

Dive in ... to get out of studying

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MORE POWER FOR THE WITCHING HOUR

Feeling a bit stressed with exams?

Bummed because most of your friends have already gone home and there's nothing to do?

Man, do I know the feeling.

Exam week is no fun. There's 10 million tons of work to do, and when there's actual down time to have fun, there's nothing going on.

I know, it's rough.

But luckily, I know a fantastic way to distract yourself from this horrible plight.

Sure, most students at UNC are aware of the reputation this town has for producing great and influential independent music.

But if you're like many of my friends, you might not have gotten out and experienced for yourself all the musical wonders Chapel Hill can provide.

I understand how it goes. You might have wanted to go out to a show, but all your buddies wanted to go to a party or some other typical college activity.

Believe me — I've been there.

But exam week could be a perfect opportunity to get out and find out what the Triangle scene is all about.

Let's be honest — you'll probably be sitting in your room between exams with nothing to do at some point.

Why not wrangle up one or two people in the same situation and head out to a show?

So here are four great local acts you should get out to see this weekend if you get the chance:

Red Collar, just about the best live rock act in the Triangle right now, will bring its punk-influenced and adrenaline-filled anthems to Cat's Cradle tonight in support of Hot Rod Circuit, currently on its farewell tour.

Nathan Asher and the Infantry also will be playing tonight. The

Upcoming shows:

TONIGHT

► Red Collar (w/ Hot Rod Circuit)
RiYL: Fugazi, Bruce Springsteen
Cat's Cradle
8 p.m. \$12 at the door.

► Nathan Asher and the Infantry
RiYL: Springsteen, Bright Eyes
Local 506

TIME TBA. \$6. (18+)

Opener: Prayers & Tears

FRIDAY

► Little Brother
RiYL: A Tribe Called Quest, Jay-Z
Cat's Cradle
9:30 p.m. \$15 in advance. \$17 at the door.
Opener: Evidence, of Dilated Peoples

SATURDAY

► Southern Culture on the Skids
RiYL: Stray Cats, Hank Williams
Cat's Cradle
9:30 p.m. \$10.
Opener: Gore Gore Girls

band will bring its devastatingly beautiful melodies and great songwriting to Local 506.

Durham rap duo Little Brother will hit the Cradle on Friday. The group combines great, straightforward lyrics with an irresistible flow and soul-influenced beats.

Finally, Chapel Hill rock staple Southern Culture on the Skids is playing at the Cradle on Saturday. The band combines country and surf music in a relentlessly catchy package.

So, there you go — four excellent shows that would serve as a perfect introduction to the Chapel Hill scene.

Good luck on exams, and enjoy the music.

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