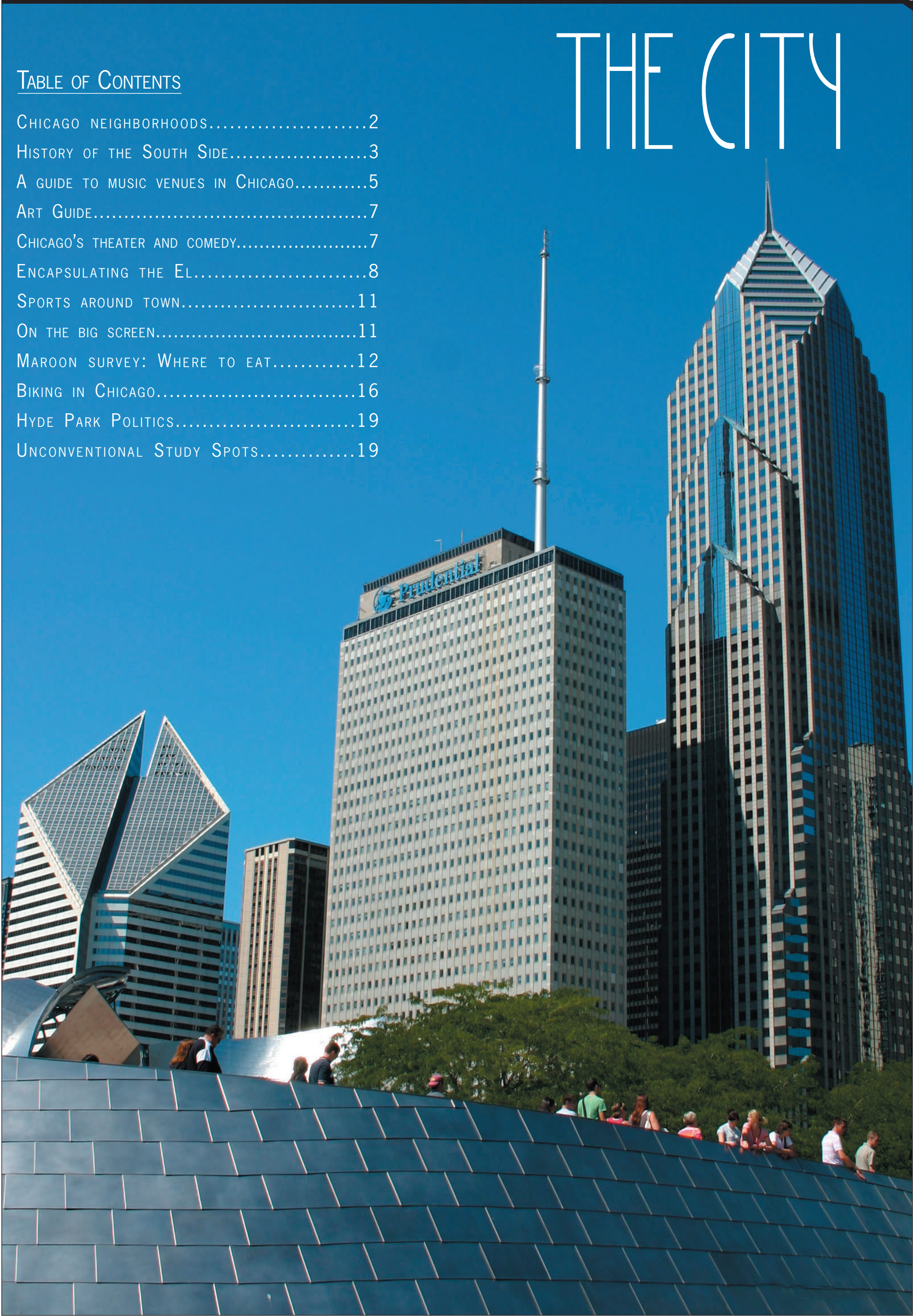




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THE CITY



Chicago neighborhoods: from Chinatown to Pilsen to Jackowo

A sampling of treats and treasures from around city—and the globe

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Chicago has a rich ethnic history. Her neighborhoods are home to immigrants from across the globe, from Eastern Europe to Asia to South America. These neighborhoods are as varied and varying as the settlers themselves, with a German neighborhood becoming dominantly Puerto Rican after several generations, an Irish neighborhood eventually becoming the current Chinatown, Polish enclaves intermingling with Mexican ones, and so on. These constant changes make it difficult to define many of Chicago's neighborhoods, but each has plenty to offer anyone in search of unique shops, food, history, and distinct local flavor. Here's a sampling of Chicago's finest:

Chinatown

One of Chicago's most well known ethnic enclaves, Chinatown is both a tourist attraction and a haven for Chinese immigrants hoping for the support and familiar comforts of home. The neighborhood—which is fairly small, with its main stretches along Cermak Road/22nd Street, Wentworth Avenue, and Archer Avenue—was settled in part by new immigrants fleeing communist China, and partially by Chicago Chinese attempting to avoid rising rents in other parts of the city.

For visitors, some of Chinatown's highlights include **Joy Yee's Noodle Shop** (2159 South China Place) and a number of tea, gift, and grocery shops; herbal stores; and bakeries. Chinatown is easily accessible by the Red Line, and thus tends to be a favorite stop for U of C students.

Wicker Park

This area, once a primarily Mexican and Polish neighborhood, is rapidly becoming gentrified. A thriving community of artists make their home here, as evidenced by such eclectic, hipster-centric stops as **Myopic Books** (1564 North Milwaukee Avenue), **Double Door** (1572 North Milwaukee Avenue), and **Filter** (1585 North Milwaukee Avenue). If you wander southwest, you'll hit what is rumored to be the best gelateria this side of the Atlantic: **Caffé Gelato** (2034 West Division). The neighborhood is bounded by West Division Street, West North Avenue, North Western Avenue, and North Ashland Avenue, and can be reached via the Blue Line—you can get off at either Damen, for eclectic shopping, or Division, for hip hangouts.

Devon

Officially located in Rogers Park, "Devon" is the common term used to refer to the long stretch of avenue



Part of a parade of Falun Gong practitioners, dancers take over the main drag of Chinatown.

that comprises an equally large assortment of cultures. Craving Indian food? Stop by **The Viceroy of India** (2520 West Devon Avenue) for some delicious nan and tandoori chicken. Afterwards, head to **Tahoora Sweets and Bakery** (2345 West Devon Avenue) for some jelabi and falsa, buy a Bollywood video at **Atlantic Video** (2541 West Devon Avenue), and go to **Dilshad's** (2645 West Devon Avenue) for mehndi/henna or eyebrow threading. Head east for Pakistani restaurants and shops or west for kosher grocery stores and shops specializing in Judaica.

Unfortunately, Devon is a trek to get to from the South Side—but one that is certainly worth it. Bring along some friends (or some reading), and transfer to the Devon #155 bus at the Loyola Red Line stop. It's a good idea to take the bus up the street, then walk your way back down to the station—unless you enjoy sore feet, that is.

Lincoln Square

Not to be confused with Lincoln Park, this quaint neighborhood was once predominantly German—a fact evidenced by the continuing annual **German-American Fest**. However, it is now home to a fair number of Korean, Mexican, Greek, and Eastern European immigrant shops and restaurants, including the excellent **Anatolian Kebab** (4609 North Lincoln Avenue), which offers an array of Turkish entrees. This neighborhood is also home to Chicago School architect Louis Sullivan's last work, now the **Museum of Decorative Arts** building (4611 North Lincoln Avenue). Lincoln Square is located at the intersection of Lincoln, Western, and Lawrence, and accessible via the Western stop on the Brown Line.

Jackowo/Polish Village

Centered around **St. Hyacinth Basilica** (3636 West Wolfram Street), this neighborhood boasts the most concentrated community of Poles in Chicago—and Chicago, in turn, holds the largest Polish community outside of Warsaw: 1.8 million at the last census. Milwaukee Avenue can't be beat for Polish restaurants, bakeries, and sausage shops. Try **Czerwone Jabluszko** (Red Apple) Restaurant (3121 North Milwaukee Avenue), a favorite Chicago institution. Buffet meals are cheap, filling, and utterly delicious, though probably not so good for the heart. If you're not too full afterwards, head to the **Staropolska Delicatessen** (3028 North Milwaukee Avenue) for sausage and

tivities leading up to *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) on November 1. Pilsen can be reached via the Blue Line; get off at 18th.

Little Italy

One of several Italian neighborhoods scattered throughout Chicago, Little Italy is home to the **National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame** (1431 West Taylor Street), as well as tons of bakeries and restaurants. The neighborhood is bordered by Morgan, Taylor, Ashland, and Harrison Streets, but most shops and restaurants are on Taylor, west of Racine. To visit Little Italy, take the #4 Cottage Grove bus north to Roosevelt and Michigan, then hop on the #12 Roosevelt west.

Greektown

Located adjacent to the UIC campus on the stretch of Halsted from Madison to Van Buren, Greektown is a popular student hangout noted for its cheap eats. **Greektown Gyros/Ambrosia Sports Bar** (239 South Halsted Street) is a good bet, especially as the restaurant is open 24 hours. Access Greektown by taking the Blue Line to the UIC station.

Ukrainian Village

Ukrainian Village is home to the **Ukrainian National Museum** (721 North Oakley Boulevard), as well as beautiful, historic churches. This neighborhood is bordered by Division Street, Chicago Avenue, Western Avenue, and Damen Avenue, and can be reached by taking the Red Line to the Chicago stop, then taking the #66 bus west to Oakley.

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Devon Avenue is chock-full of restaurants, bakeries and grocery stores specializing in Indian and Pakistani delicacies.

Looking at the South Side neighborhoods’ days of yore

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Congratulations, you’re a student at the University of Chicago and are now a resident of Hyde Park, a neighborhood in the often-neglected South Side of Chicago. The history of the University is, for better or for worse, inextricably tied to the history of the South Side. As such, in this article we’ll tell you a little bit about it so that you have something to talk about with the locals.

Woodlawn

Originally settled by German and Dutch immigrants in the 1860s and 1870s, Woodlawn, lying south of Hyde Park, was pretty boring until the late 19th century, when rapid transit finally arrived and the 1893 Columbian Exposition brought tons of jobs to the neighborhoods around Jackson Park and the Midway. As a result, 63rd street became the commercial center of the South Side during the first few decades of the 20th century. Woodlawn was also a center for blues and jazz, featuring dozens of bars, clubs, and ballrooms stretching from Stony Island to Cottage Grove.

Illinois Central Station, a huge structure on 63rd including a hotel and several restaurants, was later to be the arrival point for the thousands of blacks who came to the South Side during the 1940s and 1950s. Before this, Woodlawn was a predominantly middle-class white neighborhood. The same area is now around 97 percent black. Remember Lorraine Hansberry’s 1959 *A Raisin in the Sun* from English class? The affluent whites-only neighborhood that the black main characters attempt to move into is, yes, the Woodlawn just a few blocks south of the campus.

As the Supreme Court outlawed racially restrictive covenants in 1947 and poor black southerners began to flow into urban areas in the north, the racial makeup of Woodlawn and many Chicago neighborhoods began to change in the middle of the century, the era during which the phrase “white flight” came into use. As the middle-class whites left, they abandoned large apartments that were exploitatively divided by real estate companies into little more than kitchenettes for the new black residents, who were usually unable to find better housing.

Black gangs began to operate in the late 1950s and early 1960s, organized by the likes of Jeff Fort and Eugene Hairston. By the end of the 1960s, the two had united 21 street organizations with around 50,000 members, creating the Black P-Stone Nation, an organiza-



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View from the now-extinct CTA Kenwood Line, looking over Drexel Ave.

tion with a political front that received money from the federal government to create a job-training program in the neighborhood. Fort was even invited to Nixon’s inauguration in 1969. The government eventually discovered misappropriation and both founding members ended up in prison.

Efforts by community leaders to integrate Woodlawn during this era failed. By the early 1960s Woodlawn had a population of almost 90,000. Bustling commerce and famous jazz clubs were still on 63rd Street, but the economy was deteriorating rapidly and crime was on the rise. The University looked to projects either to buffer itself from the turmoil in Woodlawn or somehow to solve the area’s problems.

A similar process of white flight and economic decay was going on in Hyde Park. As the University had a vested interest in the appearance of its surrounding community, it joined with the newly-formed South East Chicago Commission and began one of the first urban renewal projects in the country with the goal of demolishing “slum” areas. Cultural institutions on 55th Street were leveled and many community members were displaced. After Hyde Park, the University turned its eye on Woodlawn. Of course, the residents were not pleased.

Under the threat of the University’s bulldozing the entire neighborhood, Bishop Arthur Brazier and U of C alum and activist Saul Alinsky formed the Temporary Woodlawn Organization (TWO), a coalition of churches, businesses, and civic associations. The community united against the wishes of the University. After TWO managed to gain a seat on the city planning board, it was able to stop the University’s plans effectively.

In its early years, TWO also fought against slum landlords and made efforts

to get Woodlawn residents involved in the civil rights movement. TWO still exists today as The Woodlawn Organization, and recently has organized the anti-war efforts of Woodlawn residents by busing them to demonstrations around the city and country.

Despite the victory against urban renewal, Woodlawn continued to deteriorate. Gang wars, arson, and building demolition pushed the more mobile residents out. Instead of blocks of buildings dotted by empty lots, the blocks began to look more like empty lots dotted with lone buildings. In 1990, Woodlawn had only 27,000 residents, over half of whom were on some form of public aid, with the median household income over \$13,000.

In the last few decades, Woodlawn has slowly stabilized. Much of the eastern branch of the Green Line was demolished, reducing crime. The last few years have seen a flowering of new single-family homes through the Homes on Blackstone project and condominiums that are selling quickly. However, with these developments comes the debate of gentrification.

The University’s current opinion is that Woodlawn is safe enough for students to wander around in. A handful of students live in apartments south of the Midway. Around the feet of the Green Line, 63rd Street still has a few shops and restaurants, and Burton-Judson residents often walk south to this stop instead of walking up to the #55. Because of the bloom of housing, this neighborhood should see a few commercial changes soon, as well.

Hyde Park

Real estate speculator Paul Cornell, first cousin of telegraph tycoon Ezra Cornell, founded Hyde Park in the 1850s. At first, the term “Hyde Park” meant anywhere from 47th Street down to the 100s. While the southern areas became industrial, Hyde Park and Kenwood became genteel and the former shrank its borders until it stretched from 47th to 61st.

Things really began to heat up in 1892 and 1893, when John D. Rockefeller founded your alma mater and the World’s Columbian Exposition took over the Midway. The Columbian Exposition, featuring the world’s first Ferris Wheel and ice cream cone, allowed well-heeled visitors to boat around the canalized Midway Plaisance and browse exhibits of the world’s cultures, organized by “primitiveness.” The acres of marble palaces and pavilions have for the most part disappeared; the only structure that remains to this day is the current Museum of Science and Industry.

Middle-class white families gathered around these jobs as the University grew up. But in the 1950s and 1960s, Hyde Park felt the same influx of blacks and

economic decline as many neighborhoods in Chicago. As mentioned above, the University of Chicago stepped in by showing the rest of the country how urban renewal is done. The average income soared by 70 percent, but the black population fell by 40 percent.

For many reasons, Hyde Park has avoided the economic fate of its adjoining neighborhoods, such as Woodlawn and Washington Park. The University’s money and political power exerts tremendous force on the neighborhood, but the place still seems to have a culture of its own. Three economically vital streets, 57th, 55th, and 53rd, provide shopping and restaurants to the 40,000 racially and ethnically diverse residents. The fact that one of the most pressing community issues is whether or not to pave the limestone Promontory Point that juts into the lake at 55th is testament to the stability of the neighborhood.

Washington Park

Washington Park is the park and neighborhood west of Hyde Park that the #55 bus takes you through when you want to escape the South Side via the Red Line. Words that come to mind are “dilapidated,” or occasionally “dangerous.” Don’t get me wrong, the park is beautiful and features the DuSable Museum of African American History, named after Jean Baptist Pointe DuSable, a Haitian fur trader who was the first permanent settler in Chicago. Just don’t walk around there alone at night.

The story is much the same as those of our other neighborhoods. Founded in the 1880s, an economic boom came to the Italian, German, and Irish immigrants when rapid transit and the Columbian Exposition arrived in the South Side. Fast-forward to the 1950s and 1960s, when apartments were divided for the new poor black residents and the middle class that remained. The neighborhood has seen little revitalization since then, and the University has notably kept its interest and money out of the area.

Kenwood

The Kenwood story is a little different. Like Hyde Park, it was founded by a famous rich guy, Jonathan A. Kennicott, in the 1850s. Wealthy families moved in and built the mansions that still spread between 43rd and 47th today. Like the other neighborhoods, the economy took a dive and urban renewal was in the air. However the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference preserved the buildings in the Kenwood area.

Many Jewish residents left by the 1960s, and were ultimately replaced by middle-class black and white residents who were more than happy to take the huge homes at reduced prices, preventing the area from being taken over by slum landlords. However, Kenwood’s economy has not been as perky as it could be. To revitalize the area, the shopping plaza on the corner of 47th and Lake Park was planned in the 1980s and finished in 1999, bringing a branch of the now-closed Hyde Park Co-Op grocery store and a Walgreens to the area. Lake Park Avenue between 47th and 43rd has seen much construction, raising the concern of some residents.

Overall, Kenwood has weathered the social and economic storms of the last century better than the other three neighborhoods in the area. Because the neighborhood never became very poor, future gentrification probably won’t be an issue. Kenwood is now a relatively sleepy neighborhood, filled with huge houses and trees and wide streets.

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Decor aside, Chi-town's music venues give you what you need

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Whether you're a jazz aficionado or an indie-loving scenester, there are plenty of music venues in Chicago to satisfy your concert-going tastes. This is just a sampling of what the city has to offer.

Checkerboard Lounge (5201 South Harper Court): Let's start in Hyde Park, shall we? With the help of the U of C, the Checkerboard Lounge (once owned by blues legend Buddy Guy) has reopened, albeit in slightly less ambitious form. The original location on 43rd Street hosted artists like Muddy Waters, Eric Clapton, and even the Stones in the '70s and early '80s. No word on whether Mick and Keith plan to bring their aging pussies back for a return gig, but you can catch a live jazz show at least twice a week at this Hyde Park institution. The Woodlawn Tap, or **Jimmy's** (1172 East 55th Street), has jazz on Sunday nights, too. Both places are 21 and over.

Double Door (1572 North Milwaukee Avenue): Man, I love this dive. Take the Blue Line to Damen for a club that will make you feel like a real badass. My third year, I used a wholly unconvincing fake I.D. to get into a concert here, and while the bouncer kind of snarled at me, he still let me in. That's the Double Door in a nutshell: Friendly attitude with an edge. Did I mention it was a Tegan and Sara concert? You know—the Canadian folk-pop lesbian twins? So you know they can't be that hardcore. You really ought to be 21, though.

Metro (3728 North Clark Street): The Metro, on the other hand, has plenty of shows that are all-ages or

18 and over. One of the greatest concerts I've seen in Chicago was at this venue. Starlister, Health and Beauty, Dig for Fire, and the much-celebrated, now-defunct Plxel and the Chronic Network played in a showcase of Hyde Park bands. The acoustics were great, and the footage from Fire Escape Films was amazing. I also saw Liz Phair here just before she committed career suicide with her awful self-titled CD. Chicago has this weird rule about shows ending at 10 p.m. if they start before a certain time, so it was an early night. But Liz's quiet vocals and understated guitar playing worked as well in the space as Plxel's glam-rock theatrics, which is about the best compliment you could give to a venue. The cheap, delicious Wrigleyville Dogs (3730 North Clark Street) is right across the street, which is close to the Addison stop of the Red Line.

Black Orchid (230 West North Avenue): I caught Ms. Phair another time at this upscale venue, where she compared the layout of the room to a pirate ship. Maybe so, but I think she secretly liked it. It's not a venue where you go to drink—unless you want to drop \$150 on a bottle of wine—but since this was Liz's attempt to get audiences to take her seriously again, that was fine with me. It made for a cozy, intimate evening, even better because a movie theater in the same building was playing *The Aristocrats*. Take the Brown Line to Sedgwick.

Aragon (1106 West Lawrence Avenue): I saw Beck at this venue, located off the Red Line at Lawrence, about a year ago. All I remember is that the beer was cheap and some weird kid from Arizona gave me his drink in what was an act of friendship and not flirta-



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The recently relocated Checkerboard Lounge brings its long history of live blues performances to Hyde Park.

tion (unfortunately). He also told me some story about stalking Beck that turned out to be completely bogus. The Aragon is somewhere between an amphitheater and a medium-sized club—the perfect size for an artist of Beck's popularity who's hanging on to his D.I.Y. integrity.

HotHouse (31 East Balbo Drive) and **Old Town School of Folk Music** (4544 North Lincoln Avenue, 909 West Armitage Avenue): Called “one of the best clubs on the planet,” by the *Chicago Tribune*, the HotHouse is an internationally recognized stop for jazz and world music acts. Although there has been some behind-the-scenes conflict lately with the board of directors, the HotHouse should be around for a long, long time. Don't let Old Town's moniker fool you; in addition to teach-

ing classes, they hold exhibitions and events at both locations. Both venues are a good choice for under-21 club-goers with adventurous musical tastes.

And these are just the venues I've been to recently. There are so many others to mention: the Vic! The Empty Bottle! Schubas! Martyrs?! The Abbey Pub! The Subterranean! As a rule of thumb, avoid the tourist-y House of Blues unless they're hosting an artist you simply must see. Even this is unlikely: Their taste veers more toward the likes of the John Mayer Trio than that little band your friends have been buzzing over for the past two weeks.

And that's the way to discover *your* favorite venue: Just follow your favorite bands and see where they turn up. In a city as huge and eclectic as Chicago, the possibilities are endless.

Feed your oh-so-bourgeois ears with these classical favorites

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Classical music—like almost every other evolving art form—acquires definition in retrospection. The actual moments of creativity, the times of unparalleled exuberance when the style of an age is being forged, the riotous profusion of expressive forms, and the task of evaluating them in the light of history and artistry, is fraught with excitement, conflict, and uncertainty. The predominant characteristic of Chicago's classical-music performance and press is that of an irrepressible incorrigibility—new music being written and performed at an unprecedented level, concerts that create conceptual bridges between the worlds of Taverner and Tavener in the space of a single evening, and the availability of an increasingly sophisticated expressive palette that expands the horizons of the artistically possible.

Previously, I have referred to Chicago as the scintillating city that lay at the heart of modern classical music, where one can watch the art evolving from concert to concert. Each year, the season lives up to and surpasses the expectations inherent in that sentiment. Some of the venues where one can watch this process unfold again and again are:

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world, the CSO is probably the best place to experience classical music in the city. Daniel Barenboim is the current artistic director, with Pierre Boulez and Leonard Slatkin as regular guest conductors. It features a full season of concerts, including chamber music, recitals, visiting orchestras, monthly jazz concerts, and special events. The programming is usually superb, although it shows a slight frisson of conservatism.

Two years ago, among other things, the CSO had a series of concerts that highlighted parallelisms between Haydn and Bartok—the combinations were rather forced, but the brilliant energy of the Bartok pieces validated the venture.

There were also concerts featuring artists like the Kremerata Baltica, Alfred Brendel, Pierre Boulez, Lang Lang, and Yo-Yo Ma. In terms of new music, there were Chicago and world premieres of works by Magus Lingburg, Marta Ptaszynska, Augusta Read Thomas, David Feller, Chen Yi, and Gunther Schuller.

Last season, there were concerts featuring Itzhak Perlman playing Mozart and Schubert, Cecilia Bartoli, Pierre-Laurent Aimard playing Debussy and Ravel, Piotr Anderszewski, Bernard Haitink, Emmanuel Ax, Maxim Vengerov, the Boston Symphony, and others.

Take a look at next year's calendar on their website. The season goes from September to June. Student rush tickets are sometimes sold on the night of the concert—these range from \$10–17, depending on the concert. The symphony doesn't usually sell out, but try to give them a call before you go. You

might want to catch the pre-concert conversations as well—these are usually exceedingly well conducted and discuss in detail some aspects of the program, essentially giving you a blueprint of what to listen for. They normally begin an hour and 15 minutes before each performance.

The Chicago Lyric Opera
www.lyricopera.org
(312) 332-2244
Civic Opera House on 20 North Wacker
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Referred to as “the gold standard,” this is Chicago's pride, the best place for operatic repertoire. There are eight productions a year, under the baton of musical director Sir Andrew Davis, with a cast that includes world-renowned soloists. The staging is reputed to be a shade old-fashioned, but this is improving, and their orchestral and choral work is absolutely mesmerizing.

Last season included Bizet's *Carmen*, one of the most over-performed operas of all time, though it has managed to keep its brilliance intact after more than a century of interpretation and misinterpretation. They then went on to present Rossini's effervescent morceau *Cinderella*, Tippett's seldom heard *Midsummer Marriage*, Verdi's *Rigoletto*, Strauss's *Rosenkavalier*, and Gluck's groundbreaking *Orfeo ed Euridice*.

Tickets start at \$29 (\$39 on weekends) for the upper gallery. They do occasionally have student matinees (\$5–15), and some dorms go on subsidized trips to the Lyric.

Music of the Baroque
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Art: It's not something you see, it's something you *experience*

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There are many galleries and exhibition spaces on campus to indulge your inner aesthete. The **Smart Museum** (5550 South Greenwood Avenue), located right across from Pierce Hall, holds a permanent collection of over 9,000 objects from five centuries. Media range from painting and drawings (“Mark Turbyfill: Works on Paper”) to sculpture (“Revisions: Modernist Sculptures by Rodan, Lipchitz, and Moore”) to all of the above (“The Color of Identity: Polish Art at Home and Abroad, 1890-1939”)—and those are just the three most current exhibits! Best of all, admission is always free.

Also on campus—on the fourth floor of Cobb Hall, in fact—is the **Renaissance Society** (5811 South Ellis Avenue), founded in 1915. Admission is generally free here, too. One of my favorite memories from the U of C is going to the Ren Society as part of a Creative Writing class for a writing prompt. The exhibit was really funky; we had to climb up a ladder and stick our heads through a huge raised platform to see an imaginary landscape. Upcoming exhibitions sound just as unconventional: Avery Preesman creates abstract paintings and sculptures; Chicagoan Ben Gest takes pictures of his family and friends with titles like “Erick in his Volvo”; and Scott Short “painstakingly reproduces the effect of repeatedly photocopied sheets of colored construction paper.” Umm, okay. But don’t take my word for it; go to their web site at renaissancesociety.org and check it out. The space in Cobb is convenient because student artwork is often on display on the other levels, particularly during the week of FOTA (Festival of the Arts).

Off-campus, of course, there’s the **Museum of Contemporary Art**, or MCA (220 East Chicago Avenue), which just wrapped up its Wolfgang Tillmans exhibit. Tillmans is best known for his photographs documenting the lives of his friends, many of whom are a part of England’s acid house scene. In keeping with the museum’s “contemporary” vibe, his subject matter is often risqué (think a Mohawk’d punk urinating on a desk à la Kurt Cobain). I really wanted to see this collection, if only based on a postcard circulating around the city of two hot guys kissing. This was a replication of Tillmans’s 2002 photograph *The Cock (kiss)*. Student admission is \$6 except on Tuesdays, when it’s free.

Every time my friend Ed would visit from Boston, we hit the **Art Institute of Chicago** (111 South Michigan Avenue). We’ve seen Andy Warhol’s iconic portrait of Mao looking like a jolly drag queen; some predictably debauched photographs from Harmony Korine, the director of *Gummo* and *Kids*, of his friends shooting up heroin; and a really weird video loop of a girl making realistic explosion noises with her mouth as a commentary on growing up in a war-torn society. Since Ed lives in Chicago now, we probably won’t be visiting often—it doesn’t seem as exciting when it’s right next door, does it?—but it’s nice to know it’s there.

Doing research for a guidebook, I learned there is a vibrant arts scene in Chicago’s Bridgeport neighborhood. There’s **Gallery 2** (847 West Jackson Boulevard), which shows work from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago’s “most advanced undergraduate and graduate students”; the very serious **33 Collective Gallery and 33 1/3 Gallery** (1029 West 35th Street, third floor); the fun, occasionally frivolous **Gallery 400** (1240 West Harrison



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Street); and scads more. There are even a few galleries without numbers in their titles, like the eclectic **Oskar Friedl Gallery** (1029 West 35th Street, Suite 301); the hip **Iron Studios** (3636 South Iron Street), co-curved by the editors of *Lumpen* magazine; and the challenging, experimental **Mars Gallery** (1139 West Fulton Market). Okay, I’ll stop now, but you get the point. And that’s just one neighborhood. If you’re not finding art in Chicago, you’re simply not trying hard enough.

Finally, I’d like to bring attention to a few spots in the Andersonville neighborhood that, while not traditional gallery spaces, bring their own unique flair to the city’s arts scene. Michelle Fire displays paintings in her beloved club **Big Chicks** (5024 North Sheridan Road). Don’t let the name fool you; the clientele tends toward lithe gay men and, apparently, art appreciators.

Actual chicks go to **T’s Bar and Restaurant** (5025 North Clark Street), a popular lesbian neighborhood bar that always has colorful paintings for sale on its walls. And you may remember the controversy swirling around **A Taste of Heaven** (5401 North Clark Street) when owner Dan McCauley placed a sign in the door proclaiming that “children of all ages have to behave and use their indoor voices when coming to A Taste of Heaven.” What the hysterical *New York Times* and CNN coverage missed was that McCauley is a cartoonist who sells paintings of frogs. Yes, frogs—frogs as icons like Madonna, Elvis, and Blanche DuBois from *A Streetcar Named Desire*. It’s low art, to be sure, but that’s the great thing about Chicago. Whether your tastes run toward high art (Michelangelo, the artist) or pop art (Michelangelo, the Ninja Turtle), there’s something here for you.

Thespians rejoice! Get your stage-side fix here

BY ETHAN STANISLAWSKI
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Le théâtre!

Chicago’s theater scene, second to Broadway, is the most vibrant and prominent in the country. And unlike New York, where theater is dominated by large musicals, Chicago’s theater is more independent and eclectic. New theater organizations are popping up left and right, and the largest theater companies are grown from just such fledgling troupes of young talent.

The most famous of these startup theaters is the **Steppenwolf** (1650 North Halstead Street), which jump-started the careers of stars such as John Malkovich and Gary Sinese and has emerged as the premiere theater company in Chicago. The **Steppenwolf**, along with the **Goodman** (170 North Dearborn Street), **Victory Gardens Theater** (2257 North Lincoln Avenue), and **Lookingglass Theatre** (821 North Michigan Avenue) form the core of the largest theater institutions in the city and some of the most renowned in the country. Countless playwrights such as Sam Shephard and David Mamet got their first breaks in Chicago theater, and countless other Chicago talents have been exported both to Broadway and to Hollywood.

The trademark of Chicago theater, however, is the small, newer theaters that pop up all the time. Any one of these small groups has the potential to some day reach Steppenwolf-level status. Among the latest sensations are the **TimeLine** (615 West Wellington Avenue), the **Hypocrites** (412 North Carpenter Street), the **American Theater Company** (1909 West Byron Street) and **StageLeft** (3408 North

Sheffield Avenue), who have put on some of the most renowned productions of the last decade.

Many productions that go on to be hits on Broadway (including, recently, *The Producers* and *Spamalot*) had their first productions in Chicago. Furthermore, many current Broadway productions, such as *Wicked* and *Mamma Mia!*, have concurrent runs in Chicago, often for prices much lower than Broadway.

There are also plenty of options for classical theater. The best is right on campus. **Court Theatre** (5535 South Ellis Avenue, across from Ratner) was founded by Chicago professors over 50 years ago and remains one of the most heralded classical theaters in Chicago, as well as one of the oldest and most successful Chicago theaters in general. The Chicago Shakespeare Theatre (at Navy Pier, 800 East Grand Avenue) is the city’s best option for Shakespeare, although the high ticket prices and often purist-offending productions have their detractors.

...And the funny stuff

Just as essential to Chicago’s theater scene is its comedy scene. Chicago is the birthplace of improv comedy, and many of improv’s founders were products of the University of Chicago. The premier Chicago improv institution, and indeed, one of the premier improv groups in the world, is **Second City**. Second City (1616 North Wells Street), which was originally a group of U of C alumni known as the Compass players, set the conventions for what we now know as improv and skit comedy. Most of the original cast members of Saturday Night Live were Second City alumni. While SNL has deteriorated of late, Second City has thrived, creating

many smaller satellite improv groups for up-and-coming improv actors.

The latest phenomenon in Chicago improv is another product of U of C alumni. **The Neo-Futurarium** (5153 North Ashland Avenue) has become a Chicago fixture. In their classic show, “Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind,” the troupe performs 30 skits over the course of an hour at a lightning pace. The ticket prices vary in absurdist fashion: each patron rolls a die, and the number of the die is the number of dollars added on to \$7 for the price of admission.

Of course, the U of C offers plenty of options for theater attendance as well as theater participation. **University Theater** (UT) has been an active part of the U of C community for practically as long as there’s been a U of C, and currently offers upwards of 35 productions a year. Whether you’re interested in acting or tech, writing or directing, there are more opportunities at UT than you’ll know what to do with.

If you want a U of C approach to improv you also have options. **Off-Off Campus** has been going strong for 20 years and performs shows regularly during the middle of each quarter. While Off-Off is audition-based and associated with UT, the University’s other improv group, **Occam’s Razor**, is a separate club and open to everyone. They perform shows regularly at various locations throughout the year.

While the workload at the U of C can be intimidating and overwhelming, there’s no better way to celebrate a week of hard work than to head to a Chicago theater and see a new show. While the productions are often quirky and unpredictable, they almost never disappoint.

Navigating the Windy City

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On first visit, Chicago is a pretty easy place in which to get lost. With a couple of notes in mind, however, getting around the city should be a breeze.

1. When in doubt, look to the lake. Lake Michigan makes up the “east side” of Chicago—and makes it easy to stay oriented.

2. Remember the grid. Chicago is laid out on a grid system, with its zero point at the intersection of State and Madison in the Loop. State runs north/south, and divides east and west addresses, while Madison runs east/west and splits up north and south addresses. Address numbers increase by 100 each block, and east/west streets south of the Loop, starting at 12th Street, are numbered. It isn’t important to memorize this scheme to the letter, but it is helpful when wandering the city.

3. The CTA is your friend. Really. Visit the Chicago Transit Authority’s website at transitchicago.com; it can help you plan a trip or purchase a reloadable fare card.

If you find yourself lost and without Internet access, call (773) 836-7000 and ask the helpful CTA phone staff for directions to your destination.

Pro tip: To avoid waiting on the blustery Garfield bridge to take the #55 or #174 bus back to campus after leaving the Red Line, transfer downtown to the Green Line. Not only is its Garfield bus stop closer to campus and sheltered under the El tracks, there’s a Harold’s Chicken Shack steps away. However, the Green Line’s last train leaves downtown at around 1:15 A.M.—so be aware of the time.

ENCAPSULATING THE EL

Now that you live in Chicago, it's a good idea to get to know your new city's mass transit system. If buses are the lifeblood of the city's system, then the elevated trains (or the "El") are the backbone. Each line, differentiated by color, will take you to completely different, interesting, and exciting places. To help you get better acquainted with the system, the MAROON has put together this spread of system highlights. So what are you waiting for? Buy yourself a CTA card, go out, and explore!

(Compiled by Laura Oppenheimer and Libby Pearson)

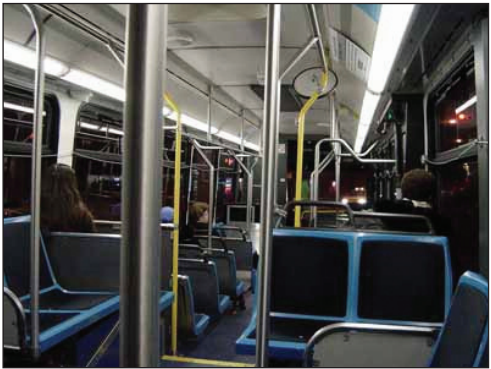


UIC-HALSTED

Greektown, located on Halsted, has lots of (duh) Greek restaurants. Zorba's is open 24 hours a day and the Parthenon will make you wish that you went to to UIC just so you could be close by.

MIDWAY

The Orange Line isn't very useful for those living in Hyde Park. However, from the Loop, it provides a speedy way to get to Midway Airport. The Orange Line goes around the loop along with the Brown, Green, and Purple Lines and then jets to the airport at speeds the #55 bus could only dream of.



WESTERN

If you took AP U.S. history in high school, there is a distinct possibility that you read Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*. While Chicago is home to much more than rats and Lithuanian factory workers named Stanislaus these days, it is possible to relive just a little bit of the glory days of Chicago by getting off at this stop. The neighborhood is called "Back of the Yards" even though the stockyards are now closed. However, it is rumored that a mean *horchata* can be found in the now-mostly-Mexican neighborhood. Dean of Admissions Ted O'Neill, the guy who let you in here, is from this area.



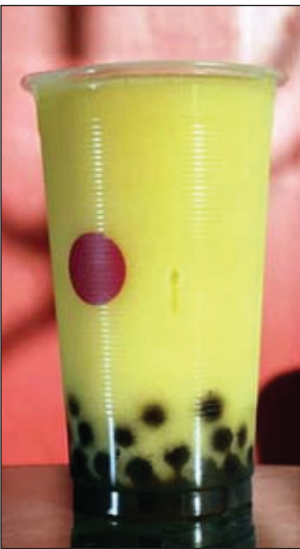
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GARFIELD

This is your stop. Know it. Love it. Or hate it, as most U of C students do. Located directly above the Dan Ryan expressway, this may actually be the coldest spot in Chicago during the winter. And past 10 p.m., the Owl service starts, meaning that the bus runs even less frequently than it normally does. You have been warned.

63RD/COTTAGE GROVE

It's like a dirty little secret. It isn't actually necessary to take the #55 bus to the Red Line—the Green Line is actually quite close, especially for B-J residents. Though walking there alone after midnight may not be a good idea, it's not a bad option for people traveling in groups.



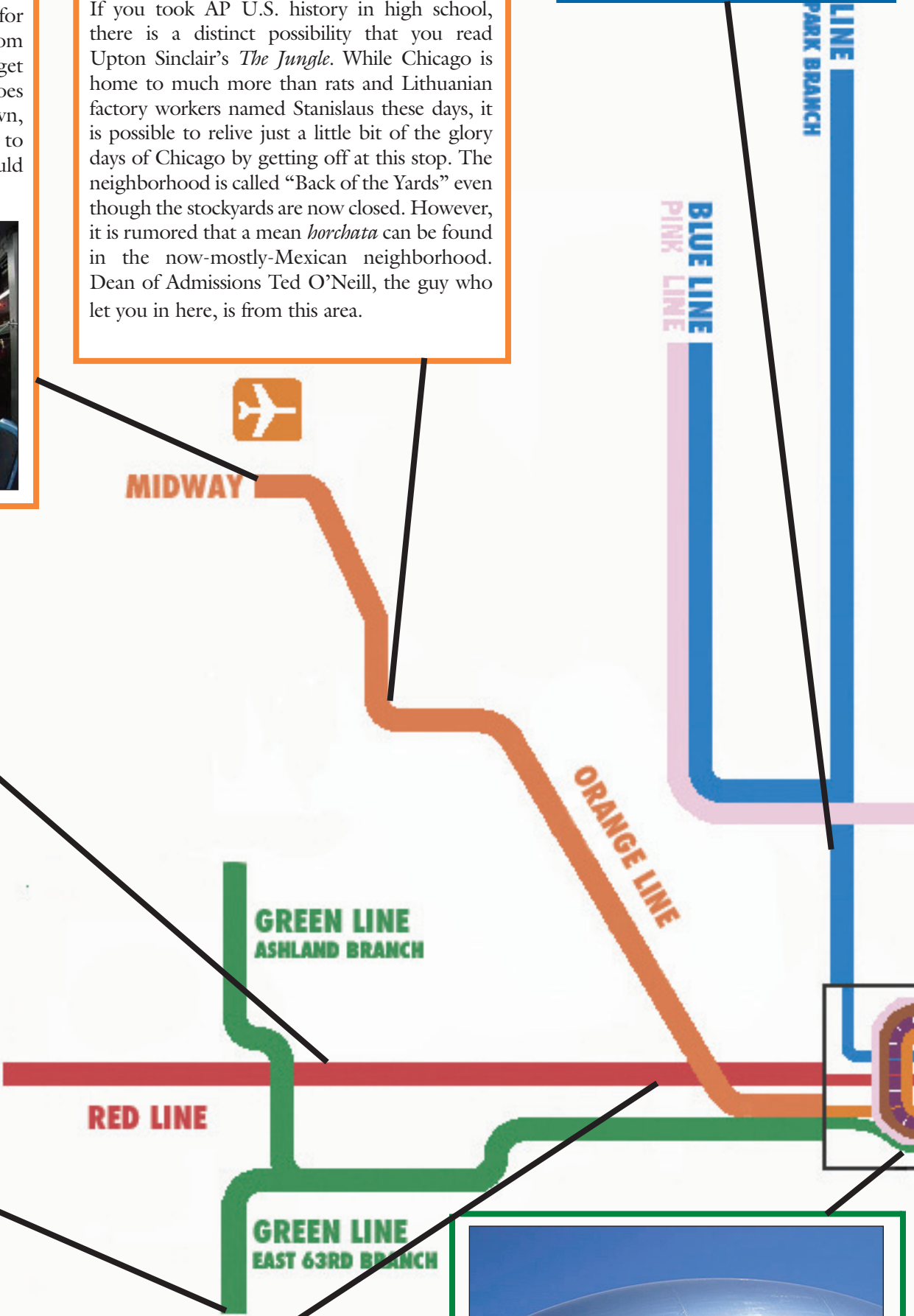
CERMAK/ CHINATOWN

Home to many a Chinese restaurant, Chicago's Chinatown is relatively small and approachable compared to those of other major cities. Be sure to check out Joy Yee's for the best bubble tea in Chicago. In addition to the restaurants, there also bakeries, candy stores, and one store that even sells baby turtles. Chicago's police museum and the Velvet Lounge are also located here.



ADAMS

Shared with the Purple, Orange, and Brown Lines, this stop puts you on the east side of the Loop, just a couple of blocks from the Art Institute and Millennium Park. Be sure to visit the park before it gets super cold, as there is much to see. The Pritzker Pavilion is great eye candy for Frank Gehry fans; the Cloud Gate (i.e. the Bean) provides a snapshot of Chicago's skyline that is unlike any other. If you get bored in the park you can stop by the Art Institute, known for its collection of Impressionist pieces. Tuesdays are free (yay!) and it's hard to beat looking at that painting you are studying in Art History up close and in person.





OAK PARK

The Green Line passes through boring residential areas until its stop in Oak Park, a famous old suburb that features Frank Lloyd Wright's home and studio, a theater, and numerous record stores. Also, just a few blocks north there is a museum that chronicles the first 20 years of his life.



O'HARE

Avoid flying into O'Hare airport if at all possible. If you do, you take the Blue Line from this stop, transfer to the Red Line, and then to the #55. This fiasco will take you roughly an hour and a half on a good day. Instead fly ATA or Southwest like everyone else and arrive at Midway, which is only a 40-minute bus ride.

CHICAGO

This stop will drop you right in the heart of the Magnificent Mile, a shopping area in the vein of New York's 5th Avenue and San Francisco's Union Square. Slightly northwest of Michigan Avenue is the Gold Coast, which is home to oh-so-many extravagantly priced designer stores. A walk down Rush Street will provide you with many options for nights when the parents are buying dinner. A good bet for those of us who don't have trust funds is Café Ibérico, which serves tapas and sangria. If steak is what you are after, Morton's and Gibson's have the finest Chicago steaks.

GREEN LINE



O'HARE

BLUE LINE

BROWN LINE

RED LINE

PURPLE LINE

DAVIS

Downtown Evanston is located at this stop on the Purple Line. Walking around is a good way to get a glimpse at what a real college town looks like. There are more coffee shops and bars than can be counted by a Northwesterner, as well as a Gap, an Urban Outfitters and a Chipotle. Full of yuppies and rich North Shore teens, it gives South Siders from the U of C a taste of what could have been. That being said, try to find the Blind Faith Café for some vegan and vegetarian fare.



ADDISON

This part of the Lakeview neighborhood is called Wrigleyville and is home to the Chicago Cubs and historic Wrigley Field. Naturally, the neighborhood is riddled with sports bars and other restaurants. Nearby you can find Addis Ababa, an Ethiopian restaurant featuring special native sponge bread. Wrigleyville is also home to The Metro, one of the city's better-known indie-rock concert venues where Billy Corgan got his start, as well as Hi-Fi Records, an indie-rock record store specializing in vinyl nearby.



DAMEN

This stop drops you right into the heart of Wicker Park, one of those uber-hip neighborhoods with bars and boutiques. Don't let the area's skinny jean-wearing yuppie folk deter you, because this neighborhood is packed full of awesome eateries and places great for sitting with a cup of coffee and some free reading (because you should read books for yourself).



BELMONT

Belmont is a stop in the Lakeview neighborhood on the North Side (think of Lakeview as the cheaper version of Lincoln Park). Belmont is known for its eclectic shopping. If you like good music on smaller labels that you can't always find at the mega-stores, walk east for Reckless Records. Boystown, Chicago's LGBTQ community, is also east and then north on Halsted. Be sure to check out the Chicago Diner, which has delicious vegetarian fare as well as the Kit Kat Club, which serves \$4 martinis on Tuesday nights.



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Time to convert: Da Bears, Bulls, Blackhawks and more

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What the University of Chicago lacks in sports prowess the city of Chicago more than makes up for, with a horde of Bulls, Bears, Cubs, White Sox, and Blackhawks, not to mention the elements: Fire and Sky.

That's right, Chicago is one of the world's great sport cities, home to five major professional sports franchises.

For the moment, at least, Chicago boasts the reigning World Series champions, the White Sox. Last year the Sox were nothing short of dominant, winning the American League pennant and sweeping the Houston Astros to win the championship. This year, the Sox have had to contend with the upstart Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins, two hungry teams that threaten to keep the champs from postseason play. If the Sox do make the playoffs, however, watch out. The team is experienced and unflappable, with badass manager Ozzie Guillen

directing the action and slugger Jim Thome providing extra pop in the batter's box. And after experiencing the exploits of Michael Jordan, citizens of Chicago expect their teams to repeat as champions the next season. And the one after that. You get the point.

Best thing about the White Sox: They reside in the South Side at U.S. Cellular Field, just a few stops away from campus on the Red Line.

Better yet: The Sox championship made Cubs fans feel even worse about their storied franchise and its longest-lasting tradition: defeat. The Cubs haven't won the World Series since 1908, a stretch of heartbreak and hapless baseball longer than any other team has had to endure. One of the peculiar things about the Chicago sports scene is that the Cubs continue to generate preposterous amounts of attention despite repeatedly letting down the city and their fans. Even in defeat, the Cubs dominate sports talk on the North Side, and the city will positively erupt if its beloved Cubbies ever manage to capture the crown.

The winningest team in Chicago, the Bulls, is in the midst of resurgence after the lean years suffered when Jordan left. This year the team should be one of the most exciting squads in the NBA, largely thanks to the free-agent signing of Detroit Pistons rebounder extraordinaire Ben Wallace. The Bulls made the playoffs in each of the last two seasons, reasserting themselves in the Central Division of the Eastern Conference. Coach Scott Skiles has done an admirable job with a team as inexperienced as it is talented.

Unlike the hard-charging Bulls, their fellow United Center tenants, the Blackhawks, have trouble amassing marks in the win column. One of the NHL's original six franchises, the Blackhawks' current ownership can't do justice to the team's lengthy past. The signing of goalie Nikolai Khabibulin generated some enthusiasm for hockey in Chicago, but the team performed poorly last season and was crippled by injuries.

But while the 'Hawks disappointed, the

Bears came to play in a big way last year. Despite losing franchise quarterback Rex Grossman to injury early in the season, a vicious defense propelled the Bears to the top of the NFC North. Though the Bears eventually lost in the playoffs, the season was an unequivocal success, and head coach Lovie Smith earned the respect of many Chicagoans. This year the team expects to improve upon its performance, with a hopefully-healthy Grossman making the offense a force to be reckoned with as well.

Outside of the major sports, Chicago has teams competing in fringe events as well. Chicago Fire plays "soccer" in the MLS, and while the sport is not terrifically successful in the United States, it has apparently generated some interest internationally.

Also, Chicago is now the proud home of the Sky, a new WNBA franchise that will undoubtedly win a world championship long before the Cubbies.

The cinephile's guide to Chi's trendy, arthouse, and festival films

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Cineastes and film buffs, you've come to the right place. Gene Siskel loved this city and made his home here, and Roger Ebert still writes his weekly reviews for the *Sun-Times*. In a city rich with film history, there are many superb resources for both the discerning enthusiast and the casual moviegoer.

Movie theatres aren't hard to find in Chicago. Loews Cineplex is a Michigan Avenue staple, and the cushy AMC River East is always worth a visit. However, if you're in the mood for something a little off the beaten path, the city also has theaters that specialize in independent film. Landmark Century Centre Cinema, on the north side, is the most accessible stop for indie or foreign flicks, and if you have a few hours to kill, take the Purple Line to the Davis stop and

catch a movie at Cinearts in Evanston.

In the heart of downtown Chicago is the Gene Siskel Film Center, which showcases films from different nationalities, eras and themes each month, along with some special screenings that should not be missed. If you head north to Fullerton Avenue you'll hit Facets Cinematheque, where the specialty is all the newest releases from around the world. Feature films only run for a week or less, though, so it's a good idea to visit the website (facets.org) or join their mailing list in order to keep up with the constant rotation of movies. Another fantastic theater to check out is the Music Box (musicboxtheatre.com), with its eclectic selection of new indie/foreign releases and classics. Their midnight showings and double feature deals are also worth the trip on the Brown Line up to Southport Avenue.

One of the great joys of attending college

in a metropolitan area is the abundance of film festivals that take place throughout the year. Mid-October traditionally belongs to the Chicago International Film Festival, two glorious weeks of previewing upcoming feature films from both the U.S. and countries around the world and watching independent gems that you wouldn't otherwise be exposed to. This year also features an anime focus, with Yoshiyuki Tomino, the creator of the original Gundam series, as a speaker.

Hardly does the International Film Festival end when the Chicago Lesbian and Gay Film Festival—also known as Reeling—begins. This film festival is a product of Chicago Filmmakers, the largest media arts organization in Chicago, and is generally hailed as a landmark event for the city's GLBT community. For a week in November, the second-oldest gay and lesbian film festival in the world showcases the edgiest,

most provocative films made from the gay and lesbian perspective.

After a long winter, the Latino Cultural Center of Chicago unveils its International Latino Film Festival, which runs for approximately two weeks in April. Fans of foreign film should not miss this event as more than 100 films from over 20 Iberoamerican cultures are screened to its diverse audience, which ranges from high school Spanish classes to film lovers who have traveled to Chicago specifically for this festival.

These three are just the tip of the iceberg. Festivals as diverse as the Future Filmmakers Festival (a one-day festival dedicated to young aspiring filmmakers) and the International Children's Film Festival (the largest of its kind in North America), grace every month of the calendar, so there is always a new cinematic adventure for those who are willing to look.

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The Hyde Park–Garfield metropolis is not internationally known for its cuisine, but it should be. Not in the sense that it should be, but more in the sense that this article is about the restaurants in Hyde Park. There are a host of places you can eat outside of the Aramark cafeterias, and not all of them are worth trying for yourself. Here is the MAROON’s politically incorrect guide to every single restaurant in Hyde Park, as well as several scattered throughout Chicago. Check the legend to figure out what the hell all those little icons mean.

Bar Louie ♥🍷

5500 South Shore Drive, 363-5300

Despite the name, Bar Louie isn’t just a bar. Located in the picturesque Flamingo, this one is really convenient for inmates of Shoreland and Broadview and features a smorgasboard of different entrees including sandwiches and tacos. We’re told that there’s an under-10 menu, so bring the kids!

Baskin-Robbins 🍦🍷

1400 East 53rd Street, 288-4434

Ice cream. Did not have all 31 flavors when the MAROON came by for a birthday treat. Host to reliable, if unspectacular, ice cream and the occasional awkward moment. Write them a letter about bringing back the mini batting helmets.

Bonjour Café ☺

1550 East 55th Street, 241-5300

This restaurant features coffee and solid, reliable bakery fare. The gourmet sandwiches are good, but a little on the expensive side. It also features a nice outdoor seating area for when the weather gets warm so you can enjoy your buns in the sun.

Boston Market ☺

1424 East 53rd Street, 288-2600

What can we say about Boston Market? This one’s just like any other one. Features decent home-style fare.

Burger King 🍔🍷🍷

1527 East Hyde Park Boulevard

All hail the king! Actually, no better than any other Burger King on the planet. Still edible, for a fast food restaurant. The interior can get a little cramped.

Café Coreá ♥\$

1603 East 55th Street, 363-7742

A smidge pricey but quite good. Not necessarily authentic Korean fare, but definitely worth a visit. There are only four tables, though, so crowds are not really a factor, unless you were planning to sit down but couldn’t.

Caffé Florian 🍷🍷

1450 East 57th Street, 752-4100

Popular with U of C students, this place can get crowded on Friday and Saturday nights. Nonetheless, worth a visit for the pizza (warning: you may not be able to finish the deep dish), and the pasta and mashed potatoes are also all right. And if you have the munchies, you can get some cake (and eat it too). Florian is run by the same management as Salonica, incidentally.

Calypso Café ♥\$🍷

5211 South Harper Avenue, 955-0229

Cold Chicago winters can take their toll on you Chicago newcomers, but never fear: Tropical weather and paper umbrella-laden drinks are here.

The side dishes of rice, vegetables, and freshly cut plantains or yams are a healthy yet tasty departure from greasy French fries or onion rings. But it’s not like this place doesn’t have its more fattening fare: Be sure to leave room for the key lime pie, which is perfect. In fact, if you ever just want to satisfy your sweet tooth, screw dinner and come for the pie. Keep in mind this is one of Hyde Park’s pricier eateries.

Cedars Mediterranean Kitchen ♥🍷🍷

1206 East 53rd Street, 324-6227

A great intro to Middle Eastern cuisine, or a great filler for connoisseurs of the same eastern Mediterranean food. Food ranges from small items (falafel sandwiches, lentil soup, or cucumber salad) to the family-style banquet, great for a house trip or any group of friends. Recommended here: shawarma, of any meat—chicken, beef, or lamb. Cedars is not usually cramped, but is occasionally on the weekends.

Cholie’s 🍦☺🍷🍷🍷

1601 East 53rd Street, 684-8688

Cholie’s is one of the few places in Hyde Park that sells pizza by the slice. It delivers and is extremely cheap, but reaction to their greasy pies has been decidedly mixed among students.

Daley’s Restaurant 🍷🍷

809 East 63rd Street, 643-8870

Not affiliated with the first family of Chicago politics, this diner has been serving the north Woodlawn neighborhood since 1918. It’s worth checking out more for the ambience than anything else, as the food is standard greasy spoon fare. Nonetheless, it does feature a gigantic catfish plate. It closes early, so plan for lunch.

De Rice 🍦☺

920 East 47th Street, 268-6868

Offers your traditional American Asian fare from various cuisines. Stay away from the sushi (a sushi restaurant should specialize in raw fish, not throw it in on the side to pander to the indecisive), but feel free to sample anything else on the menu.

Located on 47th Street, so you will probably never go there (unless you live with the circus folk), but an old man with big glasses will show up at your door if you call in for delivery.

Domino’s Pizza 🍦🍷☺

1453 East Hyde Park Boulevard, 324-3800

This place is no different from any other Domino’s pizza. It does, however, give a student discount and accepts delivery orders until 1 a.m. And there will come a time when you are drunk and need pizza that late.

Dunkin’ Donuts/Togo’s 🍦🍷🍷☺☺

1411 East 53rd Street, You don’t need to call them. Trust us.

While the Togo’s side of this duet has

recently become Dunkin’ Deli (how fitting?), Togo’s will still be the name you hear mentioned. Open 24 hours a day, this is your source for wee-small-hours-in-the-morning munchies.

Edwardo’s Natural Pizza ☺☺

1321 East 57th Street, 241-7960

If you’re craving reasonably priced Chicago-style pizza close to campus, head over to Edwardo’s. The Italian chain offers gooey, “award-winning” stuffed pizza smothered in cheese and sauce, as well as other dishes like thin-crust pizza, salad, lasagna, and calzones. For an appetizer, try the delicious bruschetta. Edwardo’s is a cute place, good for a gathering of family or friends, if not too romantic.

Your UCID will give you a 15 percent discount. A caveat: The stuffed pizza needs 30 minutes in the oven and the wait staff isn’t the speediest, so don’t go if you’re pressed for time. If you think you have a steel stomach, read the MAROON article from 11/18/2003 and then eat here.

Far East Kitchen ☺🍷

1509 East 53rd Street, 955-2200

Possibly better than the other Chinese joints in Hyde Park but somewhat on the pricier end. Features a full bar, if the thought of getting drunk in a Chinese restaurant scintillates you.

Giordano’s 🍦\$☺

5311 South Blackstone Avenue, 947-0200

When the rest of America thinks of Chicago’s food, they think of one thing: deep-dish pizza. Giordano’s has singlehandedly defined what America knows as “Chicago deep dish.” Its pies are as thick as they come, where the “toppings” are actually stuffed inside glorious layers of crust, cheese, and marinara sauce, producing pizza that quite deservedly gets its national accolades as the best pizza in America.

You can almost always get a table at the Hyde Park location. Unfortunately, Hyde Park’s Giordano’s is aesthetically deficient, but fear not—they deliver. Of course, if you go there, you get the pizza fresh from the oven. A word to the wise: Don’t believe the serving sizes on the menus. Although Giordano’s claims a small stuffed pie serves one to two people, I have yet to see a man who can eat a whole small pie; most can’t make it past two slices.

Harold’s Chicken Shack 🍦🍷☺☺

1208 East 53rd Street, 667-9835

Harold’s Chicken Shack is the perfect place for students searching for a nice quiet cafe to enjoy a cup of coffee and kick back and relax with Immanuel Kant. The lyric little bistro is ideal for an afternoon snack or a first date.

Nah, I’m playin’. With its bulletproof glass and nomadic clientele, Harold’s lacks in charm what it makes up for in cholesterol. While the menu ranges from fried chicken to, well, a bucket of fried chicken, most patrons generally get the same thing anyway: a half chicken and barbecue sauce. All orders come complete with soggy hand-cut fries, two slices of white bread, a shot of coleslaw, and one paltry, terribly overmatched napkin.

During the course of the meal, Harold’s crumbly, greasy, luscious poultry is ecstasy for the taste buds, satisfying even the gnarliest of hunger pangs. And at \$4.80 for half a chicken and a liter of pop, you can’t beat the price. But with the long walk back to the dorm comes the fearful question: “What did I just eat?”

Hyde Park Gyros 🍦🍷

1368 East 53rd Street, 947-8229

Really cheap, and better and more filling than your typical McDonald’s/Burger King fare. Check out the Hyde Park burger and the Italian Beef. Get some onion rings on the side, or go for a combo.

Jimmy’s (Woodlawn Tap) 🍦🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

1172 East 55th Street, 643-5516

Jimmy’s doles out the typical bar food, featuring burgers, brats, etc. Frankly, you’re probably not going to go to Jimmy’s for the food, and if you’re under 21, you can’t get in.

KFC 🍦🍷☺

1511 East Hyde Park Boulevard, 288-2221

Yet another entry of the fast food behemoth. If you’re feeling the cravings for KFC, by all means head on over.

Kikuya ♥\$☺

1601 East 55th Street, 667-3727

Kikuya serves sushi and other traditional Japanese cuisine in wooden bowls. Meals are \$10-15 but worth the money.

La Petite Folie♥\$🍷

1504 East 55th Street, 493-1394

La Petite Folie is actual fine dining brought to Hyde Park. Nonetheless, this is a place to try when the parental plastic is making the payment. The cuisine is classic French. Our recommendation: poached salmon or duck salad.

Leona’s 🍦🍷

1236 East 53rd Street, 363-2600

Leona’s is close to many stores you’ll be patronizing frequently anyway, so why not stop in? The huge menu features plenty of organic and fair-trade products, whether you’re a carnivore, vegetarian, vegan, or fruitarian. My favorites are the ravioli with a variety of sauces and the many excellent wraps. The prices, while high, are justified, as the portions are large enough so that two meals can feed three people.

Supposedly a family business, the restaurant’s décor includes plentiful seating and dim lighting. The mom-and-pop theme makes for ironic menu drawings and wall decorations.

Lung Wah Chop Suey 🍷☺

1361 East 53rd Street, 324-0429

Yet another Hyde Park Chinese establishment. Strictly carry-out, as there’s no place to sit and eat. Known for their ability to turn orders around quickly.

Maravillas 🍦🍷

5211-G South Harper Avenue, 643-3155

If you walk all the way to Calypso and it doesn’t suit your fancy, go right downstairs and you will find Maravillas. For those looking for something light yet different, Maravillas offers the best Mexican food this side of Pilsen.

A tiny but colorful shack with plastic tables and a neon-light sign, Maravillas is a good spot to grab a bite anytime of the day.

Popular dishes include \$4 giant burritos—both meat and vegetarian, including an avocado burrito—nachos, tacos, and egg and avocado sandwiches (my personal favorite).

Medici 🍷☺

1327 East 57th Street, 667-7394

The writing etched in the walls and tables combines with some vaguely artsy photography and paintings to create an unimposing atmosphere at the Med, which draws continuing support because it is always there, offering comfort food from a nearby location.

Any group (and that means you and eight kids from your house) can agree on the Med. While the menu rarely shows strength outside its hallmark variations on burgers and pizza, its selection of milkshakes and other house beverages are delicious, but pricey enough that they must mark a special occasion—or a particularly hungry diner.

A secret: Breakfasts at The Med justify an early (11 a.m.) Saturday wake-up, especially if you come in warmer weather to sit at the upstairs outdoor patio. The menu offers all sorts of egg breakfasts, quirky pancakes, and fresh-squeezed—you can squeeze it yourself!—orange juice. The morning meals are relatively cheap and offer an inexpensive luxury.

Medici Bakery \$🍷☺☺

1331 East 57th Street, 667-7394

Some of the best coffee in Hyde Park, with insanely inventive lids when you get it to go. Also, they put just about anything delicious inside a croissant, which makes it even more delicious. If you don’t have time for a whole pizza at the Med, you can grab a slice to go here. But be warned, they have some pricey bread. And you never know what kind of music (early ’90s mix!) the staff will be playing over the sound system.

Mellow Yellow 🍷

1508 East 53rd Street, 667-2000

Tired of greasy omelets or pancakes for breakfast? For some of the best breakfast treats in the neighborhood—granted, if you’re willing to pay \$6-10 for a plate—come to Mellow Yellow. The crepes and blintzes are phenomenal, and for those over 21, there is a full bar that serves alcoholic breakfast drinks. Coffee—who needs it? Give me some gin and juice to wake me up in the morning and help me get over the lackluster service.

Morry’s Deli 🍷🍷

5500 South Cornell Avenue, 363-3800

Shorelanders tired of their meal plans should look just down 55th Street to Morry’s, where you can find good sandwiches and burgers that won’t kill your wallet. Morry’s looks much less inviting than its chain competitors like Subway, but don’t let its clientele from the home across the street dissuade you from going in. Morry’s makes a damn good sandwich. Most of their sandwiches are under \$5, although they have a line of double-decker sandwiches just under \$7. Their BLT is one of the best in Hyde Park, and if you don’t think a BLT will fill you up, order a number six, one of the double-decker sandwiches; the upper deck is essentially a BLT and the lower deck has turkey pastrami with Swiss cheese—this will leave you full for the rest of the day. Make sure you get there early, as they close at 8.

Nathan’s/Taste of Jamaica 🍷

1372 East 53rd Street, 288-5353

The best curried goat in Hyde Park. OK, the only curried goat in Hyde Park, but if you haven’t tried it, get some. Hot dogs and jerk chicken are light on the wallet.

Nicky’s Chinese 🍷🍷

5231 South Woodlawn Avenue, 324-5340

Generally a good laxative, Nicky’s will keep you from starvation, but rarely rises above or beyond the call of duty.

The Nile ♥🍷

1611 East 55th Street, 324-9499

Reliable Middle Eastern cuisine. Might be the best of the non-Western restaurants located on 55th Street and prices range from \$5. You can try it out on campus, as it exports entrees to some U of C coffee shops. If meat is your thing, don’t miss the chicken schwarma sandwich.

Noodles, Etc. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Two locations: 1458 East 53rd Street, 947-8787
🍷 1333 East 57th Street, 684-2801

Feel like Asian cuisine, but don’t know what to get? Chinese? Japanese? Thai? Or a little of all three? A favorite of the University area, this restaurant serves food the ways college kids like it best—fast, big, and cheap. The 57th Street spot often finds more patrons than its more secluded 53rd Street brother, probably because of its proximity to campus.

Service is fine, but expect both restaurants to get crowded and loud quickly. Also, you’re going on a secret “rendezvous,” the big, broad windows kind of leave you out in the open for the dogs hunting you down. It’s my favorite restaurant here because it’s the only one in HP to serve a Filipino dish.

Original Pancake House 🍷🍷

1517 East Hyde Park Boulevard, 288-2322

As the name suggests, they serve pancakes here. If by “Original” they mean huge and tasty, then the title is right on. The wait can be long and rowdy on weekends. The baked omelets are also as delicious as they are unique. We’re especially fond of the bacon waffles. Plan on taking something home; portions are huge.

Orly’s Café ♥🍷🍷🍷

1660 East 55th Street, 643-5500

The second coming of the restaurant after a late 1990s hiatus, it spotlights New Orleans cuisine and a revamped desert menu. Keep an eye out for student specials in this newspaper, of which there are many.

Pepé’s Mexican Food 🍷🍷🍷

310 East 53rd Street, 752-9300

Lowest common denominator of Mexican

food. Easy on the wallet and hard on the stomach. Will periodically offer specials such as five tacos for \$6; other than that, not worth the trip.

Pizza Capri ♥\$🍷🍷🍷

1501 East 53rd Street, 324-7777

Often thought of as a reliable default date restaurant, Pizza Capri serves up your familiar Italian American dishes along with some original classics like pasta shells with salmon and their own Far East chicken salad—both happen to be quite tasty. However, it is a bit pricey. Get a half order of any pasta dish, unless you want leftovers—and try not to fill up on the great bread and seasoned olive oil.

For those who want to snag a conversation with a big man on campus: Our very own Dean John Boyer has been spotted at Pizza Capri on various Friday nights, eating salads and reading books. Ask him what his favorite item on the menu is, or about Thucydides.

Pizza Hut 🍷🍷

1404 East 53rd Street, 288-5899

This restaurant is guilty of false advertising as the store is not actually in a hut, but we’ll give it to them on poetic license. If you’re trying to notch up a weight class, check out the lunch specials. Maybe it’s called a hut because they’re still in the dark ages.

Piccolo Mondo ♥\$🍷

1642 East 56th Street, 643-1106

This eatery may not merit more than one or two visits. A darker, less “pop” Pizza Capri, Mondo’s dishes do not live up to the expectations its ambience may create. The putinesca is OK and the gnocchi isn’t bad, but nothing is more than satisfactory. The wine isn’t that good, and no one feels good after paying a little extra for a meal that feels unhealthy and mediocre. Try it for the atmosphere, if anything.

Pockets 🍷

1307 East 53rd Street, 667-1313

A Hyde Park staple. You may see cars with Pockets flags driving around campus. Don’t get sucked in by the mystique, though—a pocket, already slightly overpriced at \$6+, becomes downright exorbitant when you add the \$2 delivery charge. If you can make it to the location across from Kimbark Plaza, however, enjoy a fresh and tasty meal that won’t send you to the ER for a triple bypass. Calzones are good too, but be careful, the insides are hotter than James Brown’s pants at Freaknik.

Potbelly Sandwiches 🍷

5428 South Lake Park Avenue, 493-0129

This new addition to the Hyde Park sandwich scene is eerily hospitable (sometimes the employees will sing to you, or at you). Part of a Chicago-based chain, they offer standard sandwiches and a variety of shakes and cookies.

Sandwiches are small, so they won’t actually give you a pot belly, but they do hit the spot on occasion.

The Pub 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

1212 East 59th Street, Lower Level. If you need to call here, don’t.

Great for those of us on the liquid bread diet, with over 20 beers on tap to choose from (they even offer free samples!) and hundreds of bottled beers. Under 21? Sorry pal, go drink some month-old apple juice. Bar food is surprisingly good and amazingly cheap. Stop in on Mondays for wing night. There is a \$1 cover for non-members; it’s \$5 to join. Not open Sundays. A favorite with the MAROON staff, due to its proximity (about 20 crooked steps) to the office.

Quiznos 🍷🍷

1519 East 55th Street, 241-7849

Yet another average sandwich joint. Imagine watching your choice of sub slowly glide through a five-foot toaster with a viewing window. Unlike Subway, you aren’t encouraged to choose exactly how they make your sandwich, but the

trick to Quiznos is to trust them on their sandwich concoctions. Worth noting: The Quiznos “regular” is two inches longer than Subway’s.

Rajun Cajun 🍷🍷🍷🍷

1459 East 53rd Street, 955-1145

Indian and soul food make a strange but shockingly good pair. You can grab chicken fragments and two sides, with a corn muffin, for five and change. Indian entrees are on the spicy side, but impossible to ignore when steaming right in front of you. The place is a bit small, and dumpy for dining in, but they have box lunches scattered throughout campus, turning noon into Easter every day. Rajun (pronounced ray-jun) is an indispensable source of cheap, delicious food for the discerning HP eater. And if you like your movies to match your food, ask about their fantastic Bollywood selection.

Ribs ‘N’ Bibs 🍷🍷🍷🍷

5300 South Dorchester Avenue, 493-0400

It’s sometimes impossible to resist the smell of this HP establishment, which carries for what seems to be miles. The larger racks of ribs are a complete rip-off, so students without trust funds need to look elsewhere on the menu for satisfaction. There are many good options though, including the bronco cheeseburger (less than \$2). The junior ranch hand is a darn fine deal as well. Everything tastes better out of a bucket, and that goes for their chicken too. Be wary of panhandlers asking for a rib outside the door.

Salonica 🍷🍷🍷🍷

1440 East 57th Street, 752-3899

If you need an omelet in two minutes or less, then Salonica is the place for you. Other dishes can take a little longer, depending on how packed the place is at the time. Breakfast is served all day, and many students stick to these options, although they make a mean gyro. Many swear by Salonica, while others swear at it. Salonica is cash-only.

Sammy’s 🍷🍷

5659 South Cottage Grove Avenue, 288-2645

The outside reads “Beef Gyros Cigarettes,” which pretty much says it all. Despite the incredibly greasy menu, the place is full of lab coats from the adjacent UC hospitals come lunch time. Don’t they know what it’s doing to them? Maybe they do, but it’s too tasty to stop.

Siam 🍷

1639 East 55th Street, 324-9296

This is the child, sister, or mother restaurant of the Snail, having nearly identical menus with comparable prices. They serve beer, which is good. The name is less off-putting, but the food is no less Thai...and DELICIOUS.

Snail Thai ♥🍷🍷

1649 East 55th Street, 667-5423

...is dope. The Snail was like, “Hey, do you like good Thai food?” and I was like, “Word.” And then I ate there and was not disappointed. Friendly management and wait staff make food for both the adventurous and stay-at-home-not-literally-but-ideologically diner better.

Starbucks 🍷🍷

Two locations: East 55th Street, 1500 East 53rd Street, 324-1421

Still can’t figure out what coffee has to do with *Moby Dick*, or the Whale. All that happens in *Moby Dick* (the book) is: Guys sit on a boat talking about the transcendent power of human will, and occasionally another guy comes by and tells them that Moby Dick (the Whale) will kill all of them. Then Moby Dick (the Whale) shows up and kills all of them. That there is why *Moby Dick* (the book, but even more so the Whale) rules, and also, inexplicably, why Starbucks comes from hell.

Subway 🍷🍷

Three locations: 1363 East 53rd Street, 288-8400; 1642 East 55th Street, 667-9096; 1449 East 57th Street, 241-1281

Subway is like a virus that has spread out of control before you even know what it is. That being said, three locations in Hyde Park are contaminated, yum! I think the cookies are resistant, though.

Thai 55

1607 East 55th Street, 363-7119

Another Thai restaurant. They have wood paneling, I think. Bangkok chicken is good, although I’m not sure what the Bangkok entrails, er, entails.

Valois (See Your Food) 🍷🍷

1518 East 53rd Street, 667-0647

No one should graduate from the University of Chicago without having eaten at this Hyde Park institution. The most famous restaurant in HP, it’s the only one to have a sociology book written about its patrons (*Slim’s Table* by Mitchell Duneier).

A classic cafeteria-style diner with a twist—people must wait in a single line to order and receive food from the bossy chefs themselves—Valois will evoke memories of watching the Soup Nazi episode of *Seinfeld* or the old *SNL* skit where John Belushi tells indecisive customers at a diner just what they will be eating: “Cheeseburger, cheeseburger, pepsi.”

Only here, instead of cheeseburgers, most prefer its more famous brunch fare. This is the best French toast you will ever eat—it’s also great medicine when the weather gets rough. The coffee, hash browns, and broccoli cheese omelets are also perennial favorites. The food is super cheap. Also, the rapidly moving line makes for serious efficiency. Say hi to the church crowd, the friendly vagabonds, or your Hum prof.

University Market 🍷🍷

1323 East 57th Street, 363-0700

Great sandwich action, crazy high prices, belligerent street people demanding your spare change or a spare cigarette (given it is the only place close to campus that sells them). Owned by the same folks as the Med. The mozzarella sub will treat you right.

Wok N Roll 🍷🍷

1408 East 53rd Street, 643-3500

What every cheap Chinese food place should be: it serves Chinese food and it’s cheap. I say this because if that is all you expect from Wok N Roll you will never be disappointed.

I have only been inside Wok N Roll once and the restaurant reminds me more of the DMV than of a place to eat. The best time to order Wok N Roll is before 4 p.m. in order to get their lunch special, which allows you to get an entree, rice, and an egg roll cheaply.

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CHICAGO AREA RESTAURANTS

On those rare occasions when you’re able to get out of Hyde Park for a while, it can be hard to choose just where to go. From a myriad of great Chicago restaurants, we share our personal favorites. See the previous page for our ratings key.

House of Sushi & Noodles 🍣🍱♥️🍲
1610 West Belmont Avenue, 935-9110
houseofsushiandnoodles.com

Sushi is delicious. Unfortunately, it also tends to be rather expensive, at least in this part of the country. In the hunt for fresh, reasonably priced sushi, look no further than House of Sushi & Noodles. It's just a short bus ride (CTA #77) away from the Belmont stop of the Red Line, and offers *nigiri*, *maki*, and some special hand rolls, along with traditional Japanese appetizers like gyoza and a wide variety of noodle dishes.

House of Sushi & Noodles is best known for its ultra-cheap buffet, which offers many specialty rolls, so diners are guaranteed variety alongside old favorites. Because of the buffet’s popularity, the restaurant is often tightly packed with an entire spectrum of city dwellers—many of whom are immortalized in the mosaic of photographs that line the walls. This casual environment is stylized by Oriental lanterns that hang over the booths, and J-pop/rock fills the air.

So. Great sushi at a shockingly low price and an eclectic but still comfortable dining atmosphere. What's not to love? Oh, and here's a tip: Get there early on weekends; the place fills up quickly, especially at dinnertime.

Clarke’s Diner 🍷🍷🍷
930 West Belmont Avenue, 348-5988

Everybody gets pancake urges at midnight sometimes. Or grilled cheese urges. Or milkshake urges. Or—well, you get the point. Clarke's, located right across from the Belmont stop on the Red Line, is the most convenient place on the north side to grab a bite late at night. The diner is decorated with '50s-style witticisms, '80s pop dominates the music selection, and the pseudo-subversiveness of the entire getup attracts the sort of clientele that has become synonymous with the Clark and Belmont intersection, who go both for the food and the low lighting. At first glance, Clarke's is just another hipster dive, but it's best to let the food talk for itself.

The breakfast options are the most popular—an impressive variety of baked pancakes and mouth-watering egg skillet—but also highly recommended are the cream of tomato soup and sweet potato fries. A wide selection of entrees from Mexican and American cuisine is also available, and as for desserts, well, let's just say it's a good thing the El stop is so close by. Sometimes the wait staff is sparse, but the wait is worth it—especially if you have a craving for the greasy-spoon dishes Clarke's is known for.

Chicago Diner 🍷
3411 North Halsted Street, 935-6696
veggiediner.com

For all the displaced vegetarians and vegans who feel slightly squeamish upon first seeing the streets of Chicago littered with steakhouses, hot dog stands, and White Castles, fear no more. The Chicago Diner offers the best meat-free and organic grub in the entire city.

The menu consists of mostly vegetarian/vegan adaptations of meat-based dishes, using substitutions like seitan, tofu, and tempeh. Clever names like “Not Dog” and “No Meata Fajita” lend a sort of stupid charm to the place, inspiration is drawn

from all around the world—the Middle Eastern platter is listed right above the Nachos Especiales on the menu—and the versatility of meat-free cuisine is thoroughly explored by chef Jo Kaucher. The Chicago Diner even offers a highly rated cookbook for those with a culinary itch.

The entrees are enough to interest those with an open mind, but even the most adamant of carnivores will be swayed by the diner’s desserts. An extensive selection of pastries and cakes, including the divine Lemon Ambrosia cake, several dairy-free cheesecakes, and an irresistible chocolate mousse cake are worth the extra splurge.

The Chicago Diner is located in the heart of Boystown, just a short walk from either the Belmont or Addison Red Line stops.

Salvador’s Barro 🍷🍷🍷\$
73 East Lake Street, (312) 346-8457

Salvador’s Barro may be a bit overpriced, but you’ll forget such petty concerns when you take a look at the menu, which contains an entire page of margaritas. They don’t skimp on the portions, either—Cesar’s may be the home of the Killer Margarita, but Barro is the home of the margarita that renders you unable to form a complete sentence halfway home on the El.

Barro was a fluke discovery—thanks to an event at the nearby Chicago Cultural Center—and it just may be the best-kept secret in the North Loop. Convenience is key: Barro is close to Borders, Marshall Field’s, and several other State Street shops (Nordstrom Rack, H&M, Old Navy). You can even catch a movie at the Gene Siskel Film Center before dinner.

You’ll love the hearty round of chips and salsa that are served as soon as you’ve taken your seat. As for the main courses, the *flautas tricolor* are amazing, but there’s a new special every week (with vegetarian and vegan options always available). If you have a sweet tooth, try the *pollo* (chicken) in a chocolate *mole* sauce, and don’t skip out before dessert: flan, fried ice cream, and other traditional Mexican dishes round out the menu. And needless to say, you’ll have an opportunity to practice your Spanish.

Joy Yee’s Noodle Shop 🍷🍷
2159 South China Place, (312) 328-0001

Despite its location in the heart of bustling Chinatown, Joy Yee’s Noodles proves a destination in and of itself. Lines stretch out the door at its busiest dinner hours, and often in the middle of the day as well. This place is worth the wait, though. Creamy bubble teas topped with luscious fresh fruit, rich appetizers, hefty portions of both traditional and innovative Chinese entrees fill the menu—which, for lack of a better word, is *huge*. (The drink menu alone offers over 100 mouth-watering combinations of iced teas and tapioca fruit freezes.)

Joy Yee’s dining room is cozy and well lit. An extension of the kitchen stretches the length the restaurant, so colorful fruit and workers churning out bubble tea after bubble tea are on display for all to see. The atmosphere is typically loud, with blenders going non-stop and tightly packed patrons and workers chatting loudly in both Chinese and English, making the restaurant not so ideal for a first date. It is, however, a great first stop for a night on the town.

If the wait is too intimidating for a sit-down meal, stop by the take-out window and grab a tapioca freeze—I recommend lychee or taro-coconut—and browse the shops on Wentworth. Joy Yee’s prices are reasonable, but can get expensive if you like to sample a bit of everything; a meal for two with appetizers and bubble tea will run about \$30 to \$35.

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Lamb Curry		
Boneless cubes of lamb in curry sauce.	4.69	8.89
Curry Fish		
Farm raised catfish fillet cooked in curry.	4.99	7.99

Spicy Vegetable Curries

Sm.	1.79	Med.	2.79	Lrg.	4.79
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Chana Masala
Chick peas with spinach, cooked in a curry sauce with a touch of garlic and tomato.
Sambharo
Cabbage and carrots, stir fried with curry, tumeric, and lemon juice.
Gobi Mutter
Cauliflower and potatoes, in tomato curry sauce with garlic and ginger.
Alu
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Dal
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Cake	1.99	Honey Oatmeal Bar	2.25
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Fried Chicken à la carte, with corn bread.

	Leg/Thigh	Mixed
2 pcs.	2.99	3.69
3 pcs.	3.99	4.29
4 pcs.	4.99	5.49
To substitute extra breast add 89¢ per piece		

Fried Chicken Dinner
with 2 regular sides and corn muffins.

	Leg/Thigh	Mixed
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3 pcs.	5.29	5.69
4 pcs.	6.50	6.99
To substitute extra breast add 89¢ per piece		

Family Fried Chicken Dinners

8 mixed pieces, 2 large sides and 4 corn muffins.	14.99
12 mixed pieces, 2 large sides and 6 corn muffins.	18.99

Southern Sides

Corn Muffins	55¢ ea.	2.99 (6)	5.50 (12)
	Reg.	Med.	Large
Rice	1.09	1.99	3.25
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Pimp my (two-wheel) ride; pedaling the Windy City

BY LAUREN SAILOR
MAROON STAFF

What’s cheaper than your mom and more fun to ride? Well...nothing, but bikes come pretty close.

Bikes are more economical than cars and less frustrating than the CTA. Sure, the #6 bus can get you downtown in 30 minutes—but so can your bicycle. The ride up on the Lake Shore bike path is beautiful, plus you won’t have to wait for the bus or get caught in traffic.

Yes, Hyde Park is a community small and cozy enough to walk around in. You can get just about anywhere—campus, the Point, Walgreen’s, Sammy’s—in about 20 minutes of walking. If you’re on a bicycle, though, those trips will take just 3 to 10 minutes. And sure, the University has a few buses to help you get around Hyde Park, but if you bike, you won’t have to plan your day around the bus schedule.

For Shoreland residents, a bicycle is particularly useful, since you can commute to campus much faster on bicycle than on foot. Being able to bike home to fetch something you forgot is a convenient, and it’s nice to get an extra 15 minutes of sleep every morning. And your growling stomach will thank you when the trip to your dining hall—located oh-so-conveniently south of the Midway—is 7 minutes instead of 25.

If your dorm is close to campus and your dining hall, there are still benefits to biking in Hyde Park. On a bicycle, it’s easier to get out and explore your new neighborhood. Your trip to the Co-Op for snacks and groceries will be faster and more pleasant on a bike, and you’ll get to Hyde Park’s many tasty restaurants—even those beyond 57th Street—with ease.

Get your bike

Before you get a bike, you should determine what type of bike you will need: a road bike, a mountain bike, or a hybrid. Mountain bikes are trendy, but unless you plan on biking on rough terrain often, a mountain bike is probably unnecessary in the city. Their fat, knobby tires make you slower, and their shock-absorbing frames use your pedaling energy less effectively. Hybrid bicycles, which have some characteristics of mountain bikes and some of road bikes, are a good compromise. Their tires and shocks aren’t as heavy-duty as those of mountain bikes, so they’re better suited to the Chicago roads you’ll be biking on most of the time. Also, some riders find hybrids more comfortable than road bikes. Road bikes are also a smart choice for biking in Chicago: they’re meant to be used on roads, they’re the fastest and most efficient type of bike, they’re well suited for long rides, and their thin tires make locking up a breeze.

You can get new or used bikes at any number of locations around the city. For used bikes, I highly recommend Working Bikes, a non-profit organization located at Roosevelt and Western—1125 South Western Avenue, to be precise. Bikes there are cheap, usually between \$40 and \$90, because they’ve been donated to Working Bikes and fixed up by volunteers. Working Bikes uses its profits to send bicycles to developing nations, so getting a bike there is a purchase you can feel good about. The place is volunteer-run, so their hours aren’t the most extensive: they’re open on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from noon to 5 p.m. And the earlier you get there, the more choices you’ll have; rumor has it that going on Saturday at noon will give you the widest selection. For more on Working Bikes, head to workingbikes.org.

Wherever you get your bike, make sure you get a frame that fits well and is adjusted properly. Your ride will be more comfortable and your legs will work more efficiently when your seat is at a proper height, so don’t hesitate to ask a salesperson to help you with adjustments.

Keep your bike

A U-lock should cost about \$20, and you should get one. In case your O-leaders haven’t informed you, you’re in a big city now. Wheels get stolen; seats get stolen; sometimes, entire bikes get stolen. So please, for your sake, get

a U-lock. When you lock up, make sure the U-lock goes through both the front wheel and the frame of your bicycle, and choose a secure object to lock up to. And to improve your karma, don’t lock your bike in places where it could annoy others. Locking your bike to someone else’s is a great way to inconvenience a fellow cyclist, so please don’t. Don’t block doors or emergency exits, and please realize that those handrails near the entrance to the Reg are for handicap access—do the courteous thing and use the bike racks.

Pimp your bike

So you’ve got your bike and lock, but maybe you think something’s amiss. Maybe your saddle isn’t so comfy, maybe you want some safety gear, maybe you want to add a rack for hauling all those books to Sosc class. This is where a bike shop comes in. You can buy items with which to pimp your ride, and you can even have them installed if you don’t know how and are willing to pay for service. If it’s a good bike shop, they’ll probably let you watch and maybe even teach you something.

Since it’s in the neighborhood, Art’s Cycle is hard to beat for convenience. It’s located at 1652 East 53rd Street, right by the intersection of 53rd and Hyde Park Boulevard. Their selection isn’t the most extensive, but they’ll probably have what you need. Wheels & Things is the other bike shop in Hyde Park, located in Harper Court at 5210 South Harper Avenue. There are more—and better—bike shops elsewhere in Chicago, though. You can get information and read customer reviews of them all at chicagobikeshops.info.

My favorite bike shop is Uptown Bikes, which is well worth the trip to 4653 North Broadway Street, right by the Wilson stop of the Red Line. Uptown has a great selection of everything I’ve ever needed, not to mention an incredibly helpful staff and parts I couldn’t get at Art’s. If you’re (understandably) dissatisfied with the bike shops in Hyde Park, don’t hesitate to venture elsewhere.

Maintain your (now sexy) bike

Flat tires sometimes happen, and that is lame. You can make the situation less lame, though, by fixing the flat yourself. It’s cheaper and more badass than paying some dude at Art’s Cycle to fix it. Better yet, if you’re far from home and get a flat, you won’t get stranded or be forced to take the CTA if you have the tools and knowledge to fix it yourself.

To fix a flat, you’ll need tire irons, a patch kit, a tire pump, and—unless your wheels have a quick-release mechanism—a wrench. At Art’s, you can get tire irons for \$5 and patch kits for \$2. Believe me, this \$7 investment and a little knowledge will definitely come in handy.

Flats are caused by holes in an inner tube. To fix them, first take your wheel off the frame. Use tire irons to get the tire off the wheel, then remove the inner tube and find the problem. If you can’t find the leak, put the inner tube in water and look for the tiny bubbles that indicate escaping air. Rough up a patch-sized area around the hole (a patch kit comes with a tiny piece of sandpaper), apply a thin layer of rubber cement (also in the kit), and wait for the rubber cement to dry. Once it’s dry, remove the foil from the back of the patch and press it into the inner tube. Then remove the clear plastic from the outside of the patch, put the inner tube back in the tire, reseal the tire into the wheel, and put the wheel back on your frame. This may sound complicated, but if you can get accepted at the University of Chicago, surely you can fix your own flat. Check out sheldonbrown.com/flats.html for more detailed instructions, and consider asking a knowledgeable friend to help you until you get the hang of it.

Other maintenance that you can—and should!—do yourself includes checking air pressure and inflating your tires appropriately, plus oiling your chain regularly, especially in rainy weather.

Do awesome things on your bike

You’ll have great mobility with your bicycle, and you should use that to explore your new



Kristine Khouri/News Photo Staff

Biking in Hyde Park is quick, convenient, and fun—but don’t lock your bike in the wrong place; it could end up impounded. home. Chicago’s a great town to bike around in, since the terrain is flat and the bike lanes are numerous. Bike lanes and trails are marked on Chicago’s bike map, which you can find online at chicagobikes.org. You can also request a paper copy of the map and have the city mail it to you.

If you want to explore faraway neighborhoods by bicycle but don’t want to deal with a long bike ride there and back, don’t fret: bikes ride for free on the CTA. Buses have a rack at the front of the bus that will hold two bikes, and two bikes are allowed per El car. For full regulations, check out the CTA’s Bike & Ride brochure online at transitchicago.com/welcome/biketran.txt.

I also recommend that you participate in Critical Mass whenever you can. On the last Friday of every month, a bunch of cyclists meet at Daley Plaza and then ride as a group on some route through the city. It’s called Critical Mass because a big enough group of cyclists forms a critical mass that can safely take charge of the road, in contrast to the rest of the month when cars dominate. The ride takes over the streets to raise awareness of bicyclists and our right to the road. This event is free, fun, and a great way to bond with Chicago’s biking community. Read more at chicagocriticalmass.org.

Bike safely

If you’re new to riding on city streets, you

may be inclined to ride on sidewalks rather than on the street. Please resist this urge! Sidewalks are intended for pedestrians, who move slowly, stop suddenly, and often do unexpected things. If you’re not careful—and even if you are—you could easily hit and hurt someone. Not only is it unsafe to ride on sidewalks, it’s also illegal for anyone older than 12. Also know that pedestrians always have the right-of-way.

When you’re on streets, stay on the right side of the road unless you’re preparing to turn left. When you’re passing parked cars, keep your distance. Someone could open their door right into your path, and getting “doored” will almost certainly cause injury. It’s recommended that you stay four feet away from parked cars, and watch out for cars that have just parked. If there isn’t enough room for a car to pass you safely, don’t be afraid to move left and “take the lane” to discourage an impatient driver from passing you when it isn’t safe.

Sure, sometimes you’ll have to deal with aggressive drivers who honk when they don’t have enough room to pass you. Remember, though, that your safety is more important than some driver’s annoyance. Also remember that the streets are public; you’re a taxpayer too, and you have just as much right to the road as motorists. Just be attentive, be courteous, and follow the rules of the road and you shouldn’t have any problems. Happy riding!

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What you need to know to be an informed HP citizen

BY HASSAN S. ALI
News Editor

It's election time. Do you know who your aldermen are? As midterm elections fast approach, it is only a matter of time before student political groups launch new-voter registration campaigns to push their party's platforms. More likely than not, that means you'll be caught in the middle of something you do not understand enough, let alone care enough about, to make an informed decision at the polls.

While our age group is notoriously apathetic towards their civic duty, the U.S. Census Bureau reported an 11-percent increase in young voter turnout between the 2000 and 2004 elections. In other words, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, voter turnout among 18- to 24-year-olds rose higher than any other age group, making it a "significant and disproportionate factor in the overall jump in the number of Americans going to the polls" in 2004. Nevertheless, young voters remain the least politically active age group, with 2004 voter turnout clocking in at just 47 percent. (The national voter turnout average was 64 percent).

Now don't let the stereotype of a relatively

quiet Hyde Park fool you. Political activism has shaped nearly every aspect of the neighborhood. After all, these are U.S. Senator Barack Obama's stomping grounds, from where he launched his political career in 1996 after being elected Illinois State Senator. On a not-so-political note, Obama, also a Law School lecturer on leave of absence, visits his family every weekend from Washington, and can frequently be seen taking in an early dinner at the Medici Restaurant with his two daughters and wife, Michelle.

Other key Hyde Park figures include Alderman Toni Preckwinkle of Ward 4, just north of Hyde Park; Alderman Leslie Hairston of Ward 5, which contains most of Hyde Park; and Illinois State Senator Kwame Raoul, who succeeded Obama for the position. Moreover, these politicians are at the front lines of what continually consumes Hyde Park's politics: gentrification and the University's relationship with its surrounding communities.

Raoul, for one, has frequently visited Hyde Park and has been vocal about the area's increasingly diverse demographics and the much-discussed issue of economic revitalization. In a January 2006 visit to campus, Raoul referred to the University as an "anchor of the community," adding that local residents concerned about gentrification must still acknowl-

edge the critical economic role the University has played in Hyde Park. "Quite frankly, Hyde Park would not be Hyde Park if it were not for the University of Chicago," Raoul said in his speech.

For example, efforts by the Fund for Community Redevelopment and Revitalization, a Woodlawn community organization, to create new housing have been met with both acclaim and controversy by Woodlawn residents. With plans to construct 265 single-family homes and 65 townhouses over 10 years, the Fund's attempts to create cheaper housing have prompted worry in the community that the new units will instead attract middle-income people to the neighborhood, according to University of Illinois-Chicago professor John J. Betancur.

Additionally, Hyde Park neighborhood groups have criticized the Harper Court Arts Council's intent to sell Harper Court to for-profit developers, which would end over 40 years of ownership by small local businesses and local artists. The potential sale of the small commercial center to high-end developers has threatened low-income residents in the immediate area, prompting neighborhood groups to campaign not only for the sake of Harper Court businesses, but for local residents as well.

The implications of the sale have added to existing fears among local residents over the chance of full-scale gentrification in Hyde Park and surrounding neighborhoods such as Woodlawn. To accommodate the nearly 1,000 students housed by the soon-to-be decommissioned Shoreland Hall, the administration has issued plans to build a new dormitory and dining hall at East 61st Street and South Ellis Avenue, directly bordering Woodlawn at the southernmost tip of the University's property. With construction beginning this summer and expected to be completed by August 2008, the new addition to the campus's southern boundary will also be accompanied by a new parking structure, convenient stores, retail shops geared towards student interests, and improved University busing to that part of the campus.

The University has consistently maintained its commitment to cooperate with surrounding communities, and the issue remains a key part of town-gown relations.

True, Hyde Park politics may not consume your daily grind. In fact, I'd even bet the name "Kwame Raoul" is news to many fourth-years' ears. But when it comes down to the community and what it provides you over these next few years, it helps to know what goes on behind the scenes.



Michael Rinaman/Maroon Staff

The Promontory Point is one of many places where you can find soothing scenery and enough peace-of-mind to hit the books.

Where you do it does make a difference: 5 awesome study spots

BY TARA KADIOGLU
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Need a break from Joe Regenstein? Can't stay awake in beautiful Harper? Want to get away from the quads all together, but still have tons of work to do? Want to avoid bumping into people and focus, but not lock yourself up in your room? No worries. Mix it up! Here I give you the top five unusual places to get your, er, study on (locations for warm or cold days included). Your work may be better for it. Where you study makes a huge difference.

5. The Plaisance

Several of my friends have found the Midway Plaisance a comforting place to read a book atop a tree or do physics problem sets under the statue. If you're like me (i.e., a zany loon with generally too much energy), and need to move around a bit after sitting for so long, bring a soccer ball and a study buddy with whom you can take a break and kick it. A Frisbee works just as well. This can help refresh and clear your mind if you're having writer's block (bring your laptop! Just make sure you've charged it) or just need a moment away from that O-Chem homework.

4. Rockefeller Chapel

Sometimes nothing's better than classical music to help you focus—so what better than a live pipe organ playing as you read your notes in a gothic, near-empty setting? I've also seen a student reading atop a tree just outside the Chapel once on a sunny spring afternoon. Gotta say it looked pretty fun; and gorgeous-but-non-quad buildings like Ida to her right and the Chapel to her left probably didn't hurt.

3. Grad schools (i.e. D'Angelo or GSB)

The GSB and the D'Angelo Law Library are two examples of pleasant grad school locations that make for great alternative study spaces. Pretend you're one of the grad students for a bit, and relish in your ability to take advantage of what you might otherwise categorically ignore as their space. It's yours, too.

2. The Point

What's the Point of it all? Please excuse my LAME tendency to pun, but the Point is that Promontory Point is a great place to work when the weather's nice. You can get a great view of Chicago's skyline, while being a short walk away from campus, and home if you live in the Shoreland-Broadview vicinity. Chill on a bench or on some rocks as you flip through your flashcards or type up a lab. You can even make a night of it and have a study party barbecue with some friends. This is a good idea for study groups for big exams (a fair-weather alternative to the conference rooms in the back of the A-level, where a group from my second-year Legal Reasoning class used to meet to discuss material before tests).

1. Downtown

Hop on the #6 bus and disappear into the big city—you'll find the change of scene motivating and liberating. Don't tell anyone, but my favorite downtown study spot is an area behind the Museum of Contemporary Art with trees and stone tables. I've had some of my most productive and insightful experiences annotating readings up there (lest it has swooped over your head, this is the U of C, and, goddammit, I'm a nerd). Bring a snack or a caffeinated beverage to sip on while you listen to the birds and city-dwellers.

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