

# Triangle moviegoers have plenty of options

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You just slept through the last half-hour of Psychology 541, the clockwork of Charles Manson.

Your eyelids feel like someone attached a ball and chain to them, and sheep are slowly making their way towards the brick wall of your bored mind.

You have a paper due on William Faulkner in your English class the next day and you know there is no way you will ever stay awake in your current condition to finish "As I Lay Dying."

These are desperate times. Times that require a direct, wake-up dose of slasher action. Time to catch a flick at one of Chapel Hill's commercial theaters.

Chapel Hill offers its moviegoers four commercial theaters: the Carolina Theatre, the Ram Triple, the Plaza and the Varsity. The Carolina Union Film Auditorium shows films free for the UNC student; films included this summer are "Cocktail" and "Everybody's All-American."

The Carolina Theater, located uptown at the corner of Franklin Street and Columbia Street, is Chapel Hill's largest movie house. Built in 1944 and split into two theatres in 1976, the Carolina is owned by the Toronto-based movie chain Cineplex Odeon and offers first-run movies. Admission is \$4.75 for adults and \$3 for children. Daily matinees cost only \$3 before 6 p.m. Films that will be shown there in the near future include "The Abyss" and "Friday the 13th Part VIII: Terror in Times Square."

The Ram Triple Theatres, owned by Carmike Cinemas, are below the NCNB Plaza on Rosemary Street

beside Molly Maguire's Restaurant and Pub. You can catch a first run film for the admission price of \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children with a daily matinee of \$2.50 until 5 p.m. You will find these theaters to be small and intimate, perfect for a date, like watching a big-screen television, but they usually have the most up-to-date releases, like "Lethal Weapon 2," "Dead Poets Society" and "Honey, I Shrank the Kids."

The Plaza Theatres, owned by Eastern Federal Corporation, are located off East Franklin Street in the Kroger Plaza Shopping Center. Unlike the two previous theaters, you have to drive to these, unless you've got strong legs.

A triple theater, larger than the Ram both in actual size and auditorium size, the Plaza charges \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children with a daily matinee of \$3. Hot summer blockbusters to play the Plaza this

summer include "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" and "Batman."

If it's cultural films with a splash of first-run action you are looking for, the Varsity Theatre, located on Franklin Street beside the Intimate Bookshop, is your cup of tea. Built in 1927 as a single theater and changed into a duplex in 1982, the Varsity shows many foreign and independent films with the occasional first-run feature. Admission at the Varsity is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children with a \$3 matinee Monday through Friday. This theater is a must-use for anyone near the Chapel Hill area because of its uniquely styled hallway, almost like the entrance ramp to a UFO, leading to the viewing room on the right side of the duplex.

The Varsity plans to run the film "Parenthood," directed by Ron Howard and starring Steve Martin, as well as "Rainbow," the prequel to "Women in Love," and "Let's Get Lost," about

the music of jazz trumpeter Chet Baker.

For those in the audience who feel the crunch on their bank account is too much, the Union Film Committee is looking out for your interests. The film auditorium located in the Carolina Union Annex shows several different movies each week. These could range from silent movies to theme nights to recent first-run films; something is in here for every taste in video culture. These movies are usually free to students with a valid ID, but frequently the recent releases will charge an admission price of no more than \$1.50.

Tentatively, the fall schedule will begin with "The Gods Must Be Crazy" on August 30 and will include such films as "The Accidental Tourist," "The Killing Fields," "Working Girl,"

"Rain Man," "The Godfather," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "The Last Temptation of Christ," and much, much more. The complete schedule will be available (in stylish poster form) in the Union when the fall semester begins, so take advantage of this opportunity.

You would not be fully informed if you were not told that the Undergraduate Library has a non-print section and many recent, home-video releases in stock. Among the many videos (and laser discs) in stock include comedy classics like the Marx Brothers' "Animal Crackers," brooding dramas by Ingmar Bergman, popular hits like "Top Gun" and even several collections of Warner Brothers' cartoons. Stop renting the darn things and watch them for free at the Undergrad. Take a date even.

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