac-Man, then another with video poker. It's much like a Chuck E. Cheese for adults. The service is extremely hospitable, and the prices and food are right in line. The huge, gooey quesadilla topped with roasted salsa and mounds of cilantro is surprisingly tasty. Grilled-to-order burgers and chicken sandwiches, gigantic salads and a plethora of bevies do a happy girl make. The air is a bit thicker with smoke upstairs, where karaoke and pool tables rule. There is even a separate family dining area to keep folks with their kids apart from the mischievous "grown-up" children. A haven for Lewis & Clark students, the Gap has something for everyone. ☉

JENNY NGUYEN is hungry for your food ideas. Send your restaurant suggestions to [epiqueerean@comcast.net](mailto:epiqueerean@comcast.net).

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