

Gottingen, it's perfect for your pre-cinema/post-cinema java fix. Rack a game of pool, or just sit and talk with regulars. Home of one of the biggest chess boards in Metro.

The Trident Booksellers and Cafe

1570 Argyle
423-7100

Good (fancy) coffee, and second hand books. NO SMOKING.

Dio Mio Gelato and Desert Cafe

The corner of Spring Garden Rd. & Brenton St.
492-3467

Serves home made gelati, sorbetti and a light lunch menu. It is heaven to the lactose intolerant. The raspberry sorbetti is like a party in your mouth, and the soups are a meal in themselves.

MOVIE THEATRES

Park Lane Cinemas

5657 Spring Garden Rd
If you live within walking distance of Dal, this is where you will probably end up seeing Will Smith battling aliens... again, on eight different screens. Tuesdays and matinees are (supposedly) cheap at \$5.50 a pop. Movie Line 423-4598.

The Oxford Theatre

6408 Quinpool Rd
Has comfy seats, cup holders, and a huge screen. Midnight showings of cult and wannabe cult flicks have become popular lately, usually \$5. Regular showings only \$8.50 on the weekends, otherwise \$5.50. Often one movie shows for far too long — like, *Liar Liar*. Movie Line 422-2022.

Wormwood's Dog and Monkey Cinema

2112 Gottingen Street.
If the Hollywood scene is not for you then check out the home of critically acclaimed foreign films and unknown Canadian gems, can you say Whale Music? An annual \$10.00 student membership includes your first movie, and all movies are \$3.50. Discounts on munchies too. Movie Line 422-3700.

VIDEO RENTALS

It's true you can rent movies at just about any corner store now, but if you're not interested in the same three copies of *Scream*, then these are the ones you want.

Gigantic Video

1030 South Park St.
422-1541
Three pieces of I.D. and a loonie later, you too can rent a movie. Gigantic does have the cheapest rates of all the places we polled, at \$2.49 for new releases and \$1.49 for old, and with two rentals you get a third free.

Jumbo Video

6169 Quinpool Rd.
422-1544
Like the name implies, Jumbo is big. Carrying mostly big budget Hollywood vehicles, it is open 24 hours and offers popcorn while you browse. High gloss factor, and a seemingly endless supply of straight-to-video horror movies. It's \$3.50 before tax on new releases, \$2.99 on old. Home of the 3 movies for 4 nights for \$5 deal, old movies only.

Blockbuster Video

6024 Quinpool Rd.
422-7365
1119 Queen St
423-4550
You need a CSIS security clearance to get a membership here. Evenly matched with Jumbo on prices, Blockbuster is a lot stickier about late fees, open only until midnight, has no popcorn, and being in the store surrounded by their multi-T.V. promos is like being trapped inside a commercial.

Video Difference

6086 Quinpool Rd.
425-7365
Three floors of the standards and some lesser known and foreign works. With student I.D. you get 15% off all rentals, bringing it down to \$3.77 for new and \$3.45 for old releases.

Critic's Choice

The New York Times of Video Stores. If you rent a lot, a \$10.00 student membership, although not required, will save you a buck on all rentals, double movie nights on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and a free movie when you buy your membership. New releases are \$3.90 with taxes included, old are \$4.40, both before membership discounts.

BUSES

Metro Transit charges \$1.50 for most trips in the city, including transfers. Student

monthly passes are available. For schedules, try the SUB Information Centre or shopping mall information booths. For timetable info call 421-6600. Metro Transit also offers an accessible transportation service called Access-a-Bus. These specially equipped buses are on a priority based service and arrangements must be made well in advance. Fares are \$1.50 one way. Call 421-2999.

BOOZE BOOZE BOOZE

Nova Scotia Liquor Commission

The legal drinking age in Nova Scotia is 19 years. Sucks to be you!
5540 Clyde St.
423-6716
2559 Agricola St. 429-6145
Open from 10 a.m. to 10 pm Monday-Thursday, and until 11 pm Fridays and Saturdays.

CULTURE

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia

1741 Hollis St.
424-7452

Artczar Gallery

1903 Barrington St.
492-3332

Black Cultural Centre

1149 Main St. Dartmouth
434-6223

MicMac Heritage Gallery

1903 Barrington St.
422-9509

Dalhousie Art Gallery

6101 University Ave.
494-2403

THRIFT SHOPS

Closet Encounters Ladies Boutique

2952 Elm St.
425-5187

Experienced: Used Clothing Store

Blowers Street
Retrospecta

Dresden Row
Second Hand Rose

5212 Morris St.
423-0617

Treasures to Wear

5189 Prince St.
492-4096

BUY AND SELL FURNITURE

Almanac Used Furniture and Antiques

2810 Windsor St.
455-1141

DeeDee's Buy & Sell

2698 Agricola St.

453-5771

Easy Pickins Furniture and Things

2128 Gottingen St.
429-9900

TAXIS

Ace-Y Taxi 429-4444

Casino Taxi 429-6666 or 425-6666

Yellow Cab 425-1551

Sunshine Share-a-cab 429-5555

Green Cab 455-6666

Zero-Proof in Halifax

BY ALAN LEBLANC

Perhaps many of you don't see the need to drink. Oh sure, stumbling around and vomiting may seem sexy, but after a while the scene becomes tedious. For those of you who seek palate refreshment in other forms, here are a few establishments in the Halifax area that don't emphasize the need to get "wasted". If you're in the mood for something to eat, try the Apple Barrel (1726 Grafton St.) — Halifax's only 24-hour restaurant. It prides itself on its relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with no intrusive blaring music. You can get bacon and eggs at 3 p.m along with cappuccino and a concoction called "Yesterday's Soup" (aged for flavour). They also offer a \$19.95 "Gut-buster" meant to serve at least four. All this, and the Apple Barrel has generously offered to take 10% off your bill with the presentation of this article! Whoa! The Samarah Cafe (1261 Barrington St.) is just across from DalTech and offers a fine selection of coffees and other drinks. It has a wonderful solarium for basking in the sun, even if the view faces out into boring old Barrington Street. They also serve fresh bagels, muffins, and even Rice Krispy Squares. Mmm, boy! It also has a great hardwood floor for that rugged, manly look (grunt with me now!). Not only that, the management was kind enough to offer 15% off with the presentation of this article! Generous, yes? Coffee lovers, you can check out Perk's (along Ferry Boat Lane, Water St.). It has a more rushed atmosphere, but wouldn't you if you had all that caffeine in your system? Besides the huge coffee menu, they offer a huge desert array, donuts like Tim's never had, bagels, and lunch specials. No kidding, you can get chili or salads and even gazpacho

soup. Outdoor seating also allows for a view of the harbour. Also, if you feel so bold, you can get an ice cream from their stand. The line-up when I arrived was absurd.

When you're done eating, you might like to venture up to Breaker's (1661 Argyle St.). Feel free to come in between 12-2 p.m. weekdays for no table charge. Student membership has also been dropped down to \$10/month (down from \$29.95), and an additional 10% off table time for students as well. The bar staff specialize in serving non-alcoholic "mocktails," as well as an assortment of healthy drinks and non-alcoholic beer. There are also an assortment of video games, Foosball, and chessboards (disguised as tables) available.

The temperature is still high in Metro, and so to cool off I recommend Cow's Ice Cream (next to the Sheraton Casino on the Waterfront). Totally Canadian owned and operated, Cow's offers some of the finest premium ice cream out there. While the prices are slightly higher, the taste and selection are worth it. They also serve sundaes, frosty smoothies, and iced "cowpuccino". There's also a gift shop to buy Cow's souvenirs. While the ice cream is delicious, they will only be serving it until October 31st.

I also have to mention a restaurant called Mundo Latino (1813 Granville St.) a new enterprise that opened only a couple of months ago. It is a wonderfully designed restaurant with an open kitchen to watch food preparation at work. They offer a wide menu of tantalizing desserts, cappuccino, "mocktails" and live Latin music every Friday and Saturday night. With increased demand, they may make it a part of their per

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