

THE MOTION PICTURES

Movie Studio (8625-109 St)

When your finances are dangling dubiously into the lion's mouth, you'd best skip the pricy first-run theatrical releases and rent an old favourite from the award-winning archives. MovieStudio is a 10-minute walk (twelve minutes, if you're silly-walking) from campus and has a massive selection of DVDs, video games, and Blu-rays. Rentals start at a mere \$4.50, but that's not all! When you rent three of any new or old, films or games, the fourth is absolutely free. With a vast assortment of Shakespearean film adaptations, you may never actually have to read one of his plays! Warning: May result in an inexplicable crush on Kenneth Branagh and an uncontrollable urge to cast yourself as the lead role in everything.

Movies 12 (5074-130 Ave)

This one may be a little far from the big top, but with your handy-dandy U-Pass and a spare half-hour, you'll be chortling and guffawing, or bawling and brawling at the film of your choice—for less! Simply hop aboard the LRT and chug-chug along to the Clareview station. Next, transfer to the number 2 boxcar and you'll be at the pictures in no time flat. Regular admission is a paltry \$3.50, or \$2.50 on Tuesdays. Movies 12 is a relatively no-frills affair, but for the price, who cares? Not you! By paying a third of the admission, it frees up a few bucks to buy a frogurt or an outlandishly large chocolate bar.

Empire Theatre City Centre (10200-102 Ave)

But wait! There's more! If you're one of those wacky cosmopolitans who can't wait three weeks to see a film at the cheap theatre and insists on only the newest and finest, you can still indulge on a corset-tight budget. For a limited time only, students with valid Freak ID can enjoy a first-run film on the big screen (now with sound! In Technicolor!), a regular sized popcorn, and regular sized soda-pop for \$9.99. You heard right! Prepare to be mesmerized, galvanized, tantalized, and quite surprised. You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll still be able to afford your textbooks.

MUSICAL DELIGHTS

Myer Horowitz (SUB)

Don't let the polished exterior and glitzy surface fool you — SUB's resident theatre can be as quirky and eccentric as any others within your freakishly long arm's reach. A veritable bevy of acts will take the stage this year, from classical acts to hard-poundin' music to motivational speakers — carries that done gone hit the big time and want to share their rags to riches tales with all of us small-town goonies. It's also the central ring for the big cheeses in the Students' Union to stand on their soapbox and debate the line-ups, so keep an eye out for the latest attraction to travel through these doors.

CJSR (Lower level SUB, FM 88.5)

Don't touch that dial! It's easy to forget sometimes, but on campus (and all over Edmonton, actually) you're just a radio knob away from today's newest and weirdest music, broadcast directly from the grimy underbelly of SUB. From house to blues, hip-hop, roots, and "indie" (whatever that means), CJSR has got music lovers of all varieties covered, perfect for tootling away in the background as you wander the midway.

The Pawn Shop (10549-82 Ave)

Like so many Whyte Ave bars, you have to navigate a bouncer-guarded staircase to find yourself in the Pawn shop, one of Edmonton's smallest, most inexpensive, and quality music venues. It may not be big, but the 'Shop frequently trucks in some mighty fine up-and-coming musical acts, from pop-rockers like Two Hours Traffic and Immaculate Machine to horns-in-the-air metal bangers like Bison. The second-level location provides concert-goers with a number of lovely little perks: the large vent near the stage, for example, allows cold blasts of outside air to cool the hot moshpit haze between bands. The venue's intimate size allows for maximum proximity to the evening's band without blowing your savings or getting lost in the hubbub of crowds. And, of course, there's the chance of meeting that night's performing act in the bathroom before the show. Always, always a plus.

WET YOUR WHISTLE

RATT (SUB, 7th floor)

So you've failed your first assignment. To ease the sinking feeling in your gut that you've just swallowed a sword or missed the bullet you were supposed to catch in your teeth, pay a visit to campus' own three-ring circus — Room At The Top. After an elevator ride just long enough for you to bang your head against the wall a few times, you'll step out into a room full of strong men and tattooed ladies. Over the summer, the Room tightened up their act, revitalizing their menu items. Drink a beer through your ear, eat a nacho with your nose, jump up on the karaoke stage on Wednesdays and maybe semiotics will make sense in the morning.

Wunderbar (8120-101 St NW)

Ringmasters, tumblers, and acrobats alike, ponder this: what do students and the Germans have in common? A healthy love for good brew and good times, of course! A mere 2.1 km away (or 1,049 cartwheels), Wunderbar is a tiny hole-in-the-wall German-style pub for everyone from the beer connoisseur to the cocktail enthusiast. During Happy Hour (4:30-8 p.m. daily), pints are \$3.25 and ubersteins (1 litre) cost \$6.50. On Saturdays, Jack Daniels or Jägermeister will set you back \$3.75. Fridays are unofficially ladies night, offering up gin for \$3.75, or for free in exchange for your underwear. That's right, folks: g-strings for gin, skivvies for sauce, panties for potion, lingerie for liquor, and booze for bloomers. Not recommended for those prone to having "gincidents."

The Garneau Pub (109 St & 85 Ave)

Boardwalk this and freak show that — treat those taste buds at the one and only Garneau Pub. Conveniently located on 85th Ave and 109 St, this dingy dive marks the spot where the legendary Combat Juice resides. Though the location may be the eyesore of the strip with its uneven tables and '80s décor, it's a place where friends can mingle cozily and snack on the cheap. Whether you enjoy your company indoors on the rickety chairs or out on the dilapidated patio, be sure to order up a Combat Juice or three. For those with pockets filled with lint, the \$20 pitcher of goodness will fill you up with hard liquor, beer, and a splash of orange, lemon, and lime juice: a drink fit for a balanced diet. With the pub so close, why not get a little extra booze and vitamin C? Scurvy is so not cool anymore.

