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# RALEIGH-DURHAM

*North Carolina's axis of cool.*

With its food trucks, design collectives and rehabbed downtowns, the Research Triangle — the patch of North Carolina that is home to Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and 150,000 college students — seems to be yet another hipster vibe factory. It's Silver Lake, you think, just with a few more “yes, ma’ams.” But then you taste the okra and sniff the heirloom tomatoes. You meet an ex-vegan who’s smoking whole hogs and a church pastor who plays in a secular rock group. And speaking of music, it’s everywhere — beamed out from great college radio stations, seeping out of historic rock clubs and packaged by a growing local record industry. This is the kind of place where bands still play house shows, where a local will endorse a dingy club by telling you that, inside, it feels like you’re at a Halo of Flies show in 1988. You don’t really know what he’s talking about, but you must find out. **STEPHEN HEYMAN**



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## ONLYBURGER

The Triangle is lousy with food trucks slinging increasingly unlikely fare: kimchi quesadillas in Durham (on Twitter @ncbulkogi), meatloaf in Raleigh (@momsdishes) and hemp milk smoothies on a leafy lot in Carrboro, the hippie-dippie precinct just beyond Chapel Hill (carrbororaw.com). But the widely acknowledged leader of this vehicular pack is a Durham-based chuck truck called OnlyBurger. Its “breakfast” special — tiered with fried green tomato, pimento cheese, fresh-ground beef and a gooey griddled egg — is a wonder of patty perfectionism. Find it on Twitter @onlyburger. Hamburgers from \$4.50.

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