

A New Student's Guide to Brevard

Being new to an area and not knowing which businesses to trust is tough, so for all the students new to Brevard, *The Clarion* has compiled a guide telling you the best places in town to go for:

PIZZA

Everything tastes better when it's square. It's a law of the universe. Look it up. And **Jet's Pizza** is no exception to this law. Located directly across the street from campus, Jet's is conveniently located, which means that you can get grease-heavy square pizzas and wings quickly whenever the urge hits you. If you're looking for a place to sit down and eat a slice, **Big Mike's**, located downtown, has delicious New York-style pizza. Also, try out their cheesecake. You can feel your arteries clogging slowly with each bite, so you know it's good.



ASIAN FOOD

If, like most Americans, including those of us here at *The Clarion*, you adhere fully to the "quantity over quality" mantra, then **Twin Dragons** is the place for you. For just under ten dollars, you can pick from a smorgasbord of food from pretty much every continent on the globe, but mostly from Asia. The Hibachi grill, included in the buffet is always a good call, and the Twin Dragons' waiters are the most timely water-glass-fillers east of the Mississippi. The buffet even includes sushi, which is palatable, but for good sushi, it is

recommended that you try **Sora Sushi**, located near Wal-Mart in Pisgah Forest. Another Eastern option in town is **Fujiyama Japanese Steakhouse**, which is probably the best option for a college budget. There are several menu options under six dollars, and Fujiyama has a shrimp sauce that we at *The Clarion* are pretty sure has manna from Heaven as the main ingredient. Side note, as the Editor-in-Chief of this publication has learned, beware of the



intestinal repercussions of Fujiyama.

MEXICAN FOOD

El Ranchero and **Cielito Lindo** are both local favorites, and there isn't much difference between the food at the two places, although it is much more fun to throw back some grandes at Cielito Lindo. A third option in town is the **Crazy Donkey**, which is located next to the Democratic Headquarters for Transylvania County. The food isn't quite as good at Crazy Donkey, but they do get bonus points for having the most ironic name/location combination.

HAIRCUTS

We vehemently discourage students from going to any salon/barbershop with a name featuring an adjective followed by any variation of the word "cut." This rules out **SmartCuts** as well as **Ten Dollar Haircut** (although the Editor of this publication

does frequent the latter, but that is just because he is cheap).

SHOPPING

If it's a mall you're looking for, you'll have to trek 30 miles to the **Asheville Mall**. Locally, however, you can find some sweet deals at several local thrift stores, including the **Humane Society Thrift Store** downtown and **SAFE's Attic**, located next to campus.

ALCOHOL-

Right next door to campus, **Ingles** has a surprisingly good selection of beer and wine. Whether you're looking for massive amounts of cheap beer best described as similar to sex in a canoe, or for pricier selections from local microbrews, you should be able to find what you need and be close enough to walk back to school (Jones Hall, of course), thus avoiding the wrath of the BPD on the highway. Just a side-note for those of you not accustomed to having your alcohol consumption



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impeded in any way, shape, size, or form: if you are planning on going out on Saturday night, make sure to buy everything you need before midnight, as local blue laws prevent Ingles from selling alcohol on Sunday morning (which technically includes the fun hours of Saturday night).

MOVIES

With its bright marquee on Main Street, the **Falls Theater** downtown is a throwback to the "Pleasantville" era of Americana. However, if you want to see a movie