

CAMPUS LIFE

Fifteen Dollar Thursdays

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A tough economy might force you to make some sacrifices, but weekend fun shouldn't have to be one of them! Raleigh hosts many nightly haunts for you to explore when you're itching to hit the town on a budget.

Start the night off right with an early dinner at the classy sit-down Fleming's Steakhouse at Crabtree Valley Mall. Every night of the week, Fleming's has a special set of options called the "5 for \$6 till 7," which actually now features six yummy appetizers that only cost \$6 before 7 p.m.! Take a friend and fill your stomachs with the gigantic Fleming's Prime Bacon Cheeseburger, the newest addition to this incredible \$6 menu. As long as you order before 7 p.m., you could split a good tip on this meal and still only pay \$7 each!

After dinner, why not catch a movie at the Blue Ridge Dollar-Fifty Theater? That's right, folks: This theater is famous in Raleigh as the theater where all tickets for all shows at all times are only \$1.50! It's a great option for those of you who missed that premiere flick in the expensive theater as well as those of you who just can't wait until it comes out on DVD to see it again. Be forewarned that concessions are full-price, but after saving so much money on the tickets, you might feel friendlier towards that buttery popcorn.



Mug from Old Bar, photograph by Caitlin Griffin

Make sure that movie is over by 11 p.m. so you have ample time to make it downtown to college night at Fubar! Fubar is Raleigh's newest, hottest nightclub, known for playing the best mixes of everyone's favorite top 40's and hip-hop jams all night long. Don't fret about heading downtown dressed for winter weather; you can check your coat at the door! And unlike many other inconveniently-located bars and clubs in the city center, Fubar has its own large, private parking lot right behind the club. Every Thursday night is college night, which means that you and all of your 18+ female friends can get through the door anytime between 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

for just a small \$5 cover with your student ID. Angels, this is one time where you definitely don't want to forget those CamCards! Once inside, end the night on the right "foot" by dancing until 3 a.m...only if you don't have an 8 a.m. class the next morning, of course!

FOR 21+ READERS:

The best bar deal of the week is at Old Bar, located right underneath Charlie Goodnights. Come out every Thursday night for Mug Night! Buy a sturdy 32 oz plastic mug for \$5 and fill it up with house and premium beer drafts for only \$1 or \$2, respectively, all night long. The best part: Bring that same mug back to the bar every Thursday night and pay ONLY \$1 or \$2 for every refill!

Upcoming Events

gathered by Kristen Gallagher

- Feb 8-12 Honor and Integrity Week: Drop-In Dialogue on Integrity: On Thursday, February 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 2nd Cate Center
- Feb 11: The Shark Tank: Practice Interviews, 9-4 pm, Academic and Career Planning
- Feb 11: How to Study Math at 12:00pm in the Academic and Career Planning office
- MEA meeting: February 12th, 10am, 204 Harris
- CAB Valentine's Mixer, February 12, Cate Center
- Feb 13, Jones Auditorium: Concerto/Aria Concert, 8:00pm - 9:30pm
- Feb 15 Campus-Wide Voting/Elections start
- Feb 15, SMB 261, Engineering Mondays - Jeopardy - 10 am
- Feb 15, Extreme Makeover: Resume Clinic, 10-12 pm in A & C Planning
- Feb 15, Five O'Clock Scholars, Dr. Ellis talks about the history of the Pocketbook, 113 Martin
- Feb 16: Kabuki Lady Macbeth, Kabuki Lady Macbeth, 8 pm in Jones
- Feb 16 Mardi Gras

Campus Announcements

Janet Burroway, renowned novelist, poet, playwright and teacher, will read at Meredith on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium. A reception and book signing will follow the reading. This event is free and open to the public. For information, please contact Dr. Rebecca Duncan at duncanr@meredith.edu.

The Office for First Year Experience is now accepting applications for Student Advisors. Applications are available in the Office (1st Cate) and are due there by 2/23 at 5 pm. Interviews will be held between 3/1 and 3/11. Contact Chrissie Bumgardner at bumgardner@meredith.edu with any questions.

Dr. Mecham's Distinguished Faculty Lecture

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Dr. John Mecham's Distinguished Faculty Lecture—The Waikiki Delicatessen: the Beginnings of Big Ideas—took place in Jones Auditorium, at 7:00, on Tuesday, January 26. As part of the lecture, Dr. Mecham presented a slide show of his time in Kenya, focusing on a description of the Great Rift Valley, the Delicatessen's monument, and turning points in science. He described the Rift Valley as a "great massive geologic formation" extending across several east African countries.

Dr. Mecham mentioned archeologists Louis and Mary Leakey, who spent about 40 years in parts of Tanzania and Kenya. They uncovered anthropological evidence for the "first human-like primates." During one such excavation, Mary

Leakey discovered a fossil of a 3.9 million-year-old partial skull. This incident dramatically affected the understanding of evolution. Dr. Mecham also talked about the discovery at the Waikiki Delicatessen, in 1972, of recombinant DNA, by Herb Boyer and Stanley Cohen, who took out a patent on the process. Mecham said this discovery "rocked the world of science" and formed the foundation for many scientific fields such as biotechnology, modern biology, and medicine. He said although there are not many monuments dedicated to scientists, he is not troubled because we should not "immortalize the scientist." Some scientists are recognized, for example, by being awarded the Nobel Prize, as was Paul Berg of Stanford Univer-

sity, while others, like Boyer and Cohen, remain unacknowledged. Science is based on "fact" while truth is based on "belief," according to Mecham. He mentioned the discovery of the endocrine system by researchers in England. Although this finding contradicted what scientist Ivan Pavlov had found earlier, Pavlov admitted they had proved him incorrect, saying he did not have a patent on the "discovery of fact." Dr. Mecham concluded his lecture with the argument that science "forever will be self-correcting," and he reminded all future scientists in the crowd the ever-important lesson of being gracious when proven wrong.