



## Bar hopping at its best

As with any town full of college students, nightlife is a very important aspect of Tallahassee. With an abundance of clubs, it is very easy to find somewhere to get great drinks and music every weekend.

Within walking distance of Florida State's campus is the Tennessee Strip, located near Copeland Street on the opposite side of Tennessee. The Strip is home to many different bars and clubs to choose from, such as The Lower Lounge, Ken's Tavern, and Gianni's to name just a few. A fairly recent addition to the Strip is Mama Goldberg's Deli, taking the space of what used to be Floyd's Music Store. While not a club, it is conveniently located to get dinner before heading out for the night.

"We have urban night and college night," said Christopher Garcia, the VIP Director of three popular clubs in Tallahassee, Coliseum, Bajas Beachclub, and Rokbar. "Urban night we have more of a



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strict dress code, and the music is different. College night they play house music, and urban night they play more pop."

Rokbar is home to DJ Journey, who in Garcia's opinion plays the best music out of the three clubs he works at.

"It's just more my style," says Garcia. "It's a mixture of everything, but it's all Miami. The people at Rokbar also tend to be a little bit older."

Another popular club in Tallahassee is LIT, which is located in the same shopping

center on Pensacola Street as Bajas and Rokbar. LIT is home to Menace Beach on Friday nights, which is an ever popular indie-electro dance party that has for the past three years been held at The Engine Room before it shut its doors for good in December of last year.

Coliseum is a fairly new club that opened on February 11, 2012. It is located on Tennessee Street near CVS and Tires Plus, in what was formerly Chubby's. Coliseum is decorated to look Roman on the inside, complete with pillars. Saturday nights are "When in Rome" nights.

"Coliseum is a dress to impress atmosphere," says Garcia. "We have girls who dress very nice, and guys who dress very nice."

In addition to having DJs, Coliseum has also been the venue for many popular bands, such as 10 Years, Blue October and Theory of a Deadman.

"We want Rokbar and Coliseum to have more of a Miami feel," says Garcia. "They don't necessarily need to be next to a beach to make them good clubs. Overall, there's a better quality of club atmosphere in Tallahassee than Gainesville."

For a very different environment, there is Stetson's at The Moon on Friday nights. The Moon is both a club and concert venue for a variety of musical genres, and it is located on Lafayette Street. On Fridays, The Moon becomes a line dancing club. People there can be found wearing boots and dancing along with country music. For a beginner, line dancing can be more difficult than it looks. Not to fear, there are also booty breaks throughout the night, when they pause the country and play more hip hop music to let loose.

So whatever your style, there is a club in Tallahassee to suit you. It has it all. ☺