

Now showing: six Chapel Hill theaters give moviegoers stylish ambience

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JUNE 27 — Chapel Hill may be labeled as a "college town," but that does not mean it lacks a plethora of entertainment choices.

Going to see movies on weekends is an inexpensive form of entertainment for students living on tight budgets. For \$6 or less students can enter one of six theaters within Chapel Hill and have a total of 19 screens to choose from. Here are some of your options for a cinematic experience.

Movies at Timberlyne. Located at 120 Banks Dr., Movies at Timberlyne features six screens and is by far the most modern theater in Chapel Hill.

Featuring a large lobby and concession stand, Timberlyne is spacious and accommodating. However, on weekends with two or more films opening, tickets, as well as good seats, go fast. Timberlyne also offers what some of the older theaters in Chapel Hill do not — the new Digital Theater Systems sound system. DTS gives the films at Timberlyne a crisp feel, and can make the sound so loud it can nearly blow you out of your seat.

Plaza Theatres. The Plaza The-

atres, located on S. Elliot Road, has recently undergone renovations adapting its former three screen capacity to five screens. The Plaza features a long lobby with two concession stands and runs the same blockbuster films as Movies at Timberlyne.

Carolina Theatre. Carolina Theatre, located behind The Gap, at 108 E. Franklin St., is one of the four theaters most easily accessible to students living on campus. The Carolina offers only one screen but with the trendiest atmosphere in Chapel

Hill. When looking for high quality films during seasons of boring, action-adventure films, the Carolina Theatre is the place to go.

Chelsea Theater. The smallest theater in Chapel Hill is the Chelsea Theater, 1129 Weaver Dairy Rd. Offering two screens, the Chelsea offers a simplistic atmosphere and presents films not unlike those of the Carolina Theatre. Across the parking lot from Movies at Timberlyne, the Chelsea Theater can be easily overlooked but is worth finding.

Varsity Theatre. One of the oldest theaters in Chapel Hill is the Varsity Theatre, 123 E. Franklin St. Resembling theaters of decades past, the Varsity offers a charm that no other theater in Chapel Hill comes close to. Two screens normally offering arthouse to break-through films gives the Varsity a broad spectrum of appeal. However, the Varsity often holds a film for months and students are often left waiting for new films.

Ram Theatres 1-2-3. Within the past year Ram Theatres has converted

from a normal theater into a \$1 theater offering the cheapest form of movie entertainment in Chapel Hill. However, the Ram often gets films that no one ever wanted to see in the first place. Ram seems to often have problems with projection equipment, causing delays in broadcast time or total prevention of the film from even showing. But remember, you are only paying \$1.

So sit back, relax and remember to observe silence during the show — and take crying students to the lobby.

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If you can't find what you're looking for in Carrboro, you can drive over to the Chapel Hill PTA Thrift Shop, in the Village Plaza near Well-spring Grocery.

Chapel Hill's store is similar to the Carrboro store, but the Chapel Hill store is a little bit smaller and less diverse.

The PTA Thrift Shops also sponsor bag day sales about once a month where shoppers fill up a grocery bag of clothes for just \$2.

Parking in the area is hard to come by on the weekends, so you might want to visit during the week if possible.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro are not exactly chock-full of consignment and thrift stores, owing to the excess of money and social climbing.

However, if you have a car and the time to travel, you can build up a pretty cool wardrobe for less than \$100.

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Eastgate Shopping Center on U.S. Highway 15-501 has a variety of stores, such as A Southern Season and the Intimate Bookshop, to please nearly every kind of shopper.

Just remember, when you're trying to find something to do in Chapel Hill, investigation is definitely needed.

The thrill of the hunt to find something to do is just part of the fun of going out. Have fun and don't forget to use your imagination.

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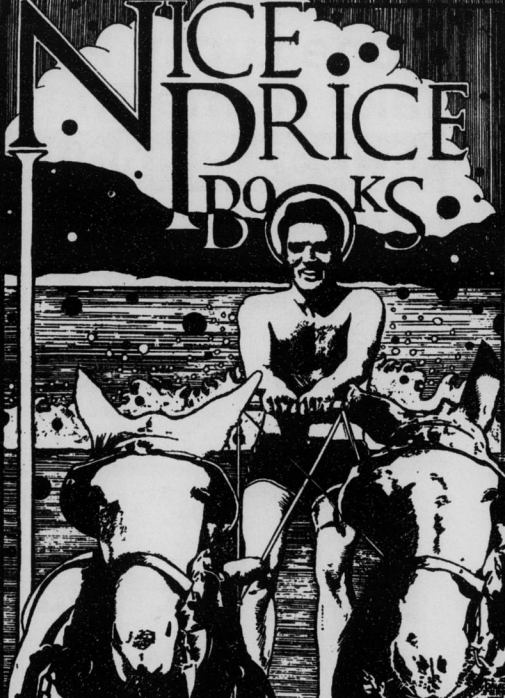
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