

Best Local Salon: Kolor Kreations

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Looking for a salon in Richmond? Why not go to Richmond's best, Kolor Kreations? This full-service salon offers a plethora of services including waxing, skin care, nail care, makeup services, hair cut and color. It also offer services for men.

"I love it here," said Amy Graham, instructional tech associate in information technology. "[My nails] look good and I'm really hard on them. No one else has been able to do that. I've been coming here for five years."

Kolor Kreations' already affordable prices are even sweeter for Eastern students, faculty and staff. With an Eastern ID card, you can receive a 15 percent discount. Also, add Kolor Kreations on Facebook for the occasional update on special prices.

Kolor Kreations owners and operators, Kara Swartzbaugh and Amanda Pennington, have the salon open six days a week with hours to meet everyone's busy schedule: Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The salon is located at 202 Wayne Drive off the Eastern Bypass. Call 623-7538 to set you your appointment today!





Best Local Restaurant: Koto Japanese Bistro

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One of the best-tasting and most unique places to have a meal in Richmond is Koto Japanese Bistro.

Koto offers a wide variety of Japanese delights, including various types of sushi and hibachi. Sushi options include Smoked Salmon, Eel Unagi, Wasabi Caviar and Crab Meat Kani. Different kinds of hibachi offered include chicken, calamari, shrimp, vegetable and lobster.

They even offer a wide variety of wine options, including Kendall Jackson Chardonnay, Salmon Creek Brut, Coppola Diamond Merlot and Fat Bastard Cabernet Sauvignon.

They have happy hours from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 3:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Koto is located at 2127 Lantern Ridge Drive #100t in the Richmond Centre. They operate from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Noon to 9:30 p.m. Sunday.



Best New Bar or Restaurant: Orange Leaf

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Students all over campus have been to or at least know about the frozen yogurt restaurant Orange Leaf where numerous students choose to spend their time after a long day of boring lectures and tests.

This haven of dairy lovers features a wide variety of flavors from chocolate to cheese cake as well as various toppings, all while providing a pleasing inside and outside eating area. The pricing of each cup of frozen yogurt depends on how much it would weigh in ounces.

The students who frequent the shop seem enthusiastic about it. Cameron Bishop, 18, nursing major, from Michigan, had a favorable opinion of the franchise.

"I think it's pretty interesting how they do the pricing, plus the flavors are really good," Bishop said.

Orange Leaf has over 144 locations open around the country and is planning on opening 80 more and for a good reason.

Orange Leaf proves itself as the winner of the best new bar or restaurant award this year by providing good service, good food and an upbeat setting that keeps people coming back.



Best Local Clothing Store: Soft Shoe

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Ever wondered where to find a vast collection of premium shoe brands from Adidas to Yellowbox? Look no further than Richmond's very own Soft Shoe.

Soft Shoe was opened in Richmond in 1983 and offers some of the best prices of name-brand shoes around. Some of the brands they offer include Adidas, Converse, Dansko, John Deere, Magnum, New Balance, Reebok, Rocky and Wolverine.

Not only does Soft Shoe offer the widest variety of shoes around, they also sell appeal from clothing brands like The North Face and Columbia.

Soft Shoe is located at 805 Eastern Bypass #8 and is opened from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday. So stop by and visit the hottest clothing store in Richmond. For more information, call 623-8561.



Best Hidden Treasure: Acres of Land

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One of Richmond's best hidden treasures nestled about six miles outside of Richmond city limits is a place of tranquility with a great dining atmosphere for all ages to enjoy. Students who are 21 or older can enjoy a glass of Richmond's finest wine at Acres of Land Winery.

The winery offers a lunch and a dinner menu along with desert selections, which everyone is sure to enjoy. The winery also offers a wide array of wines from blushes to red wines. The wine produced at the vineyard has won multiple awards throughout the state and the nation. In 2009, Maggie Adams Blush won a silver medal in Wines of the South. In 2010, the Vignoles won a gold medal at Derby Fest.

The winery also offers tours of the vineyard and tours to see how the wine is made. There is also a tasting room.

Acres of Land Winery is owned by Lowell and Kathy Land and is easy to find with signs leading the way to a relaxing meal. It is located at 2285 Barnes Mill Road. To learn more about the winery and the services it offers call 328-3000.

Best Place to Take a Date: Cinemark Richmond Centre

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Looking for somewhere sweet and romantic to go out on a hot date? The Cinemark at Richmond Centre has you covered.

Currently showing 11 different films a night, your selection is limitless. You can choose to lighten the mood with a romantic comedy, such as *American Reunion*, or get close with your honey while watching a horror classic, such as *The Cabin in the Woods*.

Concessions are available for those wanting to share a bucket of popcorn with their other half. The theater also features RealD 3D, which can allow you to live the experience of the movie like it's happening right before your very eyes.

"Cinemark is very proud of the job our general manager, Dusty Parks, does with her theater," said Bryan Jeffries, marketing director for Cinemark. "She's done a great job creating the kind of place our customers like to include on their night out."

So grab some popcorn, candy and drinks for you and your sweetie-pie and enjoy a beautiful night at the Cinemark Richmond Centre.

Cinemark is located at 2103 Lantern Ridge Drive, right off of Barnes Mill Rd. For information about the theater or for show times, call 626-7577.





Best Local Sandwich: Penn Station

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Even with stiff competition, Penn Station has once again proven itself to be Richmond's Best Local Sandwich.

And it's no surprise why.

With affordable prices particularly suited to a college crowd and its close proximity to campus, this sandwich shop is the clear King of Subs for Eastern students.

But price and location by itself is not enough.

The reason this establishment has won time and time again is all thanks to their delicious lineup of stellar sandwiches from the classic Philly Cheesesteak to Chicken Teriyaki, from a meaty Pizza sub to a Do-It-Yourself creation. And of course, what's a meal without their famous fries and a chunky cookie?

Penn Station is located in the University Shopping Center across from Keene Hall and open seven days a week -- Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Head on over and submerge into a great meal today.

Best Local Bar/Nightclub AND Best Live Music Venue: Paddy Wagon

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With its Irish theme and laid back ambience, The Paddy Wagon wins awards for both the best local bar or club, and the best live music venue. Winning the awards for the fourth year in a row, part owner Chuck Fields said variety is what keeps people coming back.

"We have a variety of food and lots of different beers from around the world," Fields said. "There's such a variety of [musical] talents in the Richmond area, and we're broadening now."

While the pub is distinctly Irish in everything from its name to the historic memorabilia owners Fields and Greg Ferrell have collected during their travels, they are not exclusive in the acts they invite to play. Numerous genres are featured at the pub, from country to rock.

"We've got it all," Fields said.

For those looking to unwind and spend time with friends, the Wagon has you covered, too. Monday night is pint night, and with 37 international and domestic beers on tap, there's something for everyone. Wednesday is 35 cent wing night as well as open mic night on the pub's patio.

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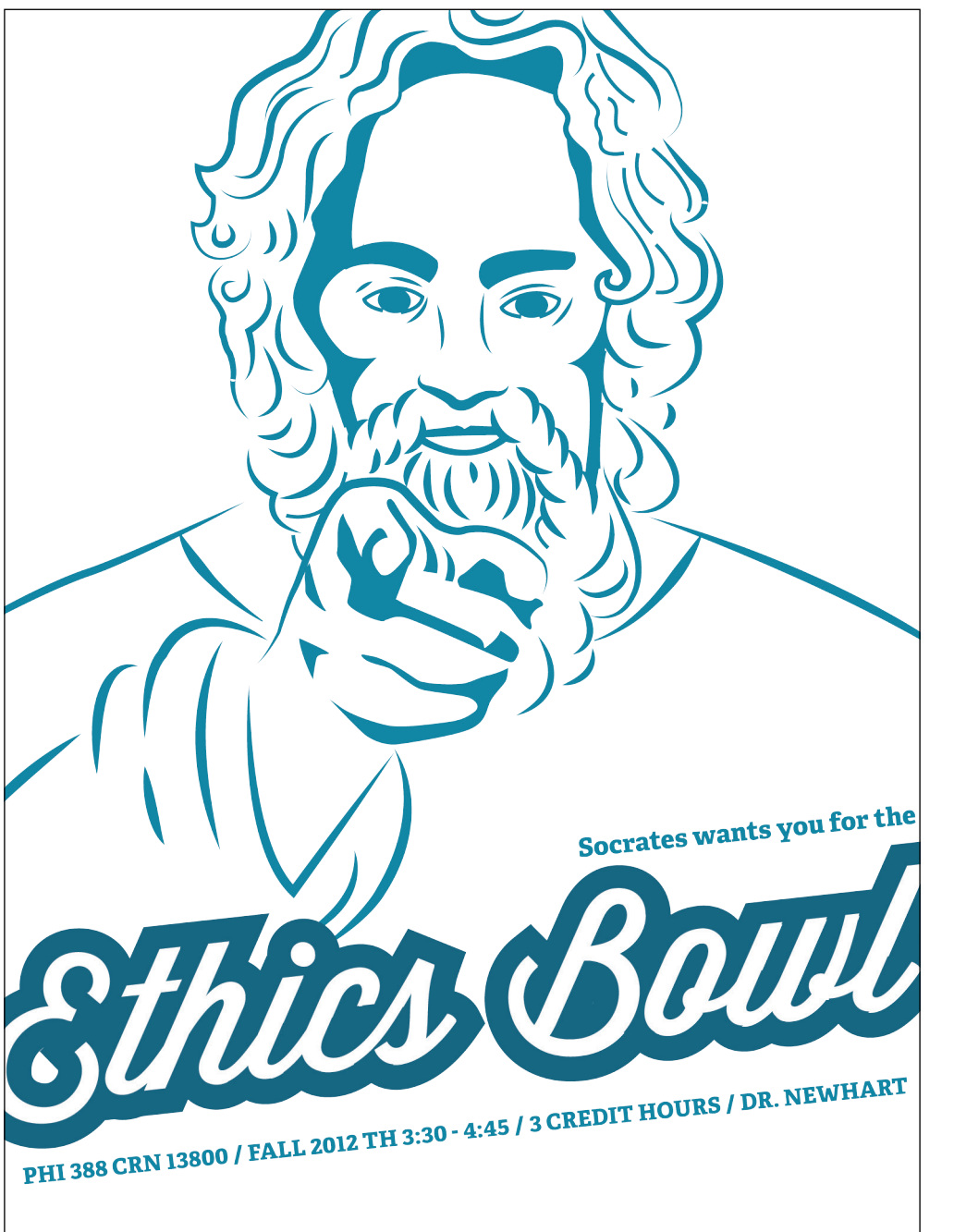
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Best Local Liquor Store: Liquor Mart

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For college students looking to blow off steam, finding a good reliable liquor store is essential for the perfect party or get-together and this year the award for best local liquor store goes to none other than Liquor Mart located at 310 Eastern Bypass.

The store offers a variety of beverages ranging from fine wines to beer and everything in between. And stop by for the store's regular wine and spirit tastings Friday 4-8 p.m. and Saturday 3-7 p.m. Liquor Mart is sure to also be the best place to go for party supplies all conveniently located in one place on the Bypass.



Best Late-Night Eatery: Dale's Hot Dog Stand

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It's a late night (or for many, an early morning) out on the town. You're tired and spent after the night's festivities. And you have the serious munchies. Where do you go?

For Eastern students and Richmond natives alike, the answer is a simple one: Dale's Hot Dog Stand.

Located on North Second Street in downtown Richmond, Dale's offers a great, very affordable meal and a lively atmosphere into the wee hours of the night. Open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. as well as Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 12 to 2 a.m., Dale's has a hot dog for every occasion.

So what's the wait? End your night on the tasty high note at Richmond's Best Late-Night Eatery.

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