

# Fresh in Worcester?

## Advice from resident experts

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Well, you're finally in Worcester and you're probably asking yourself, "What kind of place is this?" The city doesn't look like much; it's a far cry from Boston or New York. But don't start packing yet—Worcester has a lot going for it. Between the two of us, we've lived here for 33 years, so we should know.

Okay, those Orientation yahoos probably went blue in the face espousing the virtues of the Centrum and the Worcester Common Fashion Outlets (note: Worcester natives still call it the Galleria or the Worcester Center. Then again, Clarkies still call Grind Central the Pub). They're great places, but that's not all that Worcester has (chalk one up for the Orientation Committee's Intelligence). The big part of the Worcester music scene is not going to be found in big arenas like the Centrum. Worcester is brimming with artistic talent, most of which can be found in the various and sundry coffee houses, bars and private parties. A few places worth checking out include the Espresso Bar, Java Hut, and The Space. And if you have an ID (legal or otherwise) Ralph's, Gilrein's, Sir Morgan's Cove and The Plantation Club are all worth a visit.

Now for those of us who can walk up a flight of stairs without dropping, there are a lot of fun places to dance. For traditional club-scene dancing, check out the Palladium or Sh-booms (if yo' lookin' fo' a suga daddy).

If you're looking for a dance partner of the same sex, check out A-Men or Club 241. We're both big fans of ballroom dancing and the best place you can go to learn is at Holy Cross College, a quick shuttle ride away. Just don't forget to bring snob repellent.

When it comes to cultural stuff, The Worcester Art Museum (WAM) is free to Clarkies and respected throughout New England for having truly wonderful exhibits (which change often, so you

won't get bored on repeat visits). WAM occasionally shows terrific movies as well. If you are looking for an offbeat/artsy kinda movie, check out Clark's own CUFS and Cinema 320. If you want the really cool movies, spend \$7.50 at Webster Square Cinemas (in walking distance), Showcase Downtown, White City (both reachable by bus), or Showcase North (sorry, but you'll need a car!).

Shopping extends beyond the Galleria. Used clothes can be found in spades in most church basements, but also the Salvation Army and Easy Pieces (right next to each other and a short cab or bus ride). There are also a few places on James Street.



Tom Roy, investment banker and former StudCo VP, wants to buy you a beer.

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Be sure check out Pastiche on Highland Street—Elsa's favorite.

Bookstores, bookstores, bookstores. Tatnuck Bookseller has a large selection of books and magazines as well as a decent (if not overpriced) restaurant. Used books, however (of which Tatnuck has in droves), are the way to go. Fabulous Fiction (Main Street—a block from Clark), Another Story (about three blocks in the same direction) and the Book Bear in North Brookfield (yes, you need a car, but it's well worth the trip) are all great. Often you can find course books at considerably less than the cover price (no, they're not hot, but they are a little dirty). But the Clark Bookstore is the best of them all (retch)!

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Anybody need a haircut? It's called a buzzer! But if you're not into the free-as-a-bird thing, check out Looks Salon on Chandler Street (very cool people); D'Lorio's will do the buzz cut for women for free (the owner gets a kick out of it... we'll leave it at that); Kay's won't cut women's hair but is good for guys (some Clarkies swear by it); if you're a Spanish speaker, check out the place near the Clark bookstore.

Sick of Clark food? Bwa-haa! Tortilla Sam's (#1 place in Tom's opinion) kicks ass; Cactus Pete's is a bit pricey but worth every dime if you love dead cow like Tom does; the Gentle Lentil and the Living Earth (featuring free range critters) are two of Worcester's finest (mostly) vegetarian restaurants. Shrewsbury Street features too many diners and Italian restaurants to list (most notable are Mac's diner and D'Errico's and the Wonder Bar—best pizza in the city, Elsa and Tom agree). Sweetheart Restaurant (Shrewsbury Street) features great Indian food as does the House of India on Park Ave (reasonably priced buffet-lunch). The Saigon Restaurant (Main Street) and Da-Lat are cheap yet delicious. Fantastic Pizza (a stone's throw from Clark) features decent pizza and unbelievable falafel. Don't know what that is? Try it brothers and sisters—you're only in College once! Armenia in Webster Square and Shiraz on Park Ave are also worth checking out.

Besides cool stuff to do (we're sure we're missing a few things), Worcester is on the rise economically speaking—Biotech Park, the Medical City project, the Union Station renovations (straight to Boston for \$4.50!), and the new Convention Center are just a few examples of Worcester's re-dedication to growth and expansion. And yes, our proximity to Boston is a definite benefit, but please don't feel that you have to be there to have a good time!

# The Linguist's Guide to Clark: Terms Everyone Should Know

**DAKA:** the food service, no matter what its name is now; also used to refer to the UC dining hall. [pronounced DAY-kuh]

**Dapperjacks:** UC clique known for their unpretentious elitism and snappy dressing style.

**The Dapperjack Lounge:** once the Specialty Store, now the UC's first-floor tv lounge

**The Green:** semi-common name for the big grassy area in the middle of campus.

**Ick:** Pronunciation of the abbreviation I.C., refers to the International Cafe, where the Bistro is located.

**MCCF Form:** green piece of heavy paper/light cardboard where you finalize your class registration, either by getting signatures or defaulting to your pre-registration choices. Nobody knows what "MCCF" really means.

**The Narrow View:** 1.) The view taken by a person or group who refuses to get the big picture ("I deserve to graduate, but the College Board takes the Narrow View.") 2.) ironic: as in, "I tried to get a loan with no collateral, but the bank took the Narrow View." [origin: *Brain Candy*, 1996]

**Packing a Howie:** A person who is outwardly uninspiring, but is a tough, resourceful, quality individual, is said to be this. (eg, "I know he's not much to look at, but his roommate says he's packing a howie.")

**StudCo:** Student Council.

**Tricky Dick:** President Nixon or President Traina

**Vax Geeks:** regular contributors in the Bulletin community, opposite of a "lurker." [not a pejorative!]

**Vax Lurker (or simply "Lurker"):** one who reads Bulletin semi-regularly but rarely if ever posts.