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Boston hot spots and hangouts on the Web

"My Corner of the Net" is a new column devoted to answering your questions about all aspects of computing: from using e-mail and surfing the Web, to troubleshooting. It will alternate between article and question-and-answer format. All questions should be e-mailed to computer@bc.edu with the subject line "Corner of the Net."

My Corner of the 'Net Anthony C. Tecca

College is an oasis, a respite between the rigors of high school and the long stretch of the Real World. The deadtime between studying and classes must be maximized with food, drink, and chugging.

But how do you find out what's happening? *The Heights* is good, but their calendar only applies in the Boston College campus. *The Boston Globe* is very thorough, but only the Sunday magazine has the events, and who can keep track of any one periodical for a full week?

The World Wide Web is the answer to keeping current on all the fun stuff to do in Boston, from nightclub events to restaurant menus to movie listings. Some of the pages are driven by intelligent programs that update the page on a weekly or monthly

basis, making sure that you will have the most recent info.

For current events, the Internet index Yahoo has a bunch of good sites for the Boston area. They run a site located at <http://boston.yahoo.com> that leads to all sorts of interesting data. The most interesting page for college students is at <http://boston.yahoo.com/college/phone/calendar/>. Here you can check out the happenings at almost every nightclub in Boston. When you enter the page, you are shown a list of all the events for that day, and there are links that lead to a week's worth of daily schedules.

For slightly higher, perhaps even cultured pursuits, you can visit <http://www.boston.com/arts/theater.htm>. It's a part of the [boston.com](http://www.boston.com) megadomain that is a must-visit for anyone living in the Boston area. In the arts section, you can buy concert tickets over the Web, check out a listing of restaurants and breweries (although at publication the brewery link doesn't lead anywhere), see a list of Boston area museums, and check out what's happening in the theater scene. The info is thorough, but unfortunately it isn't updated too frequently.

My favorite movie theater site on the Web is <http://www.movielink.com>. This site

is not unlike 333-FILM, but without the long option list and even longer menus. It works by having you enter your area code and then listing all the theaters in your neighborhood, the movies they are playing, and the show times all at once.

If you're just interested in finding some good food really fast, a nifty site is <http://www.bostonline.com>. They have a comprehensive restaurant index that you can search by name, location, cuisine, or ancestry. They are even developing a system that will allow you to order takeout food from restaurants via the Web for delivery or pickup.

For more information about student oriented info on Boston you can visit the Unofficial Boston College Web site at <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/2386/>. It's a student-maintained doppleganger designed to provide students with info about Boston College and the Boston area.

Correction: In last week's column, it was stated that *Asterisk* was able to trace your domain back to your dorm room. In fact, only *Information Processing Support* in Gannon Hall can trace it back to your dorm room. *Asterisk* can only tell if you're from Boston College.