

# If you have to stay in B/CS —

## CS offers 3 rock clubs

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Spending a Friday or Saturday night in College Station with nothing to do and no place to go? Interested in hitting the "hot spots" for dancing, drinking, to see people or to be seen? Keep reading to find out what options are available for you.

**Park Avenue, RoxZ** and **Scandals** all have nightly drink specials, dance floors, play Top 40 and dance rock, and have undergone either remodeling or name changes or both in the past year. All have dance floors that are relatively small; things get congested on popular dance numbers. But that's where the comparison stops.

**Park Avenue**, formerly Lipstick, is located on Harvey Road in the Woodstone Shopping Center. Park Avenue has a "dressy" interior — very subdued colors, lots of wood and neon skylines of major Texas cities along the walls — making it the most sophisticated of the three clubs.

Henry Torres, bar manager and a disc jockey at Park Avenue, says that the club is aiming for a sophisticated atmosphere. The music is Top 40, dance rock, some slow sets and maybe one or two country and western songs, Torres says.

"We don't play hard rock," he says, "because we aren't

trying to compete with the RoxZ."

He said they try to fit most requests into their sets and will play just about anything unless it's hard rock.

What really sets Park Avenue apart from the others is late night on Friday and Saturday nights, when it is open from 1 a.m. until 4 a.m. for dancing. No alcohol is served, only soft drinks and munchies.

Be prepared to wait in line, because after the other clubs close at 1 a.m., many people come Park Avenue to dance and be seen. Torres says the late night hours have been successful; as many as 400 to 500 people have come in after 1 a.m.

Park Avenue is planning to have live bands in the future, Torres says, as well as other activities. He says that the bands would set up on the dance floor. A fashion show is scheduled for later in the fall, he says. Park Avenue also can be rented for meetings in the afternoon.

He also says that they are planning to expand the dance floor over Christmas break.

The RoxZ, in Post Oak Mall, seems to have a large interior because of its high ceiling and the use of brighter lights. The decor is sparse — a few posters scattered along the walls. And the music — from the "killer sound system" — is LOUD.

Mike Earhart, assistant mana-

ger of RoxZ, says the club's crowd is a combination of students and local residents.

RoxZ plays rock-n-roll and dance music. He says that they will play requests if the DJ can fit it into the sequence he is playing.

The big thing at the RoxZ is the new \$150,000 light show, Earhart says.

He says that the club won't have live bands come in because it costs too much money and limits the audience. RoxZ probably won't have a late night either, he says, because it's not that much of a money maker.

**Scandals**, located in the Doux Chene Apartment complex on FM 2818 and formerly known as Dallas, reopened this summer after remodeling the interior and changing the name.

Rance Buss, manager of Scandals, says the club play danceable rock, not necessarily hard rock.

He says that Scandals won't have a late night because it does better with what it already has. Buss says the club is planning a big Halloween party and working with some more ideas.

Scandals has good specials and plays good music, but the location is not that good — except if you are a Doux Chene tenant.

If none of these places have what you're looking for, then read on to find the "hot spots" in the larger cities of Texas.



photo by Peter Rocha

Patrons take advantage of the dance floor at the RoxZ in Post Oak Mall.

## Bands perform

by Ann Ramsbottom

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You've put in a big day on campus. You're tired and tense; you need to relax. How to get rid of the pressures...a drink, maybe a little supper. So you go to the local restaurant or bar. Suddenly, the place comes alive.

What luck. You've just walked into the right place at the right time. Special feature tonight...live entertainment.

When live entertainment is what you need, take advantage of the Bryan-College Station restaurants and bars booking live musicians.

For jazz exclusively, try **Baker Street** restaurant and bar. A casual, laid-back atmosphere that allows you to relax, listen to background music and still carry on a conversation.

Sunrise, a professional jazz group made up of professional business people from around town accompany you as you wine and dine on anything from nachos to teriyaki steaks. Sunrise usually plays on Saturday evenings.

**Murphey's** offers a little more variety in listening pleasures. Jazz, rhythm and blues, country and rock are favorites with professionals and college students. Various

local and out-of-town groups play Friday and Saturday evenings.

The management at **Murphey's** has made some recent changes with more in store. The interior has been completely remodeled since last school year; carpet has been added and the bar has basically cleaned up its act.

**Rebels** restaurant and bar features an Old South atmosphere with home-style cooking. If you're not watching MTV or football games on the big screen, chances are you'll be listening to any of several live groups playing middle-of-the-road music.

**Bogie's** of Northgate (formerly, The Alamo and Sebastian's Tavern) offers live entertainment and more: restaurant, bar, beer garden, pool tables, dance floor, video games, juke box and real barbeque.

Live entertainment is featured three nights a week. On Saturdays Sneaky Pete plays '60s and modern music on the guitar. Local rock bands play Mondays and Tuesdays.

**Carlos o' Willies** presents easy listening as well as early rock on weekends. Styles of food varies also: from steaks to hamburgers.

## C&W clubs have variety

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If you're into stepping out, two-stepping, or just keeping in step with the crowd, kick up your heels and go kickin'.

Local country-western bars offer a wide variety of moods from brightly lit disco-country with a little bit of rock, to good ol' hard country settings just short of the wild west — suited for a barroom brawl.

Popular with college students is the **Texas Hall of Fame**, better known as "The Hall." The Hall honors college students on Wednesday nights with Aggie night; Aggies get in free with a student I.D.

The Hall is the only club left in Brazos County that offers live country music five nights a week. Regulars include both local and non-local groups. Monday nights feature the Hall of Fame Gang, Wednesday nights feature Silver Creek, Thursdays are the Debonaires and Fridays rotate among Johnny Lyon and the Country Nu-Notes, Hawkeye and Roy Robbins and the Availables. Saturday nights do not feature a regular entertainer.

This month marks the fifth year anniversary of The Hall. It continues to play hard country, progressive country and a little bit of rock to both college stu-

dents and the older generation.

The Hall features a 4,385-foot dance floor with two bars and plenty of munchies: popcorn, nachos, chips and dips. And if you don't want to dance, pool tables and video games are in good supply.

Upon entering **The Electric Cowboy**, you are greeted by a display of rattlesnakes and skulls. However, that's where the old west ends. The Electric Cowboy offers a bit of disco with its bright light show and frequent rock 'n roll. Country prevails, however, with a definite following of cowboy customers.

The Electric Cowboy also offers video games and pool tables.

**Graham Central Station** follows the mood of the Electric Cowboy with plenty of flash. The long, narrow dance floor is well lit. The lights, along with country and Top 40 tunes, keep the rhythm going all night long.

Occasionally, Graham's hosts special parties such as the recent beach party. A big Halloween party is planned for October.

For a more rustic look, **The Cowboy** is a little more authentic. Done in rough cedar wood and decorated with western art, the bar generally appeals to an older crowd. However, the management is striving to appeal to college students as well. Begin-

ning next week, Aggies will get in for half price on Tuesdays with a student I.D.

The Cowboy offers other specials as well. Mondays are highlighted by Monday night football. Mondays also feature a ladies pool tournament. A \$5 entry makes any woman eligible to compete for a 24-karat gold piece. Wednesday is ladies night; half price drinks for ladies all night long. Thursday nights are highlighted with a men's "shoot for gold." For a \$10 entry, men compete for a 24-karat gold piece from Texas Coin Exchange.

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