Restaurants

Hmm, Let's go out to eat. Where should we go?

Catering

The following three caterers are not restaurants, but they are good choices for catering:

LaVerde's Market

LaVerde's Market in the Student Center also offers catering. Almost anything you can get normally at LaVerde's you can get catered. This includes deli platters, salads (green, pasta, potato, etc.), hot entrees (lasagna, barbeque chicken, etc.), bagels, excellent cookie platters and desserts. They also do a healthy trade in coffee catering — you tell them when and where you want coffee and it appears. You leave the empty containers where you found them (or close by if the room will be locked) and they come and take them away again. LaVerde's is an especially attractive choice since they are on campus and can fill catering orders with just 24 hours notice. During term, they are open 24 hours a day Sunday through Thursday and 7am-1pm Friday and Saturday. LaVerde's is generally lauded for being very responsive to student needs; if you have a suggestion for how to make the store better, they are happy to listen and often quick to act.

MIT CATERING

MIT Catering, provided by Aramark, is very nice, convenient and pricey. Since Campus Dining has diversified its providers to include Sodexho and Bon Appetit, the MIT Catering menu seems to have decreased dramatically although the quality is still very good. In general, MIT Catering offers a variety of continental breakfasts and breakfast platters as well as a variety of boxed/bagged lunches, salads and party platters for lunch. They also offer desserts, snacks and beverages. Kosher options are available, although very expensive. Delivery is included on weekdays. Service utensils, paper goods and equipment are included. Place orders at least two business days in advance. Payment via credit card, interdepartmental requisition, cash or check.

SHAW'S/STAR MARKET CATERING

Shaw's/Star Market Catering is about average in terms of catering quality and price, which is to say that they serve good to very good food at reasonable to expensive prices. They offer hot and cold breakfast platters, boxed lunches, deli platters, appetizers, salads, calzones and pizza, hot entrees and side dishes, desserts and bakes goods and floral arrangements. They prefer a minimum of 24 hours notice, although they do offer same-day delivery based on availability. Service utensils, paper goods and equipment available for a minimal charge. Pay with cash, check (you need a Rewards Card), or credit card. Cancellation fees may apply if you cancel within 24 hours. It is recommended to ask for your food to be delivered at least a half an hour before your event, as they have a tendency to be late in delivering the food.

In addition to the above caterers, many restaurants listed in this section will cater and delivery the food, especially if it's a large order. Among the tried and true are Anna's Taqueria, Cinderella's, India Samraat, Mu Que Ca, Picante, Rebecca's Café, Red Bones, and Royal

web.mit.edu/dining/ catering/

web.mit.edu/dining/ catering/mitfacultyclub/ mit_catering_menu.html

www.shaws.com

East. Other places to try are Andrew's Catering (kosher), Blue Ribbon, Bob the Chef's, and Milk Street Café (kosher). Also, it doesn't hurt to ask your favorite restaurant if they cater.

Restaurant Listings

This section is a compliation of some of the restaurants in the MIT and greater Boston area. Information on hours, credit cards, etc. was taken from menus, websites and restaurant employees; it is, of course, subject to change. The year in parentheses following each entry's description indicates the last time the basic information was checked or updated.

The restaurants are indexed in several different ways. More complete descriptions follow in alphabetical order.

WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE

1369 Coffeehouse All Asia Café Amelia's The Asgard Asmara Atasca Au Bon Pain Baraka Café

Bertucci's

Bisuteki Japanese Steak House

The Blue Room Boca Grande Brookline Lunch Burrito Max

California Pizza Kitchen Cambridge Brewing Company Cambridgeside Galleria Food

Court Carberry's

Characters Bar & Grill The Cheesecake Factory

Chicago Pizza

Cinderella's Italian Cuisine Crossroads Restaurant and

Lounge Cuchi Cuchi Desi Dhaba

Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin Robbins

Emma's Pizza Fresco's Ghandi Helmand

Hi-Fi Pizza and Subs

Hsin Hsin

India Pavilion Restaurant

India Samraat Izzy's

Jerusalem Café

Kendall Square Food Court

King め I

Korea Garden

La Groceria Ristorante Italiano

La Luna Caffé Legal Sea Foods Lobdell Mary Chung McDonald's

McDonald's Middle East Restaurant Miracle of Science Moody's Falafel Palace

MuLan
Oleana
Pad Thai Café
Papa Razzi
Paris Crêperie
Picante Mexican Grill
Pu Pu Hot Pot
Rangzen

Rebecca's Café Royal East Royal India

Shalimar Indian Grocery Store Shalimar of India Restaurant

Spinnaker Italia Stefani Pizzeria Sweet 'n' Nasty Toscanini's Ice Cream

Wendy's

FREE/CHEAP DELIVERY

All Asia Café Ankara Café Bertucci's Brown Sugar Café Chicago Pizza

Cinderella's Italian Cuisine

Domino's Pizza

Geoff and Drew's Late Night

Incredible Cookies

Ghandi Haveli Hi-Fi Pizza and Subs Christina's Ice Cream Hsin Hsin Christopher's

India Samraat Cinderella's Italian Cuisine La Luna Caffé Crossroads Restaurant

Cuchi Cuchi Nan Ling

New Asia Pad Thai Café Dali Restaurant and Tapas Bar Paris Crêperie Denise's Ice Cream

Domino's Pizza Pizza Ring Pu Pu Hot Pot Finale Quan's Kitchen Fugakyu

Sicilia's Pizzeria Geoff & Drew's Incredible Cookies

Stefani Pizzeria

Sweet Chili Greenhouse Coffee Shop

Thailand Café Grendel's Den Tommy's House of Pizza Gyuhama Wing-It Herrell's

Wing Works Hi-Fi Pizza and Subs The Wrap Hong Kong Restaurant International House of Pancakes John Harvard's Brew House

Kaya

OPEN BEFORE 8AM

1369 Coffeehouse

Au Bon Pain Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell Aujourd'hui Krispy Kreme Bova's LaVerde's Market

Bickford's Marche

Brookline Lunch Middle East Restaurant

Carberry's Midwest Grill Fresco's Miracle of Science Moody's Falafel Palace Greenhouse Coffee Shop

International House of Pancakes Nan Ling Krispy Kreme New York Pizza

Kupel's Penang

LaVerde's Market Pinocchio's Pizza Mike's City Diner Pizza Ring Milk Street Café Pizzeria Regina Rebecca's Café Pizzeria Uno Rosie's Bakery and Dessert Shop The Pour House

S&S Deli and Restaurant Punjabi Dhaba Someday Café Pu Pu Hot Pot South Street Diner Quan's Kitchen Sunny's Diner Redbones Victoria's Diner Royal India

Rudy's Café OPEN PAST IIPM Sabur Algiers Coffee House Sake

S&S Deli and Restaurant Ankara Café

Anna's Taqueria Shabu Zen The Asgard Sicilia's Pizzeria Asmara Someday Café Bickford's South Street Diner The Black Rose Sunset Grill & Tap Bob the Chef's Taiwan Café

Bova's Tommy's House of Pizza Toscanini's Ice Cream Buddha's Delight Trident Café

The Cheesecake Factory Chicago Pizza Urban Gourmet China Sun Vinny T's of Boston

Wing-It BAKERY Wing Works 1369 Coffeehouse Au Bon Pain **AMERICAN** Bova's The Asgard Carberry's Au Bon Pain Central Bakery Bickford's Geoff & Drew's Incredible Cookies Blue Ribbon BBQ High Rise Bread Company The Blue Room Kupel's Bob the Chef's L.A. Burdick Mike's Pastries Brookline Lunch Bugaboo Creek Steak House Rebecca's Café California Pizza Kitchen Rosie's Bakery Cambridge Brewing Company Characters Bar & Grill Charlie's BRAZILIAN The Cheesecake Factory Midwest Grill Christopher's Mu Que Ca Darwin's Ltd. Brewpub/Bar Durgin Park East Coast Grill The Asgard Eat The Black Rose Evoo Cambridge Brewing Company Characters Bar & Grill Fire and Ice Fresco's Crossroads Restaurant Gargoyles on the Square Hong Kong Restaurant Greenhouse Coffee Shop John Harvard's Brew House Grendel's Den Miracle of Science Hi-Fi Pizza and Subs Pizzeria Uno Hilltop Steak House The Pour House International House of Pancakes Rudy's Café Jake's Boss BBQ Sunset Grill & Tap Jimmy's Steer House Village Smokehouse John Harvard's Brew House Mike's City Diner CHINESE Milk Street Café All Asia Café Miracle of Science Buddha's Delight Mr & Mrs Bartley's Burger Cottage China Sun Pizzeria Uno Chinese Eatery The Pour House Hong Kong Restaurant Rebecca's Café Hsin Hsin Redbones Rotisserie House King Fung Garden S&S Deli and Restaurant Ling Garden South Street Diner Mary Chung Sunny's Diner Nan Ling Sunset Grill & Tap New Asia Top of the Hub Pu Pu Hot Pot Urban Gourmet Quan's Kitchen Victoria's Diner Royal East Village Smokehouse Taam China Wendy's Taiwan Café Wing-It Coffeehouse Wing Works The Wrap 1369 Coffeehouse Algiers Coffee House AFRICAN Au Bon Pain

La Luna Caffé

Rebecca's Café

Addis Red Sea

Asmara

Someday Café

Toscanini's Ice Cream

Trident Café

DESSERT

Ben and Jerry's Bova's

Carberry's

The Cheesecake Factory Christina's Ice Cream

Denise's Ice Cream

Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin Robbins

Emack & Bolio's

Finale

Geoff & Drew's Incredible Cookies

Herrell's

JP Licks Krispy Kreme L.A. Burdick Mike's Pastries

Rosie's Bakery and Dessert Shop

Sweet 'n' Nasty Toscanini's Ice Cream

FAST FOOD & FOOD COURTS

Bruegger's Bagels Cambridgeside Galleria Chili's Chinese Eatery

Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin Robbins Kendall Square Food Court Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell

Krispy Kreme Lobdell McDonald's

Porter Exchange Food Court

FRENCH

Arrow Street Crêpes Aujourd'hui The Elephant Walk

Harvest Restaurant

L'Espalier Marche Mr. Crêpe

Paris Crêperie

GREEK
Fresco's
Greek Corner
Steve's Greek Cuisine

Indian

Bombay Club Desi Dhaba

Diva Indian Bistro Ghandi Haveli

India Pavilion Restaurant

India Samraat Passage to India Punjabi Dhaba Royal India

Shalimar Indian Grocery Store

Tanjore

IRISH

The Black Rose

ITALIAN

Amelia's Artu's Bertucci's Bova's Carmen Chicago Pizza

Cinderella's Italian Cuisine

The Dish
Domino's Pizza
Dom's Restaurant
Emma's Pizza
Hi-Fi Pizza and Subs

La Groceria Ristorante Italiano

La Luna Caffé Maggiano's Little Italy New York Pizza

Papa Razzi Pinocchio's Pizza Pizza Ring Pizzeria Regina Pizzeria Uno Polcari's

Ristorante Marino Sicilia's Pizzeria Spinnaker Italia Stefani Pizzeria

Tommy's House of Pizza Vinny T's of Boston

JAPANESE & KOREAN

Bisuteki

Japanese Steak House

Blue Fin Fugakyu Ginza Gyuhama Jae's Café Kaya

Korea Garden

Koreana

Porter Exchange Food Court

Roka Sake Shabuso Shabu Zen Sweet Chili Sushi Corner

KOSHER & HALAL

Kupel's Milk Street Café Moby Dick's Taam China

MEAT

Bisuteki Japanese Steak House Blue Ribbon BBQ Bob the Chef's Bugaboo Creek Steak House Durgin Park East Coast Grill Hilltop Steak House Jake's Boss BBQ Jimmy's Steer House Kaya Midwest Grill Outback Steak House Redbones Rotisserie House Shabuso Shabu Zen Village Smokehouse Wing-It Wing Works

MEDITERRANEAN

Baraka Café The Dish Oleana Sabur

MEXICAN

Anna's Taqueria
Boca Grande
Border Café
Burrito Max
Casa Mexico
Fajitas & Ritas
Picante Mexican Grill
Rudy's Café
Tacos Lupita
Taqueria La Mexicana
Tu YYo

MIDDLE EASTERN

Algiers Coffee House Ankara Café Baraka Café Brookline Lunch Helmand Jerusalem Café Lala Rokh

Middle East Restaurant

Moby Dick's

Moody's Falafel Palace

Oleana Sepal

PORTUGUESE & SPANISH

Atasca Casa Portugal Cuchi Cuchi Dali Restaurant and Tapas Bar Iruna

SEAFOOD

Atasca East Coast Grill Legal Sea Foods Mu Que Ca

All Asia Café Brown Sugar Café

Chilli Duck

Thai, Vietnamese & Other Asian

The Elephant Walk Grasshopper Hu Tieu Nam Vang Jae's Café King & I New Asia Pad Thai Café Penang Pho Pasteur Spice Sweet Chili

TIBETAN

House of Tibet Rangzen

Thailand Café

VEGETARIAN

Buddha's Delight Grasshopper Grendel's Den Trident Café Veggie Planet

Restaurant Descriptions

AE = American Express; CB = Carte Blanche; D = Discover; DC = Diner's Club; MC = Master Card V = Visa

1369 Coffeehouse

Bakery, Coffeehouse. This pair of pleasant coffee shops in Cambridge's Inman and Central Squares maintain chill, relaxed vibes and decent prices. They serve an assortment of coffee and espresso drinks, tasty blended drinks, Italian sodas and a bunch of baked goods. Many young people come in, either with friends or by themselves to study or partake of the board games and occasional newspapers. Cash only. (2006)

400 HIGHLAND

California-Mediterranean A recent addition to the Davis Square restaurant scene, 400 Highland offers contemporary Californian cuisine (think Napa Valley) with an emphasis on Mediterranean ingredients. The menu changes frequently, but almost all first courses are worth trying (we like the duck confit salad or the tuna appetizers). For your main course, ask the waitstaff to recommend their favorites. Prices are too high for a student to indulge in on a normal basis (the kobe burger is \$18), but with a cozy atmosphere and a nice selection of beers and affordable wine by the glass, this is a good choice for that big date. (2006)

Addis Red Sea

African. A cozy Ethiopian restaurant in the south end, Addis serves you food that you eat with you hands using a traditional (flatbread). Most dishes are served a la carte, although there are a couple of combo options available. Check out the honey wine, Zilzi Tibs, and Gored Gored. Reservations accepted for parties of six or more. Cash only. (2006)
--check cash only!

ALGIERS COFFEE HOUSE

Coffeehouse, Middle Eastern. Generally overpriced but has a few specialties worth paying for: hummous, a good range of tea and coffee (especially the chamomile tea and Arabic coffee), and the ability to leave you alone for hours while you read or study. The coffee house itself is a beautiful piece of Islamic architecture that seems at least a century old. Located right next to the Brattle Theatre. A perfect place for feeling intellectual. Accepts V, MC, AE, D. (2003) --visit?

ALL ASIA CAFE

Pan Asian. All Asia prepares a variety of unremarkably generic Asian foods. More importantly, it features music from local bands at night. Check campusfood.com occasionally for discounts. Accepts V, MC, AE, D. Delivery: Free with \$15 minimum order. (2006)

AMELIA'S TRATTORIA

Italian. Amelia's is a cute, Northern Italian place specializing in dishes native to the Abruzzo region. With only about 15 tables, Amelia's is arguably the best "special occasion" restaurant within walking distance of MIT (the Italian Consulate eats here). It has an extensive wine cellar and is a great place to go when a visiting relative is paying.

1369 Coffeehouse 1369coffeehouse.com

1369 Cambridge St (Inman Sq) Sun 8-22, Mon-Thu 7-22, Fri 7-23, Sat 8-23 617 576 1369

757 Mass Ave (Central Sq) T R Central / bus: 1 Sun 8-22, Mon-Fri 7:-23, Sat 8-23 617 576 4600

Addis Red Sea www.addisredsea.com 544 Tremont St (Back Bay) ① O Back Bay Sun 12-22, Mon-Wed 17-22:30, Thu 17-23, Fri 11-15,17-23, Sat 12-23

Algiers Coffee House 40 Brattle St. (Harvard Sq) The R Harvard, bus: 1 Sun-Thu 8-24, Fri-Sat 8-1 617 492 1557

All Asia Cafe 334 Mass Ave Sun-Mon 15:30-22:30, Tue,Thu,Sat 17-22:30, Fri 16-22:30 617 497 1544

Amelia's Trattoria ameliastrattoria.com III Harvard St Kendall Sq Mon-Fri II-16,I7-22:30, Sat 17-22:30 617 868 7600

> Ankara Cafe 472 Comm Ave Kenmore Sq TG Kenmore Mon-Fri 8-24, Sat-Sun 9-24, 617 437 0404

Anna's Taqueria annastaqueria.com

Building W20

822 Somerville Ave (Porter Sq) To R Porter Sun-Sat 10-23 617 661 8500

236A Elm St. (Davis Sq)

R Davis
Sun-Tue,Thu-Sat 10-23,
Wed 10-22

1412 Beacon St, Brookline ⊕:G (C) Summit Ave Sun,Thu-Sat 10-23:30, Mon-Wed 10-23 617 739 7300

Arrow Street Crepes
I Arrow St. (Harvard Sq)
TR Harvard / bus: I
Sun II-20; Tue-Sat II-23

Artu's 6 Prince St. (North End) Sun-Sat 11-23 617 742 4336

The Asgard www.classicirish.com/ asgard_about.html 350 Mass. Ave., Camb Sun 10-01; Mon-Wed II-01; Thu-Fri II-02; Sat 10-02 617 577 9100

Asmara 739 Mass Ave R Central Sun-Thu II:30-22:30; Fri-Sat II:30-23:30 617 864 7447

Atasca www.atasca.com 50 Hampshire St, Cambridge (617) 621 6991 Accepts V, MC, AE, D, DC, CB. (2006)

Ankara Cafe

Middle Eastern. One of many vaguely middle eastern sandwich/salad/ frozen yogurt shops in the greater boston area. Ankara is best known for their pita roll-ups and (surprise) frozen yogurt, although they also have pizza and calzones with zany toppings like tuna. You almost can't go wrong with a place whose slogan used to be "Ankara Cafe: for gen-xers." Not good for large groups, better for delivery. Not to be confused with Angora Cafe of angoracafe.com. Accepts V, MC. Delivery: Free with \$7 minimum order. (2003)

Anna's Taqueria

Meat, Mexican, Vegetarian. Good, fast and cheap, Anna's was extremely popular even when its locations were exclusively off-campus, but now there's one in w20. While there are other options, most people just want a Super Burrito possibly with extra cheese, salsa, guacamole, etc. We like Carnitas, Chicken, Veggie, or the Al Pastor, but usually avoid the steak which tends to be tough. Vegetarians should ask for vegetarian rice-- the default contains chicken broth. Everything is made to order, so you can give instructions as they make your food. Great for catering. Cash only. Tech Cash accepted on campus. (2006)

ARROW STREET CREPES

Dessert, French. Arrow Street has an extensive menu of filled crepes, including both sweet and savory fillings. Among the best are the BHA (bananas, honey and almonds) and the chocolate Nutella with strawberries. There is also a short menu of waffles and assorted other breakfast foods. As an extra treat, Tosci's ice cream is available instore. Kind of pricey, but what can you expect for a place in Harvard Square that sells nothing but crepes. At the time of this writing, the restaurant did not have a telephone. Cash only. (2004)

--CHECK EXISTENCE

ARTU'S

Italian. Artu's is in the basement of the building and has little standing room inside, so be prepared to wait outside for a bit if you don't have a reservation. Once you get seated, though, you'll find that the wait is well worth it. Insanely good Italian food. Try the crostini appetizers, the gnocchi, or the wonderful tortellini in a subtle sage sauce. Artu's is not very big, so keep your group under about 6 people. It's pricey for a student budget (\$25-30 per person plus drinks) but if you can get your parents to pay for it, definitely go. Cash only. (2003)

THE ASGARD

Brewpub/Bar, Irish. Stop laughing, it's pronounced "ash-guard." If you like your food pseudo-Irish in a setting reminiscent of Braveheart, then this is the place for you. Expect standard American bar fare with wacky Irish names - try to read Galway Buffalo Wings' or Celtic Quesadilla' with a straight face. Large oak chairs and tables bring you back to medieval times, but the good selection of beers will remind you of the present. Sometimes featuring live music, also from today's world. Avoid the Tuesday Trivia Night, you know, unless you're into that kinda thing. Accepts V, MC, AE, DC. (2006)

ASMARA

African. Ethiopian/Eritrean food traditionally eaten with the injera (flatbread) o which it is served. Reasonably priced. Nicer than it looks from the outside. The service is friendly and the food is good. Expect to make a bit of a mess; the Zil Zil Tibbs is good for beginners. Not as nice as Addis, but more convenient and cheaper. Cash only. (2006)

ATASCA

Meat, Portuguese & Spanish, Seafood, Vegetarian. While a variety of traditional main courses are offered, your best bet is to go with the small plates. Dishes with seafood or beans are the most delicious. Service is inconsistent and sometimes terrible.

Accepts V, MC, AE. (2006)

Au Bon Pain

American, Bakery, Coffeehouse. Commonly known as ABP', there's no shortage of locations in the area, including two just in Kendall (one in the Food Court and another a block down main street). Yuppie sandwiches and a wide selection of pastries, somewhat overpriced. Also sells fresh baguettes. Good people-watching from in front of the Harvard Sq. location (featured in the movie Good Will Hunting) and a lively chess scene, weather permitting. Baked goods are usually half-price in the late afternoon. Hours vary, but most non-food-court locations are open until 21 weekdays and 19 weekends. Accepts V, MC, ??. (2006)

--Check on credit accepted--

Aujourd'hui

French. Prix fixe, three course dinner, absolutely wonderful food. Attire is dressy: jackets are preferred, ties are optional. Reservations required, credit card required for parties of 6 or more, cancellations require 48 hours notice. Also distinguished by having the best selection of single malt Scotch whiskey in the city. Accepts MC, V. (2003)

BARAKA CAFE

Mediterranean, Middle Eastern. The Baraka Cafe is a small (7 tables, 20 seats) well-hidden North African (Tunisian, Moroccan, Algerian) restaurant with a delightful cook/owner by the name of Alia. Try the Cherbat, a lemonade with rose petals, spices, and a hint of orange. The Melfouf, comprised of kebabs of chicken, beef, and sausage over peppers and pommes frittes, is outstanding. Seafood specials appear regularly, and a number of vegetarian dishes are available. Alia is a superb dessert chef as well, and chocolate lovers must try the flourless chocolate torte. Cash only. (2003)

THE BARKING CRAB

Seafood. Casual harborside dining in the heart of Boston'. The Crab would have a small coastal village feel to it if it weren't for all those skyscrapers. Good seafood in a country setting. Live music and old ladies talking about bridge. You open your crab with a rock. Open from II:30 until the crabs go home' whatever that means. Cash only. (2006)

Au Bon Pain www.aubonpain.com

254 Main St (Kendall Sq) TR Kendall 617 491 9751

1630 Mass Ave, Cambridge (Harvard Sq) Ф R Harvard

Aujourd'hui 200 Boylston St. (Four Seasons Hotel) Sun 11:30-14,18-22, Mon-Thu 6:30-11, 11:30-14, 17:30-22; Fri-Sat 06:30-11, 11:30-14, 17:30-22:30 617 331 2071

Baraka Cafe

The Barking Crab www.barkingcrab.com/ 88 Sleeper St., Boston The R South Station / bus: Silver Line Sun-Sat II:30-24 617 426 CRAB

> Basta Pasta Trattoria 319 Western Ave Cambridge Sun-Sat 11-24 617 576 6672

Ben and Jerry's 36 JFK St. T R Harvard / bus: 1 617 864 2828

Bertucci's www.bertuccis.com

799 Main St, Cambridge 617 661 8356

Faneuil Hall

G Government Center
617 227 7889

21 Brattle St. (Harvard Sq)

R Harvard / bus: 1
Sun 12-22, Mon-Thu 11-22,
Fri-Sat 11-23
617 864 4748

Bickford's www.bickfords.com

349 Broadway, Somerville Sun-Thu 7-24; Fri-Sat 7-1 617 591 9733

Route 1, Saugus Sun-Sat 24 hrs 781 233 3375

Bisuteki Japanese Steak House 777 Memorial Dr., Cambridge Mon-Thu 17-22, Fri-Sat 17-23, Sun 16-22 617 492 7777

The Black Rose www.irishconnection. com/blackrose.html 160 State St., Boston Mon-Fri II-02; Sat-Sun 09-02 617 742 2286

Blue Fin bluefin.boston.swbd.net 1815 Mass Ave Transcript R Porter Sun 12-22; Mon-Sat 12-16, 17-22:30 617 497 8022

Blue Ribbon BBQ blueribbonbbq.com 908 Mass Ave Arlington Mon-Sat II:30-21; Sun 12-20 781 648 7427

Basta Pasta Trattoria

Italian. Outstanding Italian food in a small, unassuming restaurant. Fresh ingredients, a friendly staff, enormous portions, and their prices are reasonable. Try the mozzarella panini. Accepts V, MC, DC. Delivery: Free. (2006)

BEN AND JERRY'S

Dessert. While Ben and Jerry's doesn't really compete with Tosci's or the rest of the ice cream places described here, it does have one thing in its favor: Free Cone Day. That's right, every once in a while, every Ben and Jerry's storefront gives out as many ice cream cones as their workers can scoop. The line tends to be rather long, though. Cash only. (2003)

Bertucci's

Italian, Meat, Vegetarian. Bertucci's has one thing going for it: pizza. (The calzones are okay, too.) Fresh toppings on thin crust pies are cooked in wood-burning ovens. The margherita is always a safe bet. A small pizza serves one or two people (depending on how hungry you are). The free rolls are pretty good so don't forget to ask for them when ordering. Great for delivery, although lacking (and cold) for sit-down dinners. Don't miss the seasonal lemonade. Accepts V, MC, AE, D, DC. (2006)

BICKFORD'S

American. Traditionally a breakfast place, Bickford's is under new management, and is pretending to reinvent itself as an actual fine dining experience. Don't believe it for a second. It's like Denny's with decent food, it's like IHOP without all the sketch. Most locations are open late; some of the more distant ones are 24/7. Try to avoid this place on weekend mornings, when the locals stop by for breakfast after church. Try the Big Apple and an infinite cup of coffee, or the giant meal combo of fifteen thousand eggs, seven thousand pancakes, thirteen pounds of bacon, infinite coffee, and a cute little glass of juice. It used to be the case that flashing your Shaw's Star Market card got you 10% off, but they may have stopped this. Cash only. (2003)

Bisuteki Japanese Steak House

Japanese, Meat. It's best to go in groups of 8 because that's how many fit around the cooking table. The food isn't authentic, (with a name like that, how could it be?) but the dinner (about \$15) is entertaining since the chef cooks in front of you with as much flare as possible. The food is okay, but you're paying for the show and atmosphere. Lots of fruity cocktails. Accepts AE, CB, DC, MC, V. (2006)

THE BLACK ROSE

Irish, Brewpub/Bar. Traditional Irish food and a great Irish pub atmosphere. The service is as excellent as the food. Be sure to try the Guinness Pie. They serve traditional Irish breakfast on weekend mornings. Expect a wait, especially around St. Patrick's Day or when tourists are in season. Accepts MC, V. (2003)

BLUE FIN

Japanese. Decent sushi on a college student budget, especially for groups who order large assortments. The fish and tempura are good, but avoid the cooked meat dishes. The box meals are an awesome deal. Accepts V, MC. (2003)

BLUE RIBBON BBQ

American, Meat. Among the best BBQ in Boston, with a variety of southern styles. The dry-rubbed Memphis ribs are amazing and the Kansas City burnt ends, pulled pork and Texas sliced beef brisket are all worth trying, along with the home-made pickles and BBQ sauces. Inexpensive since there is no table service - you pick up your food from the counter and dig in. Their limited vegetarian options are great too - but be careful, as many of the vegetable sides not explicitly listed as vegetarian actually contain some meat. Save room for one of their desserts. Also has an outlet in West Newton. Catering available, call 617-899-6000. Accepts MC, V. (2003)

THE BLUE ROOM

American. A moderately expensive (entrees start around \$18) sit-down restaurant during most of the year, The Blue Room runs an outdoor barbecue/grill, selling meat-heavy hot sandwiches from its courtyard, downstairs from I Kendall Sq. There is usually a meat choice, a fish choice and a veggie choice (not recommended). The flank steak and salmon are quite good, as are their sides. The outdoor grill shares table space with other restaurants. Their buffet brunch is extravagant, but feels like a zoo, reservations required, but still expect to wait in line for your food. Cash only. (2006)

--check CASH only

BOB THE CHEF'S

American, Meat. Bob's has great Southern food, and if you catch them on the right day, a live jazz in the back. You could, if so inclined, try the chit'lings. Go for the ribs and the glorifried chicken, if you enjoy clogging your arteries. The cabbage and mac & cheese sides alone are worth the trip down to the South End. Cash only. (2003)

BOCA GRANDE

Mexican. Inexpensive Mexican take-out popular with the local corporate clientele. All orders are ready-made in the open kitchen, so you can see everything that's going into your burrito or taco. Try the grilled chicken. Accepts AE, CB, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

BOMBAY CLUB

Indian. Bombay Club is a popular Indian restaurant in Harvard Sq. The food is somewhat overpriced, although the atmosphere is more upscale than any central square offering. A good place to go with parents craving Indian, but if you go with your friends, you may run the risk of feeling a bit out of place. The appetizers are tasty and their selection of naan is top notch. Cash only. (2006)

-- CHECK credit

BORDER CAFE

Mexican. Underwhelming Texican food with high prices. As with most places like these, you can expect good fajitas and margaritas. Gets insanely crowded on weekends and for dinner during the week, so start a tab at the bar, have a few 'ritas, or just go for lunch. Accepts V, MC, AE. (2004)

The Blue Room One Kendall Sq walk Mon-Thu 17:30-22; Fri-Sat 17:30-23; Sun 11-14:30,17:30-22 617 494 9034

Bob the Chef's www.bobthechefs.com 604 Columbus Ave \bigcirc G (E) Symphony Tue-Wed II:30-24, Sun II-21 617 536 6204

Boca Grande

149 First St., Cambridge Mon-Fri 11-21; Sat 11-20 617 354 5550

> 1728 Mass Ave. **⊕** R Porter Mon-Sun 11-22:30 617 354 7400

Bombay Club www.bombayclub.com 57 JFK St., Cambridge TR Harvard / bus: 1 Sun-Sat 11:30-23 617 661 8100

Border Cafe 32 Church St. The R Harvard / bus: I Sun 12-01:45; Mon II-00:45; Tue-Sat II-01:45 617 864 6100

Bova's www.northendboston. com/bovabakery/ 134 Salem St. (North End), ① G Haymarket Sun-Sat 00-24 617 523 5601 Brookline Lunch 9 Brookline St. ⊕:Red Line - Central Sun-Sat 07-17 617 354 2983

Brown Sugar Cafe brownsugarcafe.com

129 Jersey St. (Fenway)

G Kenmore

Mon-Thu 11-22; Fri 11-23;

Sat 12-23; Sun 12-22:

617 266 2928

1033 Commonwealth Ave. (Boston University) Mon-Thu 11-22:; Fri 11-23; Sat 12-23; Sun 12-22 617 787 4242

Bruegger's Bagels www.brueggers.com

1876 Mass Ave 617 576 6163

644 Beacon St, Boston 617 262 7939

375 Longwood Ave 617 731 8993

211 Congress St., Boston 617 423 7105

7 School St., Boston 617 367 4702

Buddha's Delight

404 Harvard St.
Brookline

G Coolidge Corner
Sun-Thu 12-23,
Fri-Sat 12-24
617 739 8830

Bugaboo Creek Steak House bugaboocreek steakhouse.com Arsenal Mall Mon-Thu II:30-22; Fri-Sat II:30-22:30; Sun 12-21

Boya's

Bakery, Dessert, Italian. Bova's is one of the few places in boston where you can get food 24-hours. This family-run bakery has delicious Italian pastries and freshly baked bread. There is nothing like getting a cannoli or raspberry turnover at 5am, after spending the last x hours working on a problem set. If you're going by car, go in the wee hours of the morning as parking is normally nonexistent. If you're visiting before 1am, they also serve calzones, sandwiches, and pizza. Cash only. (2003)

BROOKLINE LUNCH

American, Breakfast, Middle Eastern. Possibly the best breakfast in Central Square. Brookline Lunch serves the usual American breakfast fare such as eggs and home fries, as well as sandwiches, all in huge portions for rock-bottom prices. In addition to standard American diner fare, the menu offers some exceptional Middle Eastern favorites. It's owned by a very friendly family (although seemingly overworked) of Palestinian immigrants and sometimes, when business is not too heavy, one of their young daughters will wait your table. A pleasant hole-in-the-wall breakfast nook-- it's a perfect place to slowly wake up from a hangover, and its cheap prices allow for a filling meal costing around \$7. Cash only. (2006)

BROWN SUGAR CAFE

Thai. Papaya Salad, Old Lady Spicy, Mango Curry, and Noodles Aspar are among the many favorites available at this top-notch Thai restaurant. Try the young coconut juice or Thai iced tea to cool your palate. It's not as expensive as the great food and pleasant atmosphere might lead you to believe. There is online ordering for both pickup and delivery, but they suggest calling. This is the best Thai food you can get delivered to campus and a nice place to go out. Accepts DC, D, MC, V. Delivery: Free with \$20 minimum order, paid in cash only. (2004)

BRUEGGER'S BAGELS

Fast Food & Food Courts. An assortment of bagel flavors, an assortment of cream cheese flavors, and the ability to turn a bagel into a pretty good sandwich, deli-style. Cash only. (2006)

BUDDHA'S DELIGHT

Vegetarian, Chinese, Vietnamese. Everything on the normal-looking Chinese menu turns out to be entirely vegan (with the exception of the excellent fruit smoothies, made with condensed milk). The Buddhist temple cuisine simulates chicken, beef, shrimp, and more from seitan (wheat gluten) and tofu (soy) and is served with excellent sauces and very fresh vegetables. Some dishes taste like Chinese, while others are more unusual; the barbecue platter with fresh spring roll skins is a good split for two. Satisfying even to meat-eaters, and a sacred haven for vegans. Lunch around \$7, dinner \$13. Accepts MC, V. (2004)

BUGABOO CREEK STEAK HOUSE

American, Meat. What the Outback is to pseudo-Australian, Bugaboo Creek is to pseudo-Canadian, only with the addition of animatronic, talking Northern fauna and flora and at least one Buga-buga-birthday' song per visit. If you can get past the Disney aspects, the food is pretty good, particularly the Wild Pepper and Black Magic steaks and the Snowbird chicken. Other oddities abound, such as the Wedge Salad the place is probably worth a visit for amusement alone. Prices are

pretty cheap by steak standards; about \$20 will get you bloated like a fat American businessman. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

BUK KYUNG KOREAN RESTAURANT

Korean. This is one of the best Korean restaurants in the Boston area. Recommended dishes include jajang-myun' and jjang-bbong' as entrees, and tang-su-yuk' as an appetizer. The Allston location has a more formal atmosphere than the Somerville location. If you don't like the food here, you weren't meant to enjoy Korean food. Accepts V, MC, AE, D. (2005)

BUKOWSKI'S TAVERN

Bar. With locations in Inman Square and on Boylston St. in Boston, Bukowski's seems to know its target demographic all too well. Featuring a mind-bogglingly large assortment of beers, you end up feeling like a trendy gen-x'er as you chow down on sweet potato fries and the vegetarian chili dogs while nursing your belgian ale. Great noisy bar atmosphere, but usually not too rowdy. Cash only. (2006)

BURGER KING

Fast Food & Food Courts. Burgers, fast and cheap. What else can you say about Burger King? The paper crowns give a special ambiance? Cash only. (2003)

BURRITO MAX

Mexican. Big servings, which are technically burritos. It's really only worth consideration by lazy Beacon Street residents. Burritos are often heavy on the avocado, but they are very generous with portions and will make your Burrito Max! to order. They'll sometimes stick more than half an avocado in your burrito if you're sober and female. Cash only. (2003)

CAFFE DELLO SPORT

Italian. Despite the Soviet-looking design, this unseeming north end cafe' is one of your best bets to make your pallate feel like it's in Italy, and not just your date. Everything, from the meticulous pastry through the ricotta cheese and up to the coffee are hand-picked and imported from the old country. The ice cream is to die for its makers have not been informed of any sort of diet that has been invented in the last 40 years. Cash only. (2005)

---- PLEASE REVISIT

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

American. Don't be fooled by seeminly eclectic and upscale ingredients! CPK is about as impressive as a specialty Friday's. However, the food's alright for a franchise, and the locations aren't half bad. Try the two soups in a bowl and the focaccia checca (bread and garlicky tomatoes). (2006)

--check money options

CAMBRIDGE BREWING COMPANY

A $m \ e \ r \ i \ c \ a \ n$, $B \ r \ e \ w \ p \ u \ b \ / B \ a \ r$. Obviously, the attraction is the beer. CBC's seasonals are nice treats (we like the hefeweizen in the summer and the pumpkin ale in the fall), although their usual stock of beer stands on its own. A couple of years ago, they hired a head chef who tried his best to create an interesting menu beyond their

617 924 9000

Buk Kyung Korean Rest.

9A Union Sq, Somerville 617 623 7220

151 Brighton Ave., Allston G (B) Harvard Avenue 617 254 2775

> Burger King 645 Commonwealth Ave, Boston

> > Burrito Max 642 Beacon St. G Kenmore Sun-Sat II:30-23 617 266 8088

California Pizza Kitchen www.cpk.com

Cambridgeside Galleria Mon-Thu 11:30-22; Fri 11-23; Sat 11:30-23, Sun 11:30-22 617 225 2772

Prudential Center G G (E) Prudential Mon-Thu II:30-22; Fri II-23; Sat II:30-23; Sun II:30-22

Cambridge Brewing Co. www.cambrew.com One Kendall Sq. Mon-Thu 11:30-22; Fri-Sat 11:30-23; Sun 15-22:30 617 494 1994 Cambridgeside Galleria Food Court Cambridgeside Galleria, standard bar food, although the results tend to be spotty. You've got to respect a restaurant that tries to use beer, hops and barley in every aspect of the cooking process. Vegetarians do ok with the hummus and chili, everyone else will be better off with the burgers and buffalo wings. It's great for large groups, even without reservations, although they appreciate a little warning. Accepts MC, V (2006)

Carberry's www.carberrys.com

74 Prospect St. (Central Sq) Mon-Sat 06-20; Sun 07-19 617 576 3530

187 Elm St.

The R Davis

Mon-Sat 06-20;

Sun 07-19

617 666 2233

Carmen 33 North Sq (North End) ⊕ G Haymarket Sun 17:30-22; Tue-Fri 11:30-14:30,17:30-23; Sat 17:30-23 617 742 6421

Casa Mexico 75 Winthrop St. (Harvard Sq) The R Harvard Sun-Sat 10-22 617 491 4552

Casa Portugal 1200 Cambridge St. (Inman Sq) Sun 12-22; Mon-Thu 11:30-22; Fri-Sat 11:30-23 617 491 8880

Central Bakery www.centralbakery.com 732 Cambridge St. 617 547 2337

Characters Bar & Grill 2 Cambridge Center (Kendall Sq) 617 252 4408 x6707

Charlie's 10 Eliot St., Cambridge

CAMBRIDGESIDE GALLERIA FOOD COURT

Fast Food & Food Courts. Every mall has a food court, and the Galleria is no exception. Along with the Taco Bell and the Burger King, the Sbarro and the D'Angelos, there is Indian, Japanese, and French food. There's an Au Bon Pain and a CinnaBon. Best of all, there's a smoothie bar. This food court is generally open when the Galleria is, although some of the restaurants close down their grills early. The Cheesecake Factory, Papa Razzi's, and the California Pizza Kitchen are not part of the food court and have their own hours (and validate parking). Cash only. (2003)

CARBERRY'S

Bakery, Dessert. Excellent local bakery that offers pastries, breads, and sandwiches for eat-in, take-out, or catering. Good for a treat and not a bad place to study, either. Every once in a while all surplus items are half-price; check for this in the evenings, especially on Saturdays. Accepts AE, DC, MC, V. (2004)

CARMEN

Italian. A little bit on the pricey side, Carmen is exactly what you imagine when you hear the words 'cute Italian place' - olive oil served in a little plate before dinner, the tiny exposed-brick space manageable by a single waitress, and the owner drinking red wine with frequent clients at the miniature bar. The food is almost Italian, and as great as the atmosphere. Accepts V, MC, AE, D. (2004)

CASABLANCA

Mediterranean. Despite looking kind of seedy, situated right next to Adrenaline Zone right under the Brattle Theater, Casablanca is a treat for those willing to dish out some cash for some well made food. While the menu appears a bit stand-offish (requiring a \$17 minimum order for dinner), the food is well made and well portioned. Perhaps a bit intimidating for dinner, it is a nice place to have an expensive lunch. If you're 21, grab a Chimay on draft. (2006)
--check credit

Casa Mexico

Mexican. Among the best authentic-style Mexican around. They make a great mole sauce. Try the coffee. They serve excellent margaritas by the pitcher. Entrees around \$13, good quality, reasonable but not enormous portions. Accepts AE, DC, MC, V. (2003)

CASA PORTUGAL

Portuguese & Spanish. A homely restaurant; the serving dishes are Portuguese ceramics, the staff is a family and the atmosphere is friendly rather than excessively formal. With the large entrees costing over \$15, a meal can easily cost up to \$30 per person, including wine, which is worth it for such a great example of traditional Portuguese

cuisine. Skip the single vegetarian dish. Reservations recommended. Accepts V, MC, AE, D, DC. (2003)

CENTRAL BAKERY

Bakery. Central Bakery has good bread and fair desserts. There are many other bakeries on Cambridge Street, so start here and keep walking. Cash only. (2003)

--check existence

CHARACTERS BAR & GRILL

American, Brewpub/Bar. Located inside the Marriott, this hotel restaurant/bar mostly serves burgers, bar sandwiches, appetizers and huge salads. It is hilariously terrible-- avoid it unless you're in the mood to laugh at yourself throwing money away on soggy nachos. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2006)

CHARLIE'S KITCHEN

American. Last time this reviewer was here, we sat next to this obscenely fat woman and a charming (in a horrifically vulgar way) gentleman clad only in a ripped-up, black Led Zeppelin shirt. They flirted all night over cigarettes and PBR, and then, as midnight struck, he leaned over and tried to kiss her. She reeled back and clubbed him in the face and stormed out. They have good fries and meatloaf. Cash only. (2003) ---CHECK CASH ONLY

THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY

American, Dessert. Huge portions of food. The quality varies considerably, but is generally mediocre and overpriced. The menu is extensive to the point of being overwhelming; including such dishes as Avocado Egg Rolls, Jambalaya Pasta, Chicken and Biscuits, and the Chinese Chicken Salad (piled a foot high with crispy, fried chow mein noodles). Many dishes will make two meals. The eponymous cheesecake is fine and comes in dozens of varieties. They don't take reservations for groups of less than seven, so expect a wait, especially on weekends; though you can take a pager (somewhat limited range, so get a time estimate) and wander the Galleria. Accepts AE, D, MC, V. (2006)

CHICAGO PIZZA

Italian. Although primarily a pizza place, Chicago Pizza also offers salads, subs, grinders, pasta and wings. Pizza is greasy but good. The calzones are huge. The prices are reasonable. Online ordering available. Accepts credit cards with \$10 minimum. Accepts MC, V. Delivery: Starts at 12:30. (2004)

CHILI'S

Fast Food & Food Courts. Awe at Tex-Mex franchise cooking at its finest - burgers, BBQ, quesadillas etc. Nothing done particularly well but reliably edible. Large portions should fill you up without massive expense. You just have to wonder what a Chili's is doing next to a Barney's of New York. (2006)

--check credit

CHILLI DUCK

Thai. One of those hidden gem restaurants. It serves Thai cuisine, and is a great value for what you get. Absolutely delicious! The restaurant is well-decorated and clean. It's a small restaurant, but its larger tables

The Cheesecake Factory thecheesecakefactory. com Cambridgeside Galleria Mon-Thu II:30-23; Fri-Sat II:30-00:30; Sun 10-23 617 252 3810

Chicago Pizza cambridgepizza.com 239 Mass AveCambridge Sun-Thu 10-01; Fri-Sat 10-02 617 497 5555

Chilli Duck 829 Boylston, Boston T:Green Line (E) - Prudential Sun-Sat 11:30-23 617 236 5208

China Sun 7 Holland St. ⊕ R Davis Mon-Thu 11-23; Fri-Sat 11-24; Sun 12-23 617 625 6068

> Chinese Eatery 44-46 Beach St. Chinatown

© R Downtown Crossing; O Chinatown can accommodate 8-10, while booths in the back seat couples for a more quiet, romantic setting. Accepts AE, D, MC, V. (2003)

China Sun

Chinese. Popular mostly because of its convenient location (practically across the street from the Davis Sq T-stop). Comparable to Pu Pu Hot Pot in Central Sq, except that the food in China Sun is better (less deep frying, better sauces). In theory, you can eat in for their lunch or dinner specials, but the strength of China Sun is its quick and cheap take-out service. It caters to carnivores, vegetarians and omnivores with its grand selection and late hours. Cash only. (2003)

Christina's Ice Cream 1255 Cambridge St. (Inman Sq) Sun-Thu 11:30-23; Fri-Sat 11:30-24

CHINESE EATERY

Fast Food & Food Courts, Chinese. Dirt cheap, all-Asian (mostly Chinese, some Vietnamese) food court. Located right in the middle of Chinatown on the second floor of the the northeast corner of Beach and Harrison Streets, this somewhat grimy cafeteria gives a glimpse of a world usually hidden from view. Before deciding on which stall to order from, make a quick survey of the half-dozen or so crufty vendors sitting atop huge vats of MSG and choose your fate wisely. The food, of course, is great and varied. Off in the corner a bubble tea vendor manages to maintain a fairly constant stream of Chinatown teens slurping down tapioca balls through huge straws while sporting their latest haircuts, shoes, and cell phone paraphernalia. Cash only. (2004)

Christopher's 1920 Mass Ave (Porter Sq) → R Porter Mon-Sat II:30-24; Sun 10:30-24 617 876 9180

CHRISTINA'S ICE CREAM

Dessert. Really great ice cream place in Inman Sq. The workers can be somewhat surly, but the ice cream can't be beat. Try the banana split. Abuts a spice store owned by the same people. Cash only. (2005)

Cinderella's Restaurant 901 Main St at Mass Ave R Central / bus: 1 Sun-Wed 11-01; Thu-Sat 11-02 617 576 0280

CHRISTOPHER'S

American. Nice bar/restaurant with a relaxed, middlebrow atmosphere. Good beers, burgers and nachos and great veggie burgers. Not a place for large mobs. It is a popular neighborhood hangout and a pleasant place to linger over a beer or coffee and dessert. Meals are in the \$6-\$15 range. Cash only. (2006)

Color Restaurant 166 Harvard Ave, Allston G (B) Harvard Ave 617 787 5656

CINDERELLA'S RESTAURANT

American, Italian. Your best bets are pizzas/calzones, hot subs and their signature garlic bread. Insanely fast delivery and one of the best vegetarian subs in the Boston Area. Next to Toscis, so save room for dessert. Accepts V, MC, AE, D. Delivery: \$8 minimum (2006)

Crossroads Restaurant 495 Beacon St., Boston Mon-Sat 10:30-02; Sun 11-02 617 262 7371

COLOR RESTAURANT

Korean. Good, cheap Korean food served up in a casual atmosphere. The marinated BBQ chicken (tong-dak') stands out. Accepts V, MC, AE, D. Delivery: delivery- minimum charge 30 dollar (2005)

Cuchi Cuchi 795 Main St., Cambridge Mon-Sat 18-23 617 864 2929

CROSSROADS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE

Brewpub/Bar. The food is in general not exceptional, but fries, onion rings, and buffalo wings are great. Try a JenJen. People mainly go there to drink at the bar. You'll probably find people you know from MIT, especially the nearby frats. Breakfast is served all day. Accepts AE, DC, MC, V. (2003)

Сисні Сисні

Portuguese & Spanish. The third in a series of Tapas restaurants; unlike Dali and Tapeo, Cuchi Cuchi does not offer an entree menu. Instead, you order a variety of appetizers and share them around the table. The food is extremely high quality, and priced accordingly. Have some sangria or a giant cocktail to drink, and make sure someone at the table gets the handmade bonbons for dessert. Poor for groups, this is an excellent date location as long as both parties enjoy unusual food. The bar remains open until 00:30. Cash only. (2006)

Dali Rest. & Tapas Bar www.dalirestaurant.com 415 Washington St Somerville Sun-Sat 17:30-23 617 661 3254

Dali Restaurant and Tapas Bar

Portuguese & Spanish. Authentic Spanish menu, both entrees and Tapas (small appetizers often combined to make a full meal - including marinated herbed olives, artichoke hearts in saffron batter, and several beef and shellfish dishes). Don't miss the seasonal offerings, including the Catalanese dishes, but save room for dessert and Sangria. Expect to wait, but it'll be worth it. Go with a group, order a bunch of stuff, and try tiny bites of everything. Reservations are not accepted. The bar is open until 12:30am. Limited summer hours. Accepts V, MC, AE, DC. (2004)

Darwin's Ltd. 148 Mt. Auburn St Cambridge 617 354 5233

DARWIN'S LTD.

American. A small take-out delicatessen patronized by those in the know. Best known for their fresh sandwiches (many of which are named after the streets intersecting with Brattle St.), they also sell homemade soups, desserts and prepared foods to go. A small grocery section features produce, specialty foods, and wine and beer. The line tends to be long, but the food is well worth the wait. Cash only. (2003)

Deli Haus Restaurant

DELI HAUS RESTAURANT

Nostalgic. Deli Haus closed down over three years ago, but it's commemorated with a memorial entry. Awesome greasy inexpensive food, open to the wee hours, loud non-pop music, rude punk-themed waitstaff, Velvet Elvis on the wall. You either loved the atmosphere or you hated it, but no one left without an opinion. A haven for many from the tribulations of the Institute. R.I.P. Intrepid students resurrect the experience once a term in the Senior Haus basement - watch for the announcement. Cash only. (2005)

Denise's Ice Cream 4 College Ave #A (Davis Sq) The R Davis Sun-Thu 12-23; Fri-Sat 12-24 617 628 2764

Desi Dhaba

Indian. A relatively new contender; it's Yet Another Indian Place In Central Sq. The food is a bit on the sweet side, which may or may not be bad depending on your taste. The lunch buffet looked bad enough that no one was willing to eat it, but that's probably from being out for hours - the fresh food was reasonably good and the same price as everywhere else in Central. A definite win over Shalimar, but probably inferior to India Pavilion, despite being a bit cheaper. \$10-\$15 per meal. Cash only. (2003)

Desi Dhaba 401 Mass. Ave. (Central Sq), 617 547 4121

THE DISH

Mediterranean, Italian. Another great place to for celebrating something (or someone) special. The Dish is not cheap, but reasonably priced, and the olive-oil and basil scented food is so great that you might come out considering a permanent relocation to Southern Europe. Try the amazing brick-oven pizza or the delicious grilled salmon. Open

The Dish www.southenddish.com 253 Shawmut Ave. (South End) TO Dack Bay Mon-Thu 17-22; Fri-Sat 17-23; Sun 11-22 617 426 7866

for brunch on Sundays. A dog-friendly patio offers outdoor seating. Accepts AE, DC, MC, V. (2004)

Diva Indian Bistro

Indian. Pricier than most Indian places in the area. With excellent tandoor dishes and reasonably good vindaloo (though not as spicy as some would like), the food at Diva is worth the price, if you can afford it. The presentation and ambiance match up; and the front wall is missing when the weather is nice. \$25-\$40, more like \$20-\$30 if you get their combinations which also offer better variety. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2006)

Dom's Restaurant

Italian. An excellent little hole in the wall in the North End, seating is cramped but the food is worthy of a visit. Dom himself may come by your table to discuss a sauce or suggest a wine for your meal. Can be expensive. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2003)

Domino's Pizza

Fast Food & Food Courts, Italian. Acceptable pizza, but pretty expensive. The Boylston location accepts MIT meal card. Accepts TechCASH. (2004)

Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin Robbins

Fast Food & Food Courts. Founded in Boston, MA in 1950, this national chain features a strong following of loyal patrons addicted to its coffee and donuts. Others feel less strongly, but given the ubiquity of their locations it's hard to live in Boston and not appreciate their presence. Bagels, breakfast sandwiches, iced coffee and other specialty drinks are also offered. Absurdly clean bathrooms. Some locations in the area are open 24 hours (such as the location at the intersection of 3rd St. and McGrath Highway in Cambridge and the location in Porter Sq across from the T stop). The locations that make the donuts are willing to provide hundreds of donuts on two days' notice. Many DD locations have a Baskin Robbins grafted onto them. Donuts and ice cream! It's a brilliant combination! Sugar and... sugar! Unfortunately, most of these locations do not have the full 31 flavors. However, Baskin Robbins does occasionally offer Free Cone Day, usually within a week of the Ben and Jerry's Free Cone Day. The nearest merged stores are the I Broadway and Central Square locations. Cash only. (2003)

Durgin Park

American, Meat. The classic Boston restaurant, established before you were born.' Rude waitstaff, noisy atmosphere, visible kitchen. Serves an impressive prime rib - think Flintstones - and other New England specialties, though rumor has it the quality has deteriorated (think bad clams). Long waits on weekends, and rather expensive, but everyone should try it once. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2006)

EAST COAST GRILL

American, Meat, Seafood. New American cuisine by chef Chris Schlesinger (of the Blue Room), including barbecue, some of the best seafood in Boston, and a raw bar. Service and atmosphere are good, and prices are within reason for the quality. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

Diva Indian Bistro 246 Elm St T Davis Sun-Sat II:30-23

617 629 4963

Dom's Restaurant 10 Bartlett Place, Boston Sun-Sat 17-22 617 367 8979

Domino's Pizza www.dominos.com

1310 Boylston St., Boston Sun-Wed 11-02; Thu-Sat 11-03 617 629 2929

201 Elm St. R Davis Sun-Thu 11-24; Thu-Sat 11-01 617 629 2929

Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin Robbins www.dunkindonuts.com

I Broadway St., Camb. 222 Broadway St., Camb. Cambridgeside Galleria, 1001 Cambridge St, Camb 715 Boylston St, Boston 616 Mass Ave, Camb. 153 Mass. Ave., Boston

Durgin Park 340 Faneuil Hall Marketplace © G Government Center Mon-Thu II:30-22; Fri-Sat II:30-23; Sun II:30-21

East Coast Grill www.eastcoastgrill.net 1271 Cambridge St. (Inman Sq) Mon-Thu 17:30-22; Fri-Sat 17:30-22:30; Sun

FAT

American. Eat has great slightly upscale, yet homestyle, food in a casual, comfortable, but still-feels-like-going-out-to-eat atmosphere. The menu changes each season, but everything the reviewers have ordered has been very nice. There's always at least one vegetarian entree. Cash only. (2003)

THE ELEPHANT WALK

French, Pan Asian. Upscale (entrees up to \$25-\$35) menu is split between Cambodian and French dishes. Usually excellent (and unique, especially the spicy Cambodian side) though a few people report occasional lapses in service and quality. The Cambodian food is cheaper and often more interesting than the French, but stick with the French side of the menu for dessert. Good place to take parents, or a date after the symphony, but not big groups; the atmosphere is elegant without being intimidating. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2006)

EMACK & BOLIO'S

Dessert. An import from New York, Emack & Bolio's is a smoothie and juice bar as well as an ice cream shop. Unfortunately, there's no place to sit, but their drinks and their soft-serve ice cream are great on a hot day. Cash only. (2006)

Emma's Pizza

Italian. The best thin-crust pizza around. You pay for the quality (\$16-\$20 for a large pie) but it's worth it. Lots of unique topping options (try the #3 with sweet potato) and even multiple sauces (including a delicious spicy rosemary). Try their BLT for lunch or grab a Famous Fling salad with dinner. No delivery, unfortunately. Small seating area, so can tend to have a long wait at peak times, but inside is cozy, well-lit and rigidly cell-phone-free - a good place for an informal date. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2006)

Evoo

American. The name, if you're wondering, is short for extra virgin olive oil. As with any restaurant in this price range (~\$22/entree), expect beautifully arranged food, salads that reach to the heavens and a seasonally changing menu. Great for special occasions, but not dinner mobs. Cash and all major credit cards. (2006)

Fajitas & Ritas

Mexican. A Mexican place which specializes in, well, Fajitas and Margaritas. They do both well; they also serve nachos (one of the cheaper meals you can have there), quesadillas that receive mixed reviews, and burritos that are pretty good but no better than what you could get at Anna's or Boca Grande. Their side dishes are quite good, though; some people order 2 or 3 corn muffins every visit and their chili is excellent for the price. \$8-\$10 if you're not drinking, add \$4-\$7 for a drink if you are. Fun environment: they encourage writing on the walls. Look for your friends' names. Available for private parties until 02. Cash only. (2003)

FINALE

Dessert.

11-14:30,17:30-22 617 491 6568

Eat www.eatrestaurant.com 253 Washington St. (Union Sq) Wed-Thu 18-22; Fri-Sat 18-22:30; Sun 17:30-21:30 617 776 2889

The Elephant Walk www.elephantwalk.com

2067 Mass. Ave. TR Porter Sun-Thu 17-22; Fri-Sat 17-23 617 492 6900

900 Beacon St., Boston

G (C) - St. Mary's

Sun 17-22; Mon-Thu
11:30-14:30,17-22; Fri 11:3014:30,17-23; Sat 17-23
617 247 1500

Emack & Bolio's emackandbolios.com 290 Newbury St. G Hynes Convention Center/ICA

> Emma's Pizza 40 Hampshire St. Cambridge Tue-Sat 11:30-20; Sun 15-20 617 864 8534

Evoo evoorestaurant.com II8 Beacon St Somerville Mon-Thu I8-22; Fri I8-23; Sat I7-23 617 661 3866

Fajitas & Ritas fajitasandritas.com 25 West St. ① R Park St Mon-Tue 11:30-21; Wed-Thu 11:30-22; Fri-Sat 11:30-23; Sun 14-20 617 426 1222

Finale finaledesserts.com

30 Dunster St.

⊕ R Harvard

Mon II-22:30; Tue-Wed

II-23:30; Thu-Fri II-00:30;

Sat I4-00:30,

Sun I4-22:30

617 441 9797

One Columbus Ave.

G Arlington
617 423 3184

Fire and Ice www.fire-ice.com

50 Church St. ⊕ R Harvard Mon-Thu II:30-22; Fri-Sat II:30-23; Sun I0-22 617 547 9007

205 Berkeley St., Bosto G Copley, G Arlington Mon-Thu 11:30-22; Fri-Sat 11:30-23; Sun 10-22 617 482 3473

Fresco's 134 Mass. Ave. (Central Sq), Mon-Fri 07-17 617 491 8866

Fugakyu www.fugakyu.net 1280 Beacon St. Brookline Sun-Sat 11:30-01:30 617 734 1268

Gargoyles on the Square 219 Elm St. ⊕ R Davis Tue-Sun 17:30-22; Fri-Sat 17:30-22:30 617 776 5300 One time, this reviewer went to Finale and sat next to a Harvard Business School dandy, let's call him Gatsby, at the bar. While I had my dessert and coffee, Gatsby drank three manhattans, ate a slice of cake, and regailed us with stories. Oh Gatsby, you did go on. Finale is all about looking and feeling classy, and the desserts are, all around, just that. Beautiful presentations, carefully crafted desserts, but their flavor is just slightly underwhelming for how much people hype them up.

Cash and major credit cards. (2006)

FIRE AND ICE

American. All you can eat, for yuppies. For about \$20 (cheaper for lunch) you get as much meat and vegetables as you can stir fry - if you've been living on Ramen, be careful not to make yourself sick. If you're an accomplished stir-fryer, you may be unimpressed; otherwise, the big grill where you can combine your own ingredients and sauce is a lot of fun, and the ingredients are good quality. It can get slow at peak times, and is noisy. Dinner starts at 16 and costs \$15, lunch ends at 16 (15 on Sunday) and costs \$8. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

Fresco's

Greek, American. Simple breakfast and Greek food, just a block up Mass. Ave. from the Student Center. The fish and chips is made from fresh fish dipped in crumbs right before frying, not pre-frozen sticks of fish. Cash only. (2004)

FUGAKYU

Japanese. A large Japanese restaurant that stands out in the crowd of Boston's wide selection of sushi offerings. Prices are on the high side, but reasonable considering the quality. The house maki is tops. Private, traditional-style dining rooms are available and recommended. Make reservations ahead of time or plan on spending time in the small 1980s-Tokyo-esque bar until a table opens up. The overall ambiance is worth experiencing and the service is excellent. Be sure to try the deep-fried tempura green tea or red bean icecream for dessert. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2006)

GARGOYLES ON THE SQUARE

Contemporary American, Asian fusion. A good place for a celebration. Great atmosphere and delicious Asian fusion, the kind where the chef tries interesting and creative things that look nice on the plate and taste great. The menu changes seasonally and usually has a mix of more creative entrees and a few classics for the less adventurous. There's always at least one vegetarian entree. Cash only. (2003)

GHANDI

Indian. The lunch buffet (\$5.95 all you can eat 11:30-15) is considered the best among the many Indian restaurants in Central. Almost no variety (6 dishes that seldom change), but it's always good - the Chicken Tikka Marsala is heavenly for that price. Staff is very friendly. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. Delivery: Free. (2004)

GINZA

Japanese. The debate over the best sushi in Boston will never end, but a common winner of the top spot is Ginza (see also Oishii). Incredibly fresh fish, including an impressive lobster sashimi that's still twitching when they take it back to make miso soup from the legs. Don't miss the ice cream tempura, with crisp flaky batter around ginger and green tea ice creams. Make reservations for large parties or during the weekend rush. Accepts AE, DC, MC, V. (2004)

Geoff and Drew's Late Night Incredible Cookies geoffanddrews.com 617 787 8555 866 EAT LATE

> Ghandi 704 Mass Ave TR Central Sun-Sat 12-23 617 491 1104

> > Ginza

1002 Beacon St. Brookline TG (C) St. Mary's Mon-Thu 11:30-14:30,17-22; Fri 11:30-14:30,17-01:30; Sat 12-01:30; Sun 12-22 617 566 9688

Grasshopper 1 North Beacon St Allston Mon-Thu 11-22; Fri-Sat 11-23; Sun 12-22 617 254 8883

> Greek Corner 2366 Mass Ave. TR Davis 617 661 5655

Greenhouse Coffee Shop 3 Brattle St The R Harvard Sun-Thu 07-23; Fri-Sat 07-24 617 354 3184

> Grendel's Den 89 Winthrop St. TR Harvard

GRASSHOPPER

Vegetarian, Vietnamese. Excellent vegan Vietnamese food. The people are extremely nice and the food will make even the most resolved carnivores wish they could eat like this every day. Small place but very clean and cute table decorations. Good value, huge portions, especially for lunch. Lunch specials \$5-7, dinner entrees \$6-12. Accepts AE, DC, MC, V. (2004)

GREEK CORNER

Greek. An unassuming Greek restaurant with great food and good prices, \$8-\$10 for most entrees. Take-out available. Favorites include roast or baked lamb with potatoes and rice, moussaka, gyros sandwich, and the appetizer sampler. There are other perks to Greek Corner, such as the retsina (white wine flavored with pine sap) and galaktobourikos (filo dough pastry filled with custard). Have the avgolemono soup (lemon, chicken, rice). Worth the hike. Cash only. (2003)

GREENHOUSE COFFEE SHOP

American. Decent burgers and sandwiches, known for their chocolate chip pancakes. A good place to go if you're in Harvard Sq looking for a coffee shop with decent food. Coffee shop style dessert selection. Cash only. (2004)

GRENDEL'S DEN

American. This small underground bar in Harvard Sq is best known for its deeply discounted food during happy hour (with a beverage purchase). The food is quite good, ranging from sandwiches and pizzas to fondue and falafel. Vegetarian options abound. It also has an outdoor caf\x82 in the summer (although they cannot serve you alcohol if you're seated there.) Grendel's can be very crowded during dinner and on weekends. Remember that it is a bar, and you may be turned away if anyone in your party is under 21. Cash only. (2003)

Harvest Restaurant

American. French-inspired american food for the financially sound. Skillfully prepared, Harvest prides itself on honest food, which means that everything on your plate is edible and artsy plating gives way to practical presentation. Although usually too expensive for college students, try to get reservations for resturant week or splurge for a nice date. Lunch ends at 14:30 and dinner starts at 17:30; although the bar is open between meals. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2006)

Sun-Sat 11-24 617 491 1160

Haveli

Indian. One of Cambridge's better Indian choices, once again outside of the Central Sq haven for Indian Food. Good quality, average prices, including luncheon specials until 15. Try the lunch buffet. Free delivery with \$10 order. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2003)

HELMAND

Middle Eastern. Afghan food may not be well-known, but Helmand is becoming a favorite among the MIT community. A good place for a celebration (or to take parents) at a reasonable price. The entrees are very good, from a good selection of vegetarian dishes to the rack of lamb. Make sure to order appetizers and bread for the full experience; try at least one item made with pumpkin. Entrees range from less than \$10 up to \$19 for the mouthwatering beef tenderloin. For those of you following world politics, the owner of the restaurant is the brother of Hamid Karzai, the US-backed interim ruler of Afghanistan. You might consider making reservations if dining during the weekend. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

Harvest Restaurant harvestcambridge.com 44 Brattle St. The Rarvard Sun-Thu 12-22; Fri-Sat 12-23 617 868 2255

Gyuhama

17:30-01:30

617 437 0188

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Herrell's

Dessert. One of several ice cream stores in Harvard Sq, Herrell's is known locally for setting up shop at random local events in a large red double-decker bus. Situated in an old bank building, you can sit in the bank vault and eat your ice cream in air conditioned comfort. Though somewhat expensive, they have a mindboggling array of flavors (jalapeno? pumpkin? girlsenberry?) and excellent frappes and hot fudge. Huge selection of toppings available. Low- and non-fat frozen yogurt, sugar-free, and no moo' vegan options are also available. Winter business hours are a bit shorter. Cash only. (2003)

Haveli 1248 Cambridge St. Sun-Sat 12-23 617 497 6548

HI-FI PIZZA AND SUBS

Helmand 143 First St., Cambridge Sun-Thu 17-22; Fri-Sat 17-23 617 492 4646 American, Italian. Dangerously greasy pizza and subs. Not particularly great, but surprisingly tasty at 0100 when it's the only food source still open (also a standard stop on a Mass Ave barcrawl, for the same reason). Unlike many pizza parlours, Hi-Fi serves draught beer. Free delivery (minimum \$7 order) on weekdays until midnight, weekends til 02. Cash only. (2003)

HIGH RISE BREAD COMPANY

Bakery. \$7-\$10 sandwiches, but worth trying. High Rise is the canonical example of east coast Artisanal baking. Always kind of busy, but never too crowded, it makes a great stop for lunch when you've got a whole afternoon to kill. They also sell bread, but you may find yourself wondering if \$9 for a loaf of brioche is really worth it. Weekend brunch, lunch and dinner. Accepts MC. (2004)

Herrell's www.herrells.com 15 Dunster St.
The R Harvard Sun-Thu 10-24; Fri-Sat 10-01 617 497 2179

HILLTOP STEAK HOUSE

American, Meat. This place is a classic. It seats about a billion, but sometimes has a wait that can be long. Lots of food - salad, huge portions of red meat, etc., at reasonable (\$12-\$20) steak house prices. Rare means raw. Everyone should go here at least once. Look for the giant cactus sign. A stand at Fenway Park sells their goods as well and, for the truly devout, they have their own butcher shop. This is where the famous cow on the dome came from. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

HONG KONG RESTAURANT

Chinese, Brewpub/Bar. The pink eyesore of Harvard Sq', except now it's painted yellow. Located a bit down Mass. Ave. back toward MIT. Good variety of relatively authentic Chinese food at \$7-12 per person, and a big bar upstairs - make sure to have a Scorpion Bowl (this is the traditional first stop for a Mass. Ave. barcrawl). Packed with drunk students on the weekend, but the restaurant is separated enough from the bar to allow for a quiet meal. The wait staff is friendly and apparently everlasting. The bar closes at 01 Sun-Wed and 02 Thu-Sat. Accepts MC, V. (2004)

House of Tibet

Tibetan. Tibetan food is kind of a hearty cross between Indian and Chinese. For excellent prices, you'll find yak cheese, lentils, potatoes, cabbage, and peas. The steamed bread will make you weep with joy. The lentil soup comes with many entrees, but if you want a good hearty soup, try the Mother's Soup. Other unusual offerings include salted buttered tea (vaguely like popcorn except liquid and tea) and hot apple cider with cottage cheese. This works surprisingly well. They have cloth hanging in the doorway, which does not mean that the restaurant is closed. If you feel Tibetan after dinner, stop into the shop next door and buy something woolen. Cash only. (2003)

Hsin Hsin

Chinese. Decent, cheap Chinese food. The best deals are the dinner specials, which include soup and an appetizer. Order the scallion pancakes for an appetizer. Accepts AE, MC, V. Delivery: Available 17:30-22:30 with a \$2 additional charge. (2004)

Hu Tieu Nam Vang

Vietnamese. This hole-in-the-wall Vietnamese restaurant is a perfect place for students to find a cheap, good meal. The main attraction is Pho (pronounced fuh'), a beef noodle soup that fills you for \$5. The fresh fruit milkshakes, available in more flavors than you can shake a durian at, are excellent. Highly recommended. Cash only. (2003)

India Pavilion Restaurant

Indian. Good, authentic Indian food. Dinner is about \$10. Portions are small, so you may want to get an appetizer. The restaurant is often crowded, and you should expect a wait on Friday and Saturday nights. Friendly service. Try Thali (vegetarian) or Vindaloo (very hot) dishes and the Mango Lassi. No delivery, but you can order take-out. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

India Samraat

Indian. Popular catering choice for MIT events - the delivery guys are very friendly and helpful. If you order a few times they'll remember you. Food can be expensive but reasonably good. The online menu has pictures to help you choose. MIT, BU, and Northeastern students get free delivery with a valid student ID, otherwise delivery to MIT incurs a \$2 charge. MInimum delivery order is \$30 12-17 and \$20 17-22. The website allows for online ordering. Accepts AE, CB, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

Hi-Fi Pizza and Subs 496 Mass. Ave. Cambridge Mon-Thu 09-03; Fri-Sat 09-04; Sun 12-03 617 492 4600

> High Rise Bread Company

56 Brattle St. ⊕ R Harvard Mon-Fri 08:30-17; Sat 09-17; Sun 10-16 617 492 3003

208 Concord Ave. Camb Mon-Fri 08-20; Sat 08-17; Sun 08-15 617 876 8766

Hilltop Steak House www.hilltop-steakhouse.com 855 Broadway (Route I), Saugus Mon-Thu II-22; Fri-Sat II-23; Sun II:30-22 781 233 7700

House of Tibet 235 Holland St. (Teele Sq) To R Davis Tue-Sun 11:30-15,17-21:30 617 629 7567

Hsin Hsin 25 Mass Ave, Boston Sun-Sat 11:30-22:30 617 536 9852 Hu Tieu Nam Vang 7 Beach St. (Chinatown) ① R Downtown Crossing; O Chinatown Sun-Sat 08-22 617 422 0501

India Pavilion Restaurant 17 Central Sq, Sun-Sat 12-23 617 547 7463

India Samraat www.indiasamraat.com 51A Mass Ave, Boston Mon-Fri 12-14:30,17-22:30; Sat 12-22:30; Sun 15-22:30 617 247 07!8

IHOP 1850 Soldiers Field Road, Brighton Sun-Sat 00-24 617 787 0533

Izzy's 169 Harvard St. Cambridge Mon-Fri 10-20:30; Sat 10-20 617 661 3910

J.P. Licks 352 Newbury St, Boston G Hynes Convention

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PANCAKES

American. Average American breakfast food for about \$5-10. Fine if you feel like eating breakfast food, but the real reason to go is that it's open 24 hours (if it's a sane hour, you'll be happier with S&S or even Bickford's). Expect to find lots of local students, weird folk, and a police presence late at night, as it's pretty much the only thing open after 3. Cash only. (2003)

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IRUNA

Portuguese & Spanish. This restaurant has one of the most interesting and appetizing selections of food in Harvard Sq. Many variations of Spanish tortillas, a basic variety of tapas and other Iberian dishes. For under \$12 you can get a good meal. Try the Carne Guisada, the soups, and the homemade sangria. Frequently crowded, so reservations are recommended. Accepts CB, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

Izzy's

Caribbean. Authentic so-so Puerto Rican food. They have daily menus with a list of about 6-8 specials, soup/salad and usually rice included. Favorite dishes include montanero (steak with egg), fajitas (beef/chicken cooked with onion and sweet peppers), and oxtail. The side of sweet plantains (considerably better than the tougher fried plantains') comes with selected dishes and is worth buying on its own. If you want good Puerto Rican food, go to Puerto Rico; until then, this is the best (and only) you'll get in Cambridge. It's a good place to have a cheap lunch between classes - most choices cost around \$6-8. Closed during the summer. Cash only. (2003)

JP Licks

Dessert. Boston supposedly has a surprisingly high ice cream store to resident ratio; J.P. Licks, a local chain, is one of the many good parlours around the city which support this theory. Decorated with a memorable cow-pattern motif, J.P. Licks makes good homemade ice cream in a variety of sometimes bizarre flavors (cucumber?!). A generous small cone is \$2.95. J.P. Licks is good for small- and medium-sized groups; they will, however, yell at you if you try to fit too many people in their teacup-shaped table. Always busy and always fast. There are several locations; one of the most central is on 352 Newbury Street. Cash only. (2003)

IAE'S CAFE

Pan Asian. Maybe a little pricey for things like Pad Thai, but good adventurous sushi and a good variety of tasty food from all over Asia. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

JAKE'S BOSS BBQ

American, Meat. Another of the great Boston barbecue joints, and in some people's opinion, the best. Try the Burnt Ends, brisket, or either kind of ribs, with all the classic sides. Not much ambiance (order from the counter, grab a vinyl-tableclothed table and plenty of napkins), but if you're a BBQ fan or a homesick Southerner, try this place. Not for vegetarians. Cash only. (2003)

JERUSALEM CAFE

Middle Eastern. A genuinely charming place that is nicely decorated with plants, interesting chairs, funny Arabic posters and a beautiful pipe.

The only waiter is a pleasant mother of 6 small children (they scuttle around in the back) who also cooks most of the time. An interesting mix of traditional Middle Eastern foods and standard American breakfast, everything's tasty and the dinner entrees are quite large. The chicken moutarde and calves' liver are standouts; anything with roasted chicken (e.g. the Cashew Chicken Salad) is also good. And it's cheap \$7 for an entree. Breakfast served all day. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

JIMMY'S STEER HOUSE

American, Meat. The most mouthwatering Teriyaki steak ever. They do chicken and seafood as well (both excellent). The key to the meal is the spinach rice pilaf. The parking lot is a bit small. This place has great food at very reasonable prices. This is your basic steak house done right, the way you think a steakhouse should be without surprises. A perfect first (and second) date restaurant. Cash only. (2003)

JOHN HARVARD'S BREW HOUSE

American, Brewpub/Bar. The experts disagree on John Harvard's; some say it's average microbrew beer with good food, others say average food with good beer. In either case, the range of beer selection has gone a little downhill from the glory days, but if you want to try some beers you can't get anywhere else and use them to wash down some at least reasonable American pub fare, you can do a lot worse. Being in Harvard Sq, they are extremely careful about checking IDs - expect to get carded, and if your fake is from outside Massachusetts, expect to have it refused. Last call for drinks is a half hour before closing. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

Kaya

Korean, Japanese, Meat. Good Korean barbecue, though a bit expensive. Be sure to get one of the tables where you grill your own meat. If you ask nicely, you can get a private room. Best with a big group. The sushi is good but overpriced for the quality (if you're willing to pay these prices for sushi, go to Ginza or Sweet Chili), so stay with the meat. See also Shabuso. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

KENDALL SQ FOOD COURT

Fast Food & Food Courts. This court is mostly for the business types who work in the Square. It has an Au Bon Pain, because the one across the street is somehow insufficient. It's got a burger joint, a Sbarro's, and cheap Chinese. It also has a cafeteria-type place, with a salad bar, a sandwich bar, and a dessert bar, that charges you by weight. In front of one place in particular, if you hover by the counter, make eye contact, or even run past at high speed, you will often be offered a small chuck of possibly-chicken on a stick to taste. No matter what else you had hoped to buy for lunch, once you have tasted the evil sauce there is no turning back. Hey, if business critters can eat it, so can you. Cash only. (2004)

KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, TACO BELL

Fast Food & Food Courts. Generally found as Kentaco Bell' (for some reason, though, there don't seem to be any Kentaco Huts around). Deep fried chicken and insulting Mexican food. Isn't America great? The biscuits don't suck. Cash only. (2004)

Center/ICA 617 236 1666

> Jae's Cafe 520 Columbus Ave Boston Mon-Thu 11:30-16,17-22; Fri-Sat 11:30-16,17-23; Sun 12-21 617 421 9405

Jake's Boss BBQ 3492 Washington St Jamaica Plain Mon 16-22; Tue-Wed II-22; Thu-Sat II-23; Sun II-22 617 983 3701

> Jerusalem Cafe 245 Mass. Ave. (Central Sq) Sun-Sat 08-21 617 441 8689

Jimmy's Steer House IIII Massachusetts Ave Arlington 781 646 4450

John Harvard's
www.johnharvards.com
33 Dunster St.
 R Harvard
Mon-Wed II:30-01,
Thu-Sat II:30-02, Sun
II:30-00:30
617 868 3585

Kaya www.kayausa.com

1924 Mass Ave TR Porter Sun-Wed 11:30-01, Thu-Sat 11:30-02 617 497 5656

Kendall Sq Food Court

KFC, Taco Bell

168 Hampshire St Cambridge Sun-Thu 10:30-23; Fri-Sat 10:30-24 617 547 8615

2072 Mass. Ave.

The R Porter
Sun-Thu 10:30-23;
Fri-Sat 10:30-24
617 868 1498

King & I kingandi-boston.com 145 Charles St ⊕ R Charles/MGH Mon-Thu II:30-21:30; Fri-Sat II:30-22:30; Sun 17-21:30 617 227 3320

King Fung Garden 74 Kneeland St. Chinatown The R Downtown Crossing, O Chinatown Sun-Sat II-22 617 357 5262

Korea House 63 Beach St. Chinatown ⊕ O Chinatown, R Downtown Crossing 617 338 8585

KING & I

Thai. Nice, light food, but still with a lot of taste. Expect about \$7-10 for a main course. Menu available online. Accepts AE, D, MC, V. Delivery: Available for large (>\$100) orders made in advance. (2004)

KING FUNG GARDEN

Chinese. Better known as Brezhnev's,' and a long-time TEP hangout, this tiny place packs about 15 into a converted corner gas station. Mostly devoid of atmosphere, the employees speak almost no English (but they occasionally appreciate a lesson). The northern (Shan Xi) cuisine is rare in Boston and very good, including the best three-course Peking Duck in Chinatown (order in advance). Also great scallion pancakes and chow mein. All the secret' specials are written on the wall in Chinese, so having a translator is a big bonus. Quite inexpensive; a full meal can range from less than \$5 to about \$15. Cash only. (2004)

KOREA HOUSE

Korean. Some members of the MIT Korean population are known to frequent this establishment at least once a week to get a taste of home. The staff is friendly and the food is fantastic. Try the seafood pancakes or fried dumplings as an appetizer, and the seafood fried rice in a hot pot or pork and potato stew as an entree. Of course, the usual bul-go-gi' and gal-bi' are good as well. Accepts V, MC, AE, D. Delivery: no delivery (2004)

KOREANA

Korean. Authentic Americanized Korean food in a somewhat tacky atmosphere. Go in a large group so you can get one of the barbecue tables, and cook your meat in front of you. Their japanese offerings are mediocre, even if nicely set. Cash only. (2003)

Kupel's

Bakery, Kosher & Halal. This classic, New-York-style kosher bagel place under KVH supervision is a great lunch stop. A full-service bakery, Kupel's makes breads, cakes, and pastries as well as giant bagel sandwiches. Kupel's is very inexpensive and serves large portions. Visit on a Sunday morning and get a newspaper as well. Accepts MC, V. (2004)

L'ESPALIER

French. Superb gourmet French food. The 7 course tasting menu (one menu for meat-eaters and another for vegetarians) is amazing. If you get the tasting menu, your meal will probably last around 3 hours - it's very expensive but worth it for that special occasion, like your parents saying they want to take you to a nice restaurant' and making mistakes like saying money doesn't matter.' Have some wine. Reservations required. Jacket and tie preferred. Accepts AE, DC, MC, V. (2003)

L.A. Burdick

Dessert, Bakery. The chocoholic's wet dream (or worst nightmare?). You must try the Hot Chocolate (available in Dark, Milk, and White); it's like a solid bar melted into a cup. Also excellent pastries. The chocolate mice are adorable. Their chocolate can be ordered online. Cash only. (2003)

La Groceria Ristorante Italiano

Italian. Mediocre food in a nice atmosphere. About \$7-10 for lunch and up to \$20 for dinner. In the 80s, La Groceria's hayday included private upstairs Godfather-style dining and a kitchen full of raging alcoholics and cokeheads. As time went on and the coke was in shorter supply, only the alcoholics remained, and the quality steadily declined. These days, it's pretty much anyone's guess as to when the whole place will close its doors (our guess is whenever the original owner dies). That said, the quality varies wildly; your meal may be either amazing or unimpressive. Booze is funny like that. Reservations for parties of 6 or more; business casual attire recommended. Accepts AE, CB, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

La Luna Caffe

Italian, Coffeehouse. An Italian caffe with delicious panini sandwiches, salads, wraps and other dishes, homemade gelato, Italian sodas, all variations of hot or cold coffee drinks, slushes, and smoothies. Extremely convenient from campus. Slightly classy decor with friendly European ambiance. Has tables facing the sidewalk with large windows that open out onto the street - a great place to sit but you can also get everything to go. Meals all roughly \$5. Cash only. Delivery: After 17. (2003)

Lala Rokh

Middle Eastern. A Beacon Hill gem hidden in the basement of a residential brick-lined street, this gastronomical delight specializes in exotic Persian dishes that can be found nowhere else in Boston (except, perhaps, an Iranian friend's kitchen). For something really special, try the Fesenjaan (duck smothered in walnut and pomegranate sauce) or the Zareshke Pollo (aromatically spiced chicken served over saffron-flavored rice and barberries). The quality of the food is attested to by the long waits; reservations are essential on the weekends. Unfortunately, the food is priced to match its uniqueness. Expect to spend \$20-25 without drinks. Valet parking available. Cash only. (2003)

LEGAL SEA FOODS

Seafood. There's something to be said for a place that is both a Boston and MIT institution. Try the clam chowder at least once while you're at MIT. Dinner can cost about \$20 a head. However, as Legal's has grown as a chain, their quality and originality has also begun to stagnate. You can't usually go wrong with their oyster or clams on the half shell. Try the less expensive take-out, including fish and chips or salmon burger. Some appetizers, such as the fried calamari, are large enough for a meal. The non-fish options are somewhat limited, but the steak is good, and there's always the burger. The hot chocolate pudding cake is transcendent. Their wine list is huge and award winning. Take your parents. Reservations for parties of 6 or more. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2003)

LING GARDEN

Chinese. Great food, with pleasant, professional wait staff and a quiet atmosphere. The service is fantastic, fast, and very attentive and the portions are large. Beer and wine available. All in all a wonderful little restaurant for quick Chinese food. Try the Hawaiian Pineapple Chicken or the Tong An Province Chicken. They have a thriving take-out and delivery (local to Belmont) business. They will cater for large functions

Koreana 154-156 Prospect St., Cambridge 617 576 8661

> Krispy Kreme krispykreme.com

800 Boylston St. G (E) Prudential Sun-Sat 05-23:30 617 262 5531

35 Revere Beach Parkway, Medford Sun-Sat 24 hrs 781 393 8888

Kupel's
421 Harvard St.
G Coolidge Corner
Mon-Wed 08-20;
Thu 06-22; Fri 06-19;
Sun 06-20
617 566 9528

> L.A. Burdick 52D Brattle St. The R Harvard Tue-Sat 08-23; Sun-Mon 08-13 617 491 4340

La Groceria lagroceriarestaurant. com 853 Main St., Cambridge Mon-Fri 11-22; Sat 16-22; Sun 13-21 617 497 4214 or 617 876 4162

La Luna Caffe www.lalunacaffe.com 403 Mass. Ave. → R Central Mon-Sat 08-23; Sun 08-22 617 576 3400

Lala Rokh www.lalarokh.com 97 Mt. Vernon St. 🕝 R Charles/MGH; G Arlington Mon-Fri 12-15,17:30-22; Sat-Sun 17:30-22 617 720 5511

Legal Sea Foods www.legalseafoods.com

5 Cambridge Center → R Kendall/MIT Mon-Thu II-22; Fri-Sat II-22:30; Sun 16-22 617 864 3400

20 University Road TR Harvard Mon-Thu II-22; Fri-Sat II-22:30; Sun 16-22 617 491 9400

Ling Garden 63 White St., Belmont bus: 73 Sun-Thu II-22; Fri-Sat II-23 617 484 III8

Lobdell Building W20, Cambridge walk

Maggiano's Little Italy www.maggianos.com 4 Columbus Ave ⊕ G Arlington Mon-Thu II:30-I4:30,I7-22; Fri II:30-I4:30,I7-23; to MIT at very reasonable prices! Don't miss the dim sum on Sunday afternoons. Cash only. (2003)

LOBDELL

Fast Food & Food Courts. This food court is described in Campus Dining in Miscellaneous. It's got the same inconvenient hours, the same odd selection, the same overpriced food as all other food courts, but hey, it's your local campus food court. Cash only. (2003)

Maggiano's Little Italy

Italian. This impressive Italian restaurant is, surprisingly, a chain, although you wouldn't guess from the food or the atmosphere. The food is excellent, although a little on the pricey side (\$12-33 per entree), but if you are in a crowd the family style (\$23/person) will bring you an all-you-can eat five-course feast. This feature makes it probably the best location in Boston for a very large group. Accepts AE, CB, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

Mary Chung

Chinese. For as long as anyone can remember, Mary's has been an entrenched establishment central to life at MIT. You will always run into someone you know at Mary's. This is because the food is very, very good, with plenty of spicy meats and a decent number of vegetarian options. Meals are served in three courses: soup, appetizer and main dish. Suan La Chow Show (wontons over spicy soup and bean sprouts) is a perennial favorite; those who can't take the heat often choose the Wonton Soup instead. Pan Fried Peking Ravioli are almost always ordered. For less spice, try the Mongolian Beef (Embarrassing Beef', order it to hear why) or the Orange Sauce Chicken. Generally runs \$12-\$20 for a full meal. If you go with older folks from around MIT, don't be surprised if a method of ordering involving hand signals pops up. Weekend Dim Sum is served until 14:30; while not particularly authentic', the dishes are excellently done. It's the only time they serve scallion pie, but more importantly it's the only local source for the exquisite Sweet Sesame Rice Balls, a.k.a. Eyeballs, for reasons that will be obvious when you try them. Other Dim Sum favorites include Yu-Hsiang Eggplant and the Steamed Vegetable Dumplings (not on the menu, but often available on weekends). Mary's is closed on Tuesdays. Take-out is an option. Cash only. (2004)

McDonald's

Fast Food & Food Courts. If you need us to describe McDonald's, you don't want to eat there. Service (if you can call what you get at McDonald's that) at the Central Sq location is horrid. The drive-thru at the McGrath location is open 24 hours, with a very limited menu at night. Hours vary by location, but most close early enough to be annoying. Cash only. (2003)

MIDDLE EAST RESTAURANT

Middle Eastern. \$6-12 for excellent-sized but kind of bland Middle Eastern food. Fair falafel, lentil soup is worth a try. Also a nightclub; there are often performers there, both during the week and on weekends. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2006)

MIDWEST GRILL

Meat, Brazilian. Brazilian barbecue or, perhaps more accurately, Meat on Swords.' Servers circulate with beef, pork, chicken, and sausage

on huge skewers. A large buffet of salads and side dishes includes many appealing choices (excellent mashed potatoes) if you have room for more. The chicken hearts, while very good, are not for everyone. Skip a meal or three before going. There are even a few choices for vegetarians not scared off by the sheer volume of meat wandering the aisles. Live music at night can make it very noisy. Reservations available (and recommended) for 8 or more. Expect to pay \$20-25 per person. Accepts MC, V. (2004)

MIKE'S CITY DINER

American, Breakfast. This South End grease heaven is the closest you'll find to a true urban city diner. Get a booth or share the bar with hardhat clad construction workers. Once you're done deciphering the waitresses' heavy Boston accent, you're well on your way to a gigantic and fresh tasting breakfast. Homesick Southeners will be happy to know that Mike's offers grits, that bland vehicle for salt and butter, in addition to home fries. The proprietor of Mike's (Mike?) also owns Victoria's Diner in Back Bay. Cash only. (2004)

MIKE'S PASTRIES

Bakery, Dessert. The best Italian bakery in the North End, Mike's Pastries rivals any bakery in the country for both quality and price. All pastries are made on the premises. Cookies, cakes, pies, marzipan, tiramisu, chocolate covered strawberries, cannoli, creme puffs, rum cakes, Napoleons - it doesn't matter. It's all amazing. Now you can order it online and have it shipped to those unfortunate enough not to live near Mike's. Don't expect to find parking within 10 blocks. Don't expect the line to be anything but a mob scene. But it's well worth the trip; visiting Mike's is an experience in itself. Cash only. (2004)

MILK STREET CAFE

American, Kosher & Halal. All kosher and serving fish, dairy, and vegan fare, the Milk Street Cafe is located in the heart of Boston's business district not far from Downtown Crossing. From April to October, a hamburger and hot dog stand opens outside the Post Office Sq location. Breakfast and lunch are both excellent, although somewhat pricey. Quiche is a specialty in both locations. Under ORCM supervision. Cash only. (2003)

MIRACLE OF SCIENCE

American, Brewpub/Bar. The first thing you'll notice when you enter this small bar is that it's really loud. Don't go here if you want to carry on a detailed engineering conversation, but it's a good place to take a date, if you want to avoid uncomfortable silences. It's quieter during the afternoon though, so lunch is a good option too. The beer selection is reasonable and the food is pretty good - in particular, the veggie burger is well worth checking out, even for carnivores. Has the best bottled sauces in Cambridge on the tables, including everything from Jamaican to mango and tamarind sauces. Cash only. (2003)

Moby Dick's

Middle Eastern. A wonderful Persian cheap eats kabob place near Northeastern and the MFA. With its tile floors and booth seating, the atmosphere reflects the price but also adds to the feeling of authenticity (the restaurant is owned by an Iranian immigrant). The lamb, beef, and chicken kabobs are good and served with a generous portion of saffron-enhanced rice. For the really hungry, order a side

Sat 12-23; Sun 12-21 617 542 3456

> Marche www.marcheusa.com 800 Boylston St., Suite 001, Suite 001 → G (E) Prudential Sun-Sat II:30-24 617 578 9700

Mary Chung 464 Mass. Ave. ⊕ R Central Mon,Wed-Thu, Sun II:30-22; Fri-Sat II:30-23 617 864 1991

McDonald's

463 Mass. Ave. The R Central

14 McGrath Hwy Somerville

Middle East Restaurant www.mideastclub.com 472 Mass. Ave. ⊕ R Central Sun-Thu II-24; Fri-Sat II-0I 617 492 9181

Midwest Grill www.midwestgrill.com 1124 Cambridge St. (Inman Sq) Sun-Thu 11:30-23; Fri-Sat 23:30-24 617 354 7536 of mast-o-khiaar (yogurt and cucumbers) and finish with a glass of Persian tea. For those devout Muslims amongst you, this is also one of the few Halal restaurants in town. Expect to spend \$10-\$15 for a meal that can feed two. Cash only. (2003)

Mike's City Diner 1714 Washington St. (South End) bus: Silver Line Sun-Sat 06-15 617 267 9393

Moody's Falafel Palace

Middle Eastern. Great place for a cheap and filling lunch. The falafel is the best thing there. Sometimes they forget to add the tahini sauce, so make sure you ask for it. The schwarma comes in lamb and chicken, but the chicken is better. Moody's has ample vegetarian options. The building is a former White Castle hamburger stand and has been featured in Zippy the Pinhead cartoons. The baklava is also decent. The location is very small, so if you bring a group be prepared to take it out to a nearby bench. Cash only. (2003)

Mike's Pastries www.mikespastry.com 300 Hanover St. (North End) © G Haymarket Sun-Thu 08-21:30; Fri-Sat 08-23 617 742 3050

Mr. and Mrs. Bartley's Burger Cottage

American. Bartley's has been a Harvard Square icon since 1961. It's got soul. No longer inexpensive, but still excellent. Big variety of burgers (hockey-puck shaped, but the resemblance ends there: they're happy to cook yours rare; make sure to give instructions), delicious frappes and Lime Rickeys. They can make any burger with turkey or veggie patties. You must try the sweet potato fries. There is outdoor seating available when weather permits. Cash only. (2003)

Milk Street Cafe www.milkstreetcafe.com

Mu Que Ca

50 Milk St., Boston Mon-Fri 07-15 617 542 3663 Brazilian, Seafood. As the name implies, this small restaurant's best dish is moqueca, a seafood stew derived from Brazilian native indian, African and Portuguese cuisines. Their vegetarian version of moqueca, which substitutes plantains for seafood, is amazing. The owners, Antonio and Fafa, are very friendly and go out of their way to make sure you enjoy your meal. Try the fried plantain and a fruit smoothy. The restaurant itself is small, but comfortable enough for a sit-down meal. At the heart of Cambridge's Brazilian enclave, Mu Que Ca is a favorite stop for the local Brazilian community to catch up on Brazilian TV while waiting in line for a taste of home. Mu Que Ca is a great option for catering large events. See the website for a menu. Accepts AE, D, MC, V. (2004)

Post Office Sq Park,

R Downtown Crossing
Mon-Fri 07-17
617 350 7275

Mulan Taiwanese Restaurant

Miracle of Science 321 Mass. Ave Cambridge Sun-Sat 11:30-01 617 868 2866

Chinese. New in the summer of 2005, Mulan is already a favorite among Chinese food aficionados. Certainly, it is the best Taiwanese food in Cambridge, and possibly the entire Boston area, even surpassing Chinatown's Taiwan Cafe (Hai Zhi Wei'). Hopefully, it will overcome it's seemingly cursed location this makes three Asian restaurants at that location in as many years. The overflowing menu packs in a full assortment of seafood, meat, vegetarian, noodle, and soup dishes. Of particular note is the wide array of handmade dumplings (available frozen in bulk on site) and cheap lunch specials. Try the vegetarian kung pao chicken to experience just how far you can push mushrooms. Fantastic. The decor is exactly the same as the previous tenant (Pho Lemon R.I.P.); let's hope Mulan can avoid the same fate. Accepts V, MC. Delivery: Yes! (2005)

Moby Dick's 269 Huntington Ave ⊕ (E) Symphony 617 236 5511

Nan Ling

Chinese. Typical late-night, last-resort greasy Chinese food fare, i.e., even sketchier than Quan's. But it's just about the only place that will deliver past 2 am during the week, so it earns an established place in

MIT cuisine. Recommended dishes include the moo shi varieties and broccoli with garlic sauce. Accepts MC. Delivery: Additional \$1.50. (2004)

New Asia

Chinese, Thai. A friendly little Chinese and Thai restaurant about halfway between Harvard and Central. The decor is very pink, but the service and food are both good. Drinks are very generously sized and mixed strong. Real strong. Their egg drop soup is some of the best to be found and there are options for vegetarians and vegans. Dinner entrees run between \$5 and \$10; there's a luncheon buffet Mon-Fri 11:30-14 for \$6.50 Cash only. Delivery: Free with \$15 minimum order. (2003)

New York Pizza

Italian. Giant, fresh thin-crust slices of the best New York pizza in Boston, hands down. Serves giant slices. Cash only. (2003)

Oishii

Japanese, Sushi. This is the closest you can come to a meal at an authentic Japanese sushi bar in Boston. With only 13 seats in the house and a loyal patronage, be prepared to wait. You'll find top-quality sushi here, prepared by chefs with perfect technique, but you may find the food lacks the pizazz of other top Japanese restaurants in the area, such as Fugakyu or Ginza. If you are a sushi purist, this is your place-well worth the trek to Chestnut Hill. Other Japanese standards, such as agadashi tofu and grilled octopus, are worth sampling here as well. (2006)

OLEANA

Mediterranean, Middle Eastern. You have not lived a full life until you've eaten at Oleana. Both the Vegetarian Tasting Menu and the Grilled Lamb Steak w/ Turkish Spices & Fava Bean Moussaka are required eating. Everything is excellent and made on-site by chef and owner Ana Sortun, pastry chef Maura Kilpatrick, and their duo of crack-commando ninja sous chefs, Wilton and Nookie. If you go, make sure you are prepared to splurge and get appetizers, a main course, wine, and dessert. Before the food arrives, you'll be wondering why you just depleted your bank account; after you're done, you'll be wondering why they don't charge more. In other words, a perfect place to take parents as their graduation gift to you. Private lunch engagements, seasonal outdoor seating, reservations, and online menu are all available. This is the best Cambridge has to offer. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

OUTBACK STEAK HOUSE

American, Meat. Member of a reasonably large steakhouse chain; good, cheap steaks - the Outback Special 120z. sirloin for about \$13 is a great value - salads, shrimp and regular American steakhouse fare (don't be fooled by the over-the-top Australian' imagery, this place is about as Aussie as Ronald Reagan). Be careful of taking genuine Australians to this place as they may have a seizure, caused by either laughter or anger, depending on their temperament. Despite their professed image, the beer selection is lousy - typical American plus the dreaded Foster's. But you can call ahead, idle your car in the parking lot, and they'll bring your food out to you. Cash only. (2003)

Moody's Falafel Palace 25 Central Sq TR Central Sun-Sat 11-24 617 864 0827

> Mr. Crepe 83 Holland St. Tues-Fri 09-21; Sat-Sun 09-22 617 628 1500

Mr. and Mrs. Bartley's
Burger Cottage
www.mrbartleys.com
1246 Mass. Ave
The Harvard
Mon-Wed,Sat 11-21;
Thu-Fri 11-22
617 354 6559

Mu Que Ca muquecarestaurant.com 1093 Cambridge St. Cambridge Tue-Sat 11-21; Sun 12-17 617 354 3296

> Mulan Taiwanese Restaurant 228 Broadway St., Cambridge Sun-Thu II-21:30 Fri-Sat II-22:30 617 441 8812 and 617 441 8818

Nan Ling 179 Mass. Ave ⊕ G Hynes Convention Center/ICA Mon-Sat II-03; Sun I2-03 617 247 0393 or 617 247 1835

New Asia 1105 Mass. Ave R Harvard Sun-Sat 11:30-22:30 617 491 1873

New York Pizza 435 Mass. Ave. TG (E) Symphony 617 266 7020

Oleana oleanarestaurant.com 134 Hampshire St Cambridge Sun-Thu 17:30-22; Fri-Sat 17:30-23 617 661 0505

Outback Steak House outbacksteakhouse.com 672 Fellsway, Medford TO Wellington 781 306 1300

Pad Thai Cafe III 6 Boylston St., Boston ⊕ G Hynes Convention Center/ICA Mon-Fri II:30-22:30; Sat-Sun I2-22 617 247 3399

PAD THAI CAFE

Thai. This place is perhaps the perfect student-oriented Thai restaurant; cheap, good food with a minimum of fuss or wait. It generally caters to Berklee School of Music students, but is so close to MIT that it is bound to become a favorite. To get there, follow Mass. Ave. across the Harvard Bridge, then hang a right on Boylston. It will be on the left about a block down Boylston. It's generally faster to walk than take the T. Recommended dishes include the Pad Kee Mao, curries, and specials of the day. Cash only. Delivery: Available after 17:30 with a \$2 additional charge. (2004)

Papa Razzi

Italian. Upscale Italian chain. Prices could be worse (\$11-\$20), but portions tend to be small. The food is generally great, down to the thin garlic breadsticks and the fresh warm focaccia brought with the menus. Take-out available. The bar stays open an hour longer than the kitchen closing time listed here. Accepts AE, CB, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

PARIS CREPERIE

French. This restaurant combines a sidewalk cafe feel with excellent crepes. Penang duck, s'mores, chicken parmigiana, apples and brie or make-your-own are just a few of the choices. The smoothies and chai teas make wonderful sides. Price range is \$3-\$7. Cash only. Delivery: Free with \$10 minimum order. (2003)

PASSAGE TO INDIA

Indian. Many people consider P2I the best Indian restaurant in Cambridge. Similar menu to the Central Sq Indian restaurants, but higher quality, with a few unique items and slightly higher prices. Accepts MC, V. (2003)

PENANG

Pan Asian. A chain of Malaysian restaurants, with two branches in the Boston area, they serve the unique cuisine of their homeland, a blend of Malay, Chinese, Indian, and Thai cooking. The Roti Canai is a must-try appetizer, and for a main dish, there are many choices including Mango Chicken, and a wide variety of seafood. For dessert, don't miss the ABC. Harvard location designed in a High-Tech style, with lots of shiny pipes and ducts and things. Accepts MC, V. (2003)

Pho Pasteur

Vietnamese. Although both locations have the same name and owners, they should almost be considered separately. The Harvard Sq location is more uppity than the Chinatown location and the food isn't quite as good, although the pho (noodle soup) is the best (only?) you're going to get near Harvard Sq. The Chinatown location is less expensive and the main dishes (including the pho) can be quite good, if you know what to order. Try out the canh chua (hot and sour soup), bun chao tom (shrimp cake vermicelli), and bun X xao sa ot, where X can be ga (chicken) or tau hu (tofu). Unless you know Vietnamese, please spare the world any attempt at pronouncing these dishes; pointing or calling them by their numbers on the menu works fine. There are more vegetarian options than listed on the menu, you just have to ask. The pho is cheap and filling \$6-9 without tip. Menu available online. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

PICANTE MEXICAN GRILL

Mexican. Good quick Mexican, much broader menu than Anna's or Boca Grande. Excellent enchiladas, especially with mole sauce. Bigger variety of burritos than Anna's (across the street in Davis), though they're a bit dry compared to Anna's steamed tortillas. The Burritos de Papas is a vegetarian brick with spicy potatoes. Don't forget to try the limeade. Good for catering events, too. Note that the rice is not vegetarian, as it contains chicken broth. Accepts AE, D, MC, V. Delivery: Free for orders over \$36. (2004)

PINOCCHIO'S PIZZA

Italian. Voted the best pizzeria around Harvard Square by locals, and justly so. When asked why they don't deliver, they smugly reply that they are so busy with regular business that they don't have time for delivering. Their crusts are amazing. For \$4.25 you can get two perfectly cooked Sicilian slices with the best ingredients. Tomato & basil and spinach slices especially recommended. Also has good subs and whole pizzas for kinda cheap. Accepts MC, V. (2004)

Pizza Ring

Dessert, Italian, Meat, Vegetarian. Best known for cheap pizza. They also sell things like bread sticks (alleged to be quite good) and chicken rings (mixed reviews). They have special deals on pairs of pizzas. Two medium cheese pizzas are \$11.50. If you like sesame seeds, remember to ask for the free sesame seeded crust when you order their pizza. They have no seating, as they are mostly a delivery business. You Ring, We Bring! Accepts V, MC, AE, D. Delivery: Free. (2005)

Pizzeria Regina

Italian. A top contender for best thin-crust pizza in Boston. It's been around for over 75 years, and you can tell that it hasn't changed a bit. It's still a hole in the wall little joint in the heart of Little Italy. They even make their own sausage that you can find only on their pizzas. You should attempt to go there early or on off nights, as there's usually a long line out the door during peak times. Of course, that's a the perfect excuse to grab a cannoli at a local bakery to make the wait less painful. Does not accept reservations. Cash only. (2004)

Pizzeria Uno

Italian, American, Brewpub/Bar. A greasy deep dish pizza standby. Who cares if it's not authentic Chicago pizza' as long as it's good; the crust is so buttery (doesn't look greasy, but your hands will be covered with it) and flaky that it's closer to pie crust than pizza. Like many things from Chicago, this stuff can kill you. The other things on the menu are okay; the potato-skin pizza appetizer (same crust) is pretty fun. Allocate a while for your meal as the service is almost always slow. The Harvard Sq location has karaoke every Monday night from 20:30 to closing, all-you-can-eat every Tuesday night for \$7.99 from 17 to closing, and trivia night every Sunday night from 20:30 to 20. Accepts AE, CB, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

PORTER EXCHANGE FOOD COURT

Japanese, Fast Food & Food Courts. The Porter Exchange building, which also contains Giuseppe's and Bluefin, is home to a row of six Japanese

Papa Razzi www.paparazzirestaurant.com Cambridgeside Galleria Sun-Thu 11:30-22; Fri-Sat 11:30-23 617 577 0009

> Paris Creperie 326 Cambridge St. TR Charles/MGH 617 589 0909

Passage to India 1900 Mass Ave ⊕ R Porter Mon-Sat 11:30-15,17-22:30 Sun 17-22:30 617 497 6113

Penang

57 JFK St. ⊕ R Harvard Sun-Sat 11:30-23:30 617 234 3988

685-691 Washington St. (Chinatown) ⊕O Chinatown Sun-Sat II:30-23:30 617 451 6373

Pho Pasteur

35 Dunster St.

R Harvard / bus: 1

Mon-Wed 11-22;
Thu-Sat 11-23; Sun 11-22
617 864 4100

682 Washington St. (Chinatown) ⊕ R Downtown Crossing; O Chinatown Sun-Sat 09-23 617 482 7467

Picante Mexican Grill www.picantemex.com

735 Mass. Ave. ⊕ R Central / bus: I Sun-Thu II-22:30; Fri-Sat II-23 617 576 6394

 10-22:30 617 628 6394

Pinocchio's Pizza 74 Winthrop St. R Harvard Sun-Thu II-01; Fri-Sat II-03 617 876 4897

Pizza Ring www.mypizzaring.com 212 Western Ave Cambridge Sun-Sat 11-02 617 864 1800

Pizzeria Regina
II Thatcher St.
(North End)

⊕ G Haymarket
Mon-Thu II-23:30; Fri-Sat
II-24; Sun I2-23
617 227 0765

Pizzeria Uno www.pizzeriauno.com

820 Somerville Ave.

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Mon-Sat 11-00:30;

Sun 12-00:30

617 864 1916

645 Beacon St. ⊕ G Kenmore Mon-Sat II-00:30; Sun I2-00:30 617 262 4911

22 JFK St. ① R Harvard / bus: I Sun-Thu II-00:30; Fri-Sat II-01 617 497 1530

Porter Exchange Food Court TR Porter eateries. They serve a wide variety of food at a wide variety of prices, though two good rules of thumb are around \$8-\$12' and cheaper than Blue Fin.' For sushi, there is the Kotobukiya sushi bar, which is fresher, tastier and cheaper than getting your sushi from Star Market. Order by the vending machine; they'll make a hand roll of anything you ask for for less than \$3. Sapporo Ramen will give you generous portions of quality ramen that will make you unable to enjoy the ramen you buy from Star Market (this is a good thing), and they offer smaller portions and vegetarian broth (though you have to ask). The others serve a combination of Korean BBQ, which is adequate, traditional meat/vegetable and rice/noodle dishes, and more specialized foods. Cafe Mami is adorable and has a stack of Japanese manga for people to read while eating. The una don at Ittyo is excellent, as are the croquettes at Tampopo. Definitely worth a shot; between the six restaurants everyone will be able to find something they like. Casual eating environment, also a decent place to stop before work in Porter Square and pick up food to take with you - it's prepared fast. Cash only. (2003)

THE POUR HOUSE

American, Brewpub/Bar. The Pour House is a good, cheap American restaurant and bar with a very laid-back atmosphere. Seat yourself, and try one of the tasty burgers for \$4-\$6 (and double-deck it for \$1 more). The beer is all bottled, but it's a decent selection. Get there before 9pm if you're under 21 or you may be carded at the door. Lots of seating, but it's often pretty full. Cash only. (2003)

Ри Ри Нот Рот

Chinese. Pu Pu completes the triumvirate of MIT's favorite Chinese restaurants, although it isn't as preferred as Mary Chung or Royal East. On the other hand, Pu Pu has more vegetarian options, doesn't use MSG, and they offer free delivery. Offerings include good scallion pancakes, excellent Tofu with Spicy Ginger, good beef dishes, and well-done Chow Foon. Lunch runs \$6-8 and dinner \$9-12, although more often than not, you can order the luncheon & weeknight special' at any time of day... just pretend you know what you are doing. The menu can be found on their website. Service is a bit grumpy, but fast. Accepts V, MC. Delivery: Free with \$10 minimum order (+\$11 if outside Cambridge). (2005)

Quan's KITCHEN

Chinese. Sketchy' is the first word that comes to many peoples' minds, but it's a hell of a lot better than their only competition in post-midnight Chinese delivery (Nan Ling). They won several awards ten years ago, but recently seem to have been relegated to simply the only good late-night option. The Beef Chow Foon (a.k.a. Beef Worms') is surprisingly good. The website is somewhat out-of-date. Accepts MC, V. Delivery: Additional \$1 charge. (2004)

RANGZEN

Tibetan. The Tibetan word for independence, Rangzen offers hearty Tibetan food. Specialties include light fried appetizers, and rich entrees featuring potatoes, chick peas, mushrooms, and a variety of meats. Several vegetarian options are available. Good food and a relaxing ambiance make this a great place for a quiet date. Be sure to check out the \$7.55 lunchtime buffet. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

REBECCA'S CAFE

American, Bakery. This is a somewhat expensive, somewhat yuppie, but very good bakery/cafe. It's best known for its excellent corporate catering, which, if you're lucky, you may find leftovers of scattered about the Institute hallways. Good for lunch; particularly good for dessert. Make sure to get the 15% student discount. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

REDBONES

Meat, American. Pretty good barbecue, crowded rooms, sometimes rude staff. For rib selection (more varieties than most Northerners knew existed!), go here; for sheer volume, the all-you-can-eat lunch special (one kind of ribs, chicken, steak and sausage plus sides), it can't be beat. The best thing on the menu is the fried catfish sandwich. Also try the corn fritters with whipped cream. Some things, like the buffalo shrimp appetizer, are a rip-off. Great selection of beers on tap. Not for vegetarians. Delivery: Free by bicycle to the general Davis Sq area. (2003)

The Pour House 909 Boylston St., Boston G Hynes Convention Center/ICA / bus: 1 Sun-Sat 08-02 617 236 1767

Rendez Vous

French, Mediterranean. Occupying the former location of the Central Square Burger King, Rendez Vous is an up-scale restaurant with Western Mediterranean inspired cuisine, friendly service, and elegant atmosphere. Above all, however, it's the perfect place to impress your date without having to walk very far. Considering the high quality of food served, the prices are fairly reasonable: entrees usually range from around \$18-30 and Sunday's special Prix Fixe menu offers a three-course dinner for only \$32. Considering the vast numbers of disaffected waitrons in Boston, theirs actually smile like they mean it. Don't forget the raw bar! Reservations recommended. Cash and all major credit cards.

Pu Pu Hot Pot www.pupuhotpot.com 907 Main St. TR Central Sun 11:30-23; Mon-Sat 11-23 617 491 6616

RISTORANTE MARINO

Italian. Excellent Italian food, originating in the Abruzzo region. While the food is a bit more expensive than most restaurants around, it is more than worth the money. Most of the food is grown by the owners and is organic. The lunch buffet is incredible, and includes brilliantly wonderful eclairs. All of the food is very, very good. Try any of the raviolis, and save room for dessert. You will be happy and full when you leave. Stop by for takeout, too; they have a market with some of their best offerings available by the pound. Cash only. (2003)

Quan's Kitchen www.quanskitchenboston.com 1026 Comm Ave, Boston Sun-Wed II-02; Thu-Sat II-02:30 617 232 7617 or 617 232 0585

Rosie's Bakery and Dessert Shop

Bakery, Dessert. Arguably the best bakery goods in the Boston area, with prices that reflect it. Everything is good, but the carrot cake, cream cheese brownies, and velvet underground cake are especially recommended. They also serve Haagen-Dazs ice cream and beverages. Online shopping available. The goodies are worth the walk to Inman Square. Cash only. (2003)

Rangzen 24 Pearl St. TR Central Mon-Sat II:45-15 and 17:30-22 617 354 8881

Rotisserie House

Meat, American. Located near the post office, this small joint offers cheap, homemade roast chicken, sandwiches and side dishes, all of which put Boston Chicken to shame. You can eat there several times a week and have a different meal costing around \$5 each time, with a different special everyday. The guys who run it are super nice, and the food is excellent for the money. Favorites include take-out chicken

Rebecca's Cafe www.rebeccascafe.com 290 Main St. TR Kendall/MIT Mon-Fri 07-16 617 494 6688 Redbones www.redbonesbbq.com 55 Chester St. ⊕ R Davis Mon-Thu II:30-22:30; Fri-Sat II:30-23:30; Sun 12-22:30 617 628 2200

Ristorante Marino marinoristorante.com 2465 Mass. Ave. R Porter Mon-Thu II:30-22; Fri II:30-22:30; Sat 12-22:30; Sun 12-21 617 868 5454

Rosie's Bakery www.rosiesbakery.com 243 Hampshire St. (Inman Sq) Mon-Thu 07:30-19; Fri 07:30-19:30; Sat 08-19:30; Sun 08:30-18 617 491 9488

Rotisserie House 736 Mass. Ave. TR Central / bus: 1 Mon-Sat 11-22 617 661 0607

Royal East 782-792 Main St. Cambridge Sun-Thu II:30-22; Fri-Sat II:30-23 617 661 1660 sandwiches, the leg and thigh meal with a side of broccoli and a side of carrots), chicken sandwiches, gyros, and much more. Usually a bit crowded. The most expensive meal is \$34 for a two-family meal deal, but you should expect more like \$4-8 for a main course. Cash only. (2004)

ROYAL EAST

Chinese. Best place to bring a big group for standard Chinese. Standbys like ravs (pan-fried Peking Ravioli) and Gau (General Gau's Chicken) are well done, as are the scallion pancakes and chicken velvet and corn soup. The menu is much bigger than what's printed - ask for what you want and chances are they'll make it. Their seafood is fresh - if you order the Alaskan King Crab, they will pull it out of the tank and bring it over to you for inspection before cooking it up. Alaskan King Crabs are very large, spiky, and have lots of legs. Watching one whisk by you as you down some tea can be startling. They often have vegetarian specials, involving rarely-found veggies in varied, and delicious, sauces. Royal's handles large groups exceptionally well, and if your group is more than about 25 people, they'll give you the back room. About \$7 for lunch and \$10 for dinner. Accepts AE, DC, MC, V. Delivery: Free for large (>\$100) orders. (2003)

ROYAL INDIA

Indian. Located almost directly across from Random Hall, Royal India provides fine northern Indian (Bengali) cuisine at reasonable prices. The lunch buffet, at \$5.95, is quite good; it varies daily (though in a decently steady pattern) and usually features a solid Aloo Ghobi, exquisite lentils, and a assortment of others, Goat Curry being an unexpected (and very tasty) surprise. The Chicken Korma is highly recommended, as are the soups. In the evenings, Royal India serves unique Bengali specials. It's inexpensive, quick, and good. Cash only. (2003)

RUDY'S CAFE

Mexican, Brewpub/Bar. Rudy's is something of a Mexican restaurant, but, really, it's a tequila bar, without that bar vibe. The food is good anyway, with the usual array of Tex-Mex food. Try the black bean nachos, and then try a tequila flight. If you're spice sensitive just ask them to leave off everything red and they'll usually get it right. Good for medium-size groups, but 25 people would be a bit of a strain. Cash only. (2003)

S&S Deli and Restaurant

American. S&S offers American and (non-kosher) Jewish deli food at moderate prices (\$8-i3). They serve their entire menu all day, making it possibly the only place in Cambridge to get French toast at 8pm. Weekend brunch has an expanded menu that includes a good Eggs Benedict. Good atmosphere but often crowded, and service can be slow. Great desserts. Catering available. Accepts AE, CB, DC, D, MC, V. Delivery: Yes! (2004)

SABUR

Mediterranean. A Bosnian-owned restaurant offering exotic Mediterranean cuisine', including Bosnian-influenced cooking as well as a range of other Mediterranean influences, all presented beautifully. The open-hearth roast, veal medallions, seared tuna, and grilled Balkan sausages are delicious. Nice place for a special occasion,

well-decorated and good atmosphere. Try the Turkish coffee, and all of the desserts. Brunch is also nice. Cash only. (2003)

SAKE

Japanese. Despite all outward appearances of being exactly the kind of sushi joint you would never want to step into, Sake is an incredible find, serving up some of the most authentic Japanese food around. Between his previous career in Japan and his current job at Sake, the head chef has decades of sushi preparation experience. The menu also features standard dishes, such as tempura, udon and soba. Private rooms are available for small dinner parties. To get there, take Route I North from Boston and look for the large, cactus-shaped Hilltop Steak House sign on your left. Sake will be directly across the highway on your right. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

SEPAL

Middle Eastern. It's a bit hard to get to Sepal, but if you want good Palestinian food and great service, this is the place. Their falafel is wonderful, and their dinner combinations offer good soup, salad, bread, and meat. At least half of their menu dishes are vegan, also, making this a great restaurant for the whole hippie family. They also make great sandwiches, but MIT students are less likely to want to go out to Watertown for lunch. The best part is you can get a good meal for under \$20. Despite what the internet might tell you, this is not an all-vegan restaurant; a few years ago, the owner branched out into the meatier reaches of the culinary universe. Open on Sundays during the summer. Cash only. (2003)

SHABU ZEN

Japanese, Meat. One of the few shabu-shabu restaurants in the Boston metro area. That in and of itself should be enough to get your two little legs running there. Don't get the appetizers; they're pricey and substandard. Meat combo with beef and pork, a side of sirloin (c5), enoki mushrooms, tofu skin, and a lychee drink is the recommended meal. Cash only. (2003)

Shabuso

Korean, Japanese, Meat. This is one of the three Kaya restaurants, just with a different name. In addition to Korean barbecue, this location serves shabu shabu. See the Kaya entry for details. Cash only. (2004)

SHALIMAR INDIAN GROCERY STORE

Indian. Not the restaurant by the same name. There's a counter in back that sells Indian fast food of medium to poor quality for under \$6. Good for a quick dinner. Accepts AE, D, MC, V. (2004)

SHALIMAR OF INDIA RESTAURANT

Indian. Vies with Gandhi Restaurant for title to the best Indian restaurant in Central Square. Offers a great lunch buffet for around \$7. Good range of vegetarian options. Try the Mango Lassi to get an overview of the restaurant's strengths, then move on to the Tandoori and Chicken Do Piazza. The staff could be friendlier. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

Royal India 313 Mass. Ave Cambridge Tue-Thu 11-23; Fri-Sat 11-23:30; Sun 11-23 617 491 8333

Rudy's Cafe www.rudyscafe.com 248 Holland St Somerville Mon-Wed 17-24; Thu-Sat 11:30-01; Sun 11:30-24

S&S Deli and Restaurant sandsrestaurant.com 1334 Cambridge St. (Inman Sq), Mon-Wed 07-23; Thu-Sat 07-24; Sun 08-24 617 354 0620

> Sabur saburrestaurant.com 212 Holland St. ⊕ R Davis Mon-Fri 17-01; Sat-Sun 11-01 617 776 7890

Sake 670 Broadway (Route I), Saugus Mon-Thu II:30-23; Fri-Sat II:30-24; Sun I2-22 78I 233 3858

> Sepal 17 Nichols Ave Watertown bus: 70 / car Mon-Sat 11-21 617 924 5753

Shabu Zen www.shabuzen.com 16 Tyler St. (Chinatown) R Downtown Crossing; O Chinatown Sun-Wed II:30-23; Thu-Sat II:30-24 617 292 8828

Shabuso www.kayausa.com 1366 Beacon, Brookline ⊕ G Coolidge Corner Sun-Sat II:30-15; 17-23 617 738 2244

Shalimar Indian Grocery Store www.kashmirspices.com 571 Mass. Ave. © R Central Mon-Sat 10-21; Sun II-20 617 868 8311

Shalimar of India Restaurant shalimar-of-india.com 546 Mass. Ave. ⊕ R Central Mon-Fri II:30-15,17-23; Sat-Sun I2-23 617 547 9280

Sicilia's Pizzeria www.campusfood.com 840 Commonwealth Ave., Boston \mathcal{G} G (B) - BU West Sun-Sat II-03 617 566 0021

Someday Cafe 51 Davis Sq ⊕ R Davis Sun 08-23; Mon-Thu 07-23; Fri 07-24; Sat 08-24 617 623 3323

South Street Diner 178 Kneeland St, Boston TR South Station Sun-Sat 00-24

SICILIA'S PIZZERIA

Italian. Probably the best stuffed pizza around; an inch thick, lots of cheese and sauce, good flaky crust that's not dripping with butter like Uno's deep dish. Try the Sicilia's Original, stuffed spinach and mushroom, or the stuffed garlic pizza. Best of all, they're open late. Accepts AE, D, MC, V. Delivery: Additional \$1 charge. Take 30-40 minute estimates with a grain of salt. (2004)

SOMEDAY CAFE

Coffeehouse. Someday provides good coffee, tea, and hot chocolate with eclectic seating, and an eclectic crowd. Their pastries are overpriced and not very good, but their sandwiches are decent and they have Tosci's ice cream, nifty furniture, and don't mind people hanging out indefinitely. There are always lots of newspapers lying around, and air conditioned on hot days. Excellent for people-watching. Recently bought by Tosci's. Cash only. (2003)
----UPDATE, may be replaced by mr crepe

SOUTH STREET DINER

American, Breakfast. Now the last surviving 24-hour diner in inner Boston, the South Street diner is a classic of the genre but its newfound latenight isolation may make it hard to get a table. Energetic, tattooed, surly waitresses, an eclectic jukebox (Johnny Cash to the Sex Pistols), and prices not jacked up to gouge the post-club crowds are the highlights of this establishment. Tends to be especially crowded after the bars close on Friday and Saturday nights. Try the milkshakes. Cash only. (2003)

SPICE

Thai. Spice is small and loud. Depending on your tastes, you may find it cozy or a bit cramped - either way, the cash register will get on your nerves for the first ten minutes. The food is very good, though; their Pad Thai is quite good and they offer a deep-fried soft shell crab that is simply excellent, though spicy. Their Thai Iced Tea is also popular. \$15-\$25 per meal on average, though the Pad Thai is cheaper and still quite good. Cash only. (2003)

SPINNAKER ITALIA

Italian. Standard American Italian. Good view on revolving platform, but you pay for it. The food is okay; portions are small. Crowded for Sunday Brunch. Located in the Hyatt Regency Hotel next to Tang. Accepts AE, CB, DC, MC, V. (2003)

Stefani Pizzeria

Italian. The top choice when you want greasy pizza done right. About \$5 for a small pizza, which feeds one person nicely. The subs are better, especially on Phoenician bread. Small place. Accepts AE, CB, DC, D, MC, V. Delivery: Free with \$7 minimum order. (2004)

STEVE'S GREEK CUISINE

Greek. Reasonably authentic Greek cuisine, with the best Yiros (what Americans call a Gyro') I've yet found in the USA. Not as pricey as you might expect for Newbury Street, but appetizers are on the expensive side - the sizzling marinated octopus is still worth trying, however. Cash only. (2003)

SUNNY'S DINER

American, Breakfast. A small diner, and one of the best breakfast places around. For \$5 you can get a good amount of food. Sunny's breakfast and lunch menus are simple, but they cover all the important things. You can make a light breakfast out of an egg-and-cheese sandwich, or you can go all out with various combos involving generous portions of pancakes, french toast, breakfast meats, home fries, and eggs. Rather sketchy looking from the outside, the place is usually filled with locals. Sunny's Diner is a favorite breakfast spot for construction workers and hungry MIT students after tooling all night. It's one of the first breakfast places to open. On Tuesdays only you can ask for delicious homemade falafel and hummus, which the Egyptian short-order cook secretly prepares and keeps in the back room. Cash only. (2004)

617 350 0028

Spice 24 Holyoke St. TR Harvard Mon-Thu 11:30-22; Fri-Sat 11:30-22:30; Sun 12-22 617 868 9560

SUNSET GRILL & TAP

American, Brewpub/Bar. The food here is OK (make sure to get the beer battered onion rings to prepare your stomach for the onslaught), but the real reason to go here is the impressive array of beers - they boast 380 microbrews, with 112 beers on tap, though inevitably at least one of the ones you want will be unavailable, making every selection an agonizing choice. Be sure to check out the beer-based desserts. If you're lucky, perhaps you can convince them to make a Guinness float. Expect crowds and a long wait for a table. Accepts AE, D, MC, V. (2004)

Spinnaker Italia 575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge Mon-Thu 18-21:30; Fri-Sat 18-22 617 876 7746

Stefani Pizzeria 783 Main St., Cambridge Mon-Sat 11-22; Sun 12-22

617 491 7823

Steve's Greek Cuisine 316 Newbury St., Boston G Hynes Convention Center/ICA 617 267 1817

Sunny's Diner 7 Lansdowne St., Cambridge Mon-Sat 06-15; Sun 08-14

617 491 9550

Sushi Corner

Japanese. Fantastic sushi at amazing prices. They have a wide selection of sashimi, ngiri, and maki rolls with top-quality fish. There are many vegetarian options as well. They also have plenty of delicious Japanese items for the non-fish eaters, including noodle bowls and tempura. The place is pretty small and the chef is friendly, usually offering suggestions on the freshest fish of the day. The prices are quite reasonable (slighly lower than Blufin/Ginza/Fugakyu but the same quality of sushi). However, the thing to go for is definetely the sushi buffet. For \$26, you get all-you-can-eat (while in the restaurant) of whatever ngiri or maki your heart desires. The one downside is that the buffet is only offered Sunday-Thursday. But if you have a car and some money, this is definitely a place to check out. Hint - they're not quite on Essex St. Check around the corner in the Shaw's parking lot to find it. Accepts MC, V. (2004)

SWEET N' NASTY

Dessert. Ever wanted chocolate genitalia? Erotic cakes? A store that sells homemade sweets AND sex toys? Dude! Cash only. (2003)

SWEET CHILI

Thai, Pan Asian. Excellent pan-asian food, including one of Boston's best sushi bars. Take-out, delivery, and catering available. Entrees \$8-15. Switches from lunch to dinner at 15. Cash only. (2003)

TAAM CHINA

Kosher & Halal, Chinese. Serving reasonably priced, high quality kosher Chinese food under the supervision of Rabbi Aaron Hamaoui, Taam China provides a nice Saturday night dinner. The Pu-Pu meat platter served with a large bowl of fire excites the pyromaniacally inclined, while there are plenty of tofu and vegetable dishes for vegetarians. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

Sunset Grill & Tap www.allstonsfinest.com 130 Brighton Ave., Allston G (B) Harvard Avenue Sun-Sat II:30-01 617 254 1331 Sushi Corner 18C Essex St., Melrose Sun-Thu II:30-14:30,16:30-21:45; Fri-Sat II:30-14:30,16:30-22:30 781 662 1278

Sweet 'n' Nasty www.sweet-n-nasty.com 90A Mass. Ave., Boston Mon-Fri 10-19; Sat II-18; Sun 12-17 617 266 7171

Sweet Chili www.sweetchili.com II72-II78 Cambridge St. (Inman Sq.) Sun-Thu II:30-22; Fri-Sat II:30-23 617 864 4500

Taam China 423 Harvard St., Brookline ⊕ G Coolidge Corner Sat-Thu II-22; Fri II-15 617 264 7274

Tacos Lupita 13 Elm St. Tage R Porter Sun-Sat II-23 617 666 0677

Taiwan Cafe 34 Oxford St. (Chinatown) The Rowntown Crossing; O Chinatown Sun-Sat II-01

TACOS LUPITA

Mexican. Actually, they're Salvadoran. If you're considering going to Anna's in Porter, do yourself a favor and walk across the shopping center, take a right down Elm St.. A few blocks down you'll find the best Mexican food around. The food makes up for the hole-in-the-wall atmosphere. It's authentic, fresh and cheap. Tacos, gorditas, huaraches, mulitas, soups, plates, and of course mind-blowing burritos. The pork and rice are especially good, and there's an assortment of sodas from Mexico including apple! If you're adventurous, try the lengua or mondongo. Burritos for \$2.75, most under \$5, plates for \$7-8. Cash only. Cash only. (2004)

Taiwan Cafe

Chinese. Consistently ranks among the favorite Chinese restaurants of the Chinese student population. The menu sports excellent steamed dumplings and basil eggplant, as well as a healthy sprinkling of jellyfish, tongue, intestine, and stomach dishes. Service is fast without being pushy and the wait staff can offer suggestions. A good place to go with a large group of people. Be warned, the phone is often answered in Chinese. Cash only. (2004)

Tanjore

Indian. Offers a wide variety of food from the cuisines of the Indian subcontinent. Selections include Dosas and Utappams (stuffed crepes and pancakes from the south), snack food and seafood from Bombay and Goa, and Mughlai style vegetable and meat dishes from Northern India. As usual, service is buffet-style during lunch-time hours. Accepts AE, D, MC, V. Delivery: Available for large (>\$100+) orders. (2004)

Taqueria La Mexicana

Mexican. If you can find it and avoid the horrid Tortas, it's the best taqueria you'll find in Massachusetts. The flautas and enchiladas potosinas are especially good and the tamales are superb. Probably the only taqueria around MIT to serve homemade tortilla chips. A wide range of ingredients and food for a taqueria, especially if you can read the small Spanish menu posted near the cash register. A full meal costs \$6-10. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

THAILAND CAFE

Thai. Yet another Thai restaurant run by Chinese people. The combination somehow produces VERY fast, reliable service and Thai food that is slightly more greasy and less flavorful than one would hope. Cheap and convenient, Thailand Cafe has been a staple of the MIT diet for quite some time. The Crazy Noodles are excellent and the Fisherman's Fury is pretty good. Luncheon specials (comes with a cup of hot spicy tofu soup) are around \$6, dinner is more expensive. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

TOMMY'S HOUSE OF PIZZA

Italian. Tommy's happens to be God and Jesus to the nightshifted (in particular, nightshifted stoners) because it delivers high-grade pizza with sesame crusts until 03.' Unfortunately the hours seem to have changed but it's still decent pizza with flavored crusts (sesame, poppy, garlic, onion, or salt). Only the sesame is available by the slice. Reasonably inexpensive, too. Accepts AE, D, MC, V. Delivery: Free until 01:30, with \$8 minimum order. (2004)

---CHECK HOURS!!!

617 426 8181

TOP OF THE HUB

American. One of the best views you'll ever find, but you pay for it. Average American food, though great coffee and desserts. Live jazz featured nightly. Special brunch on Sundays. Accepts AE, DC, D, MC, V. (2004)

TOSCANINI'S ICE CREAM

Dessert, Coffeehouse. Toscanini's, an ice cream and coffee shop, has long since departed the Student Center, but with locations in Central and Harvard Sqs, is still easily accessible from MIT. Tosci's is in competition with Christina's and J.P. Licks for the best ice cream in Boston, but has a much wider selection of drinks (coffees, teas, hot chocolate and hot vanilla) than the other two. It's not cheap, but the options are both varied and excellent, and they're a great place for a treat. They're best known for their unusual homemade ice cream flavours, such as Grape Nut, Khulfee, and Chocolate Sluggo, but the more run-of-the-mill flavours are also excellent. Things to try: micro-sundae, Hot Chocolate Vanilla (hot chocolate made with sweet vanilla-bean infused base), just about any unusual ice cream flavour. They also make ice cream cakes. Also includes a Harvard location. Cash only. (2003)

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TRIDENT CAFE

Coffeehouse. Coffee shop but also serves plenty of food. Feels like Berkeley in Boston. Really yummy food, with many veggie options, but way expensive. Being on Newbury St., it has a rather yuppie atmosphere, and well, the prices are going to bring the yuppie people in. The upside is that it's open relatively late, but other than that, it's really just not worth the money to go there often. It is attached to a bookstore and provides alterna-books for reading while you eat. Cash only. (2003)

Tu Y Yo

Mexican. The sign on the door clearly states NO we do not have burritos'.' This is authentic Mexican food, using family recipes from 75-100 years ago. Delicious meat and fish for about \$10 an entree, served with the best beans and rice you've probably ever had. If you're over 21, you'll want to try the sangria as well. Tu Y Yo is the kind of authentic Mexican food you've probably never tried. A few appetizers are based on flour or corn tortillas, and entrees are served with a side of rice and some black beans, but that's about where the familiar Mexican parallels end. A few of our favorites are Pulpo Pichirillo (octopus with olives and onions), Pollo Yunkaax (chicken stuffed with cuitlacoche in a spinach sauce), and Bisteces en Salsa Borracha (beef and cactus leaves). For dessert, the flan is fabulous. Cash only. (2003)

URBAN GOURMET

American. True to its name, this place serves staples of the American city (sandwiches, pizza, salads) with exotic ingredients and true culinary flair. The food here is so good that it's surprising it doesn't cost more most prices are \$6-\$12 for a filling meal. The specialty hot sandwiches are fantastic, particularly the Pork Adobo, and the pizza is excellent: slow-cooked with a satisfyingly crunchy crust even in the middle (no sag of the slice here). The salads are worth it generous in size and ingredients, and come with the dressing properly tossed-in instead of just dumped on top. Also has commendable pasta and a range of

Tanjore tanjoreharvardsq.com 18 Eliot St. TR Harvard Sun-Sat 11:30-15,17-23 617 868 1900

Taqueria La Mexicana www.latagueria.com 247 Washington St. (Union Sq) Sun-Sat II-22 617 776 5232

Thailand Cafe www.campusfood.com 302 Mass. Ave Cambridge Sun-Thu 11-22; Fri-Sat 11:30-23 617 492 2494

Tommy's House of Pizza www.campusfood.com 49 Mount Auburn St. TR Harvard Mon-Fri 11-02; Sat 1212-02; Sun 11-02 617 497 4849

Top of the Hub www.topofthehub.net 800 Boylston St. 52nd Floor G (E) Prudential Mon-Thu II:30-14:30,17:30-22; Fri 11:30-14:30,17:30-23; Sat II:30-14:30,17-23; Sun 12-14,17-22 617 536 1775

Toscanini's Ice Cream www.tosci.com 899 Main St. R Central Sun-Thu 11:30-23; Fri-Sat 11:30-24 617 491 5877 other entrees, as well as daily specials. Accepts AE, MC, V. Delivery: Yes! (2003)

VICTORIA'S DINER

American, Breakfast. Standard diner fare, featuring breakfast all day, lunch and dinner specials, free parking, and a back room that can seat loads of people. Owned by the same person as Mike's City Diner in the South End. Accepts AE, MC, V. (2004)

VILLAGE SMOKEHOUSE

Meat, American, Brewpub/Bar. This place serves Texas Style' BBQ which means meat, beans and cornbread, and lots of it. The spicy Texas sausage is very good and the pork babies' back ribs are delicious, perhaps the best in town. Has a smaller and cheaper lunch menu for those on a budget. Sometimes the service can be a little slow. Also has a full bar that stays open later than the restaurant. Cash only. (2004)

VINNY T'S OF BOSTON

Italian. Good Italian food, with big entrees intended to be served family-style. Used to be the canonical place for very large groups (20 or more), but portion sizes have dropped as prices rose; Maggiano's is a much better choice for your birthday dinner. Expect to wait 20-60 minutes at popular times unless you make a reservation. Cash only. (2004)

Wendy's

Fast Food & Food Courts. Standard quintuple-bypass fare. What's with those Sq burgers anyway? At least that way you know they weren't shat by some beast as it died. No parking available. Often very long lines during lunch, probably due to it being perceived as somehow less ghetto than the other Central Sq fast food joints. It must be the Frosty, or the Baked Potato of Doom. Anyway, their competition caused the other fast food joints in Central to open dollar menus and the lines move pretty quick. Cash only. (2003)

WING WORKS

American, Meat. The other wings place, for when you're trapped outside the WingIt delivery range and desperately need something wingz. Anyway, it's wingz. They've won awards, they're pretty cheap, and hey, they'll deliver you wingz. Have some. Cash only. Delivery: Yes! (2003)

Wing-It

American, Meat. Take-out chicken wings, with over 20 flavors including Buffalo, Jamaican Jerk, Sweet & Sour, Lemon Pepper, Teridactil and Suicide (very hot). An MIT tradition, try the boneless for tons of meat and less mess. Delivers to campus, but slowly. Expect a 45 minute wait or more. Orders stop 15 minutes before closing. Accepts AE, MC, V. Delivery: Free with \$10 minimum order. (2004)

THE WRAP

American. The Wrap offers wraps (who would have guessed), as well as burritos, salads, soups, and smoothies. The smoothies are tasty. The food is fairly quick and there's a small seating area. Not upscale, but a step up from fast food. Free wireless access in the Newbury St. store. Cash only. Delivery: Available Mon-Sat 12-22 and Sun 12-20 with

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388 Newbury St
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Sun-Sat 09-24
617 267 8688

Tu Y Yo tuyyomexicanfonda.com 858 Broadway St. (Powderhouse Sq) ⊕ R Davis Mon-Thu 17-22; Fri-Sat 16-23; Sun 16-21 617 623 4511

Urban Gourmet 688 Broadway St. (Ball Sq), ⊕ R Davis Mon-Fri 15-24; Sat-Sun 12-01 617 628 2322

Victoria's Diner 1024 Mass. Ave. (Back Bay) R Andrew Sun-Sat 06-22 617 442 5965

Village Smokehouse villagesmokehouse.com I Harvard St., Brookline Sun-Wed 4-22; Thu II:30-22; Fri II:30-23; Sat I2-23 617 566 3782 \$2 additional charge. MIT is on the edge of their delivery zone, so ask nicely. Call for delivery: 617-266-WRAP (617-266-9727) (2003)

Wuchon Korean & Japanese Restaurant

Korean. A favorite among Koreans for its authenticity, Wuchon is especially known for its Korean-style hot soup, or jji-ge' in Korean. Catering is available. About a block away from Buk Kyung Korean Restaurant. Accepts V, MC, AE, D. Delivery: catering service (2005)

ZAFTIG'S

American, Deli. Located in Coolidge Corner, Zaftig's is the little deli place with amazing cold cuts that quietly shows up S&S. Kind of expensive for the service, wait and atmosphere, but the food makes up for it entirely. Try their Rachel sandwich or Stuffed French Toast.

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Vinny T's of Boston www.vinnyhtestas.com

867 Boylston St. (Back Bay) Mon-Wed 11:30-23; Thu-Sat 11:30-24; Sun 12-22 617 262 6699

1700 Beacon St., Brookline Mon-Thu 11:30-22:30; Fri-Sat 11:30-23:30; Sun 12-22 617 277 3400

> Wendy's 598 Mass Ave. TR Central

Wing Works 201 Elm St. © R Davis Mon-Thu 16-23; Fri-Sun 12-22 617 666 9000

Wing-It www.wing-it.com II53 Comm Ave, Allston Mon-Fri 16-24; Sat 12-02; Sun 12-24 617 783 BIRD (617 783 2473)

The Wrap thewrap.com

137 Mass. Ave., Boston Sun-Sat 10-23 617 369 9087

247 Newbury St., Boston Sun-Sat 10-23 617 262 2200

> 71 Mt. Auburn St. (Harvard Sq) Sun-Sat 10-23 617 354 5838

Wuchon 290 Somerville Ave. 617 623 3313