

Do a Little Dance

B-CS has several venues for different styles of dancing

Six experienced seniors rated Bryan-College Station dance venues based on atmosphere, music and crowd.

Boogie Shoes Ratings

1 = Too Cold 2 = Getting warm
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From country to rap and hip-hop to salsa, Bryan-College Station offers dance clubs for people in boots or stilettos.

"I usually go to the Hall (Texas Hall of Fame) — there's usually lots of people, the company's very nice and there's usually hot girls," said Robert Cogburn, a senior agricultural journalism major, who has been dancing at the Hall for three years.

However, Cogburn does not limit his opportunities. He has visited Cody's, Hurricane Harry's and Soho Lounge, and has developed an opinion of each one.

While Cogburn does not enjoy the people at Cody's, he appreciates their music and prefers it to the music at the Hall.

"People at other clubs go nuts over 10-year-old songs like 'Baby Got Back' and 'Give Me That Nut,'" Cogburn said.

Cogburn usually visits Soho Lounge after a night at Shadow Canyon. He enjoys the dance music and the people, who are mostly college students.

"I know lots of people there," Cogburn said. "They're a close-knit type of people because the same people go there every week."

Cogburn said that since Cody's does not have a cover charge, people from the area frequent the club, but there are not as many college students as at other local dance clubs.

Students, especially freshmen, may find a recurring theme in the type of people that attend certain clubs.

"Harry's became the status quo for freshmen, because it's a hop, skip and a jump away from A&M," Cogburn said.

Cadee Beyer, a senior agricultural development major, notices that Shadow attracts an older crowd.

"It's more of a 21-and-up crowd," Beyer said. "We went there a lot this summer, like once a week, but not quite so much

since school started because I've been busy."

Beyer also appreciates the dance-floor size with plenty of room to dance.

"It's not too crowded," Beyer said. "You can actually move and dance, and the drinks are cheap."

Matt Madison, a senior industrial distribution major, only goes to Harry's if he decides to go out dancing. Harry's plays old and new country along with Top 40 and rap.

"Every other place has gone ghetto. Harry's plays a good mix of music, and there's a lot of beautiful girls," he said.

Madison has become familiar with the crowd and sees someone he knows every time he visits Harry's.

"No matter when you go, you always see someone you know," Madison said.

However, not all students enjoy two-stepping. Thomas Bigini, a senior applied mathematics major, said he prefers Cody's to Harry's or the Hall any day.

"(Cody's) is one of the few clubs that plays the only music that I like to dance to, like hip-hop and dance," Bigini said. "It's more up to date than other clubs that play 'Baby Got Back' right after George Strait."

Bigini began dancing at Cody's because it was closer to his apartment, there was less of a parking hassle and he was not as fond of the cowboy scene found at other clubs, he said.

"The dress at Cody's is different," Bigini said. "There are no cowboy hats and tight jeans."

Manish Raizada, a senior computer engineering major, holds a VIP card which gets him into Soho free and knows the disc jockey: his roommate.

"I definitely like the music," Raizada said. "The music is more house and trance, and you don't see that at Cody's. Their music is the most distinct music in town."

While Raizada said he does not enjoy the music as much at Cody's, he still stops by, after a

party, if he feels like dancing.

Raizada also does not like the atmosphere, which he said can be a bit hostile.

"People will be giving me the eye," Raizada said. "If it gets crowded, and you accidentally bump into someone, they think you do it intentionally."

Jeremy Mitchell, a senior journalism major, said he does not go to Harry's or the Hall unless there is a concert and instead, enjoys the scene at Cody's or Soho Lounge, for their lack of country music.

Mitchell said he does not go to Soho as often as Cody's, but likes its atmosphere and well-dressed people.

Mitchell also likes Cody's "good mix of hip-hop and techno."

"Overall, their DJs are pretty decent and good at keeping the crowd going and energized throughout the night," said Mitchell, who also is a deejay.

Another dance club that is fairly new, and a little less well-known, is La Bodega. La Bodega plays salsa music every Friday and has salsa parties every other Saturday. Mitchell also appreciates its music and visited when his friend Michael Tillman performed there. Tillman plays classical Spanish guitar.

La Bodega attracts a more diverse crowd.

David Macias, a senior telecommunications major, said he likes La Bodega's music and crowd.

"They play all Spanish music like salsa and merenge," Macias said. "There's definitely a variety of music, and I get tired of country and rap and that's all you hear at the other clubs."

"A lot of Hispanics go there," Macias said. "I have friends that go there religiously."

Many international students from Guatemala, Puerto Rico and South America can be seen every weekend at La Bodega.



Under 21 NOT ALLOWED

There are many options for underage students looking for a good time

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In most college towns across the United States, being underage presents a dilemma for students looking for something to do at night. This is not the case in College Station, where many businesses gear their advertising to attract students of all ages.

"I think it's neat when places such as Hurricane Harry's and the Dixie Chicken open their doors to underage students such as myself," said Amanda Kruse, a freshman elementary education major. "I am always looking for a place to go and hang out with friends and other people my age."

Being 21 years old does not always limit what Texas A&M students can and cannot do. However, if an underage person is going to survive the nightlife of Bryan-College Station, there are a few rules he or she must learn before going out.

"One of the first rules to surviving the night life is you have to know what places are hot and when," said freshmen biomedical science major Mark Birkenfield.

Birkenfield said some places are busier than others, depending on which night it is. Birkenfield said the second rule students should know is which nights are not hot.

"Friday, for instance, is a date night. I am still fairly new at this, but I have learned that Fridays are a good night to find a date or go to the movies with the guys because nothing is happening on Fridays."

For students looking for that romantic

evening alone, College Station offers an array of places to entertain that special someone.

"This town is great for places to take your ladies. Like, if it was me, a nice picnic at Research Park would be very special," Kruse said.

"If you're not the outdoors type, there are restaurants galore for these types of occasions, such as Square One or Caffè Capri."

Students should not assume they have to spend money to do something fun; there are many alternatives to normal nightlife.

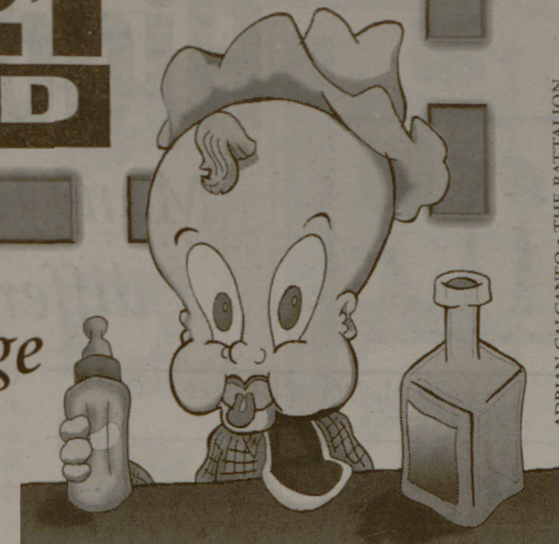
"We do all the same things that everybody else does; we just have a different outlook about it," said junior electrical engineering major Danny McReynolds. "My friends and I believe that you don't have to drink to have fun at Harry's or Shadow. In fact, we have alternatives to most of those things.

For example, we go to the movies all the time, and sometimes, we will throw a barbecue and invite friends over and just hang out."

If students are looking for a place to escape the normal, late-night activities, there are less visited, but still quite enjoyable, places.

"Coming from a small town, I know all about finding things to do," said freshmen political science major Tim White.

"So going to the bowling alley and just doing things like getting a group of guys together and playing a game of football and basketball; however, just renting a movie or two is always an enjoyable alternative for me."



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