



The Dynamo



Shedding some light on Lund



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Lund, Bike City

Getting around

Wanna ride? There are several possible ways to acquire a bike, depending on your budget.

There is the bike shop option: there are many *cykel affärs* in town. This is probably the most expensive choice. Their used bicycles can fetch 700-1400 SEK.

Lundaböcker is a more favorable option, as they offer many things directed towards students, including used bicycles. Watch out for bike auctions at the AF Building or organized by the Town as well.

There is an online option.

Blocket.se and Tradera.se list an array of items and bicycles.

for home. Take advantage of this situation: there could be a good deal waiting!

Free bike? If you are up for the challenge and have some basic tools you can potentially reconstruct yourself a bike. There are many broken cycles around the city, especially at student housing, which have many usable parts.



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Last semester I found some cheaper bicycles listed in Lund and Malmö. Sellers post e-mail addresses or phone number for easy inquiry.

Due to the continuous flux of students, some will look to get rid of their bikes before leaving

Caretakers are known to get rid of old excess bikes abandoned in parking lots. Check for stickers placed on all bicycles: the ones which aren't taken off will be taken away. If you wait a while, right before the deadline,

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Their junk, your treasure

Saving money

In the land of IKEA, one finds many stylish, affordable items to furnish an apartment or decorate a student room.

But Lund also has a good number of second-hand shops with quality used items – you just might find a barely scratched Billy bookcase at half-price! Profits go to noble causes.

Beware, most have odd opening hours that can vary without warning and some are a bit tricky to find...

Amnesty – Small shop but central location, great prices and kind volunteers. A bit of everything except big pieces of furniture – great for kitchen accessories, including nice souvenir collector plates. Tues-Fri 16-18 Sat 10-14. Bredgatan 8.

Erikshjälpen – The granddaddy of second-hand stores in Lund, probably the largest, definitely the best known, but not always the cheapest (compared to others in this list). Clothes, books, linen, furniture, kitchen accessories, electronics, the occasional

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Have your pick!

Nations of Lund

Nations are a big part of student life in Lund. They offer food, activities, night-clubs, housing, and more.

best to discover that on your own: here's a quick guide to help you get started, but remember it's all a matter of personal taste!

Studentlund nation*, you can go to any of the others, so it's not a life or death decision. Visit all 13 if you can!

You'd like to join one, but which one? It's

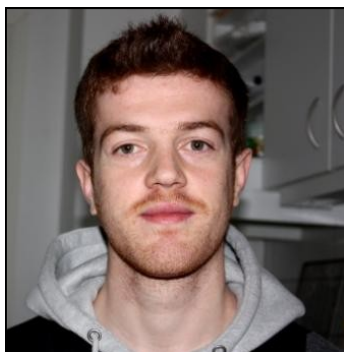
Anyway, once you're a member in one

Prepared by Nadine März

Nation	Pro	Con
Blekingeska	music-centered (many concerts), friendly members	a bit far if you don't live in Vildanden
Göteborgs	some of the biggest student parties, centrally located	don't offer vegetarian options all the time
Hallands	pub serving lots of different beers, nice atmosphere	not much space in the pub
Helsingkrona	popular afternoon pub on Friday, good sports activities	toilets are downstairs → could be dangerous if you're drunk
Kalmar	nice atmosphere and good food, only pub open on Tuesday	no clubs
Krischan	serve pitchers of beer in their pub, nicely laid-out space	clubs don't always have the best music
Lunds	nice top floor with view over Lund, biggest nation so good variety	somewhat anonymous due to many members
Malmö	central location, lots of housing, posh clubs	few international students
Östgöta	good lunches, right near downtown, diverse crowd	small and uneven dance floor, watch your step!
Smålands	lots of activities, promoting equality, diversity, respect	*not a <i>Studentlund</i> member → not linked to other nations
Sydsvenska	clubs with different music styles (rock, funk), Tuesday teatime	tables too close to each other → not very comfortable
Västgöta	lots of international students, comedy nights in English	club usually very crowded → long queues
Wermlands	only nation with pub on Saturday, great beer selection	clubs can sometimes be a bit quiet

The Dynamo asked: "What nation did you join & why? Are you satisfied, and why or why not?"

Vox Pop



Matteo Pochintesta - Italy; studies architecture
Nation: Helsingkrona

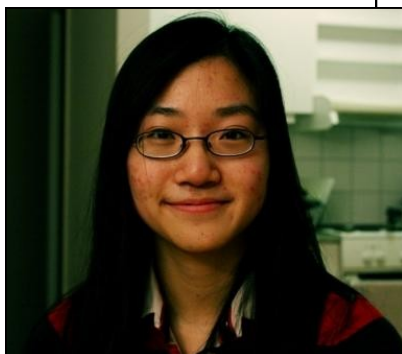
"I joined this nation because a lot of my friends decided to join this nation also and it is the closest nation to where I live. I am satisfied because I enjoy the night club and the weekend brunch is very good!"



Melissa Miller - Australia; studies environmental and social science
Nation:

Hallands

"I heard it had a good club and was exchange student friendly. I have enjoyed being a member because it has been a lot of fun to work at the night clubs."



Alicia Donnellan - Spain; studies biology
Nation: Sydsvenska

"I was attracted to the different kinds of music events they have going on and it is smaller and cozier than some other nations. The parties and music are good and I also enjoy the cinema café; I think I made the best decision I could have."



Hayley Kim - Canada; studies biology

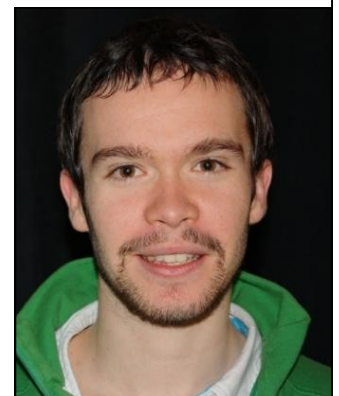
Nation: Krischansta

"I visited and it had a really nice atmosphere. It is a smaller nation so it seemed it would be easy to make friends. I could be more satisfied because it has been difficult to get involved because I am an international student and don't speak Swedish. I haven't been contacted about events or opportunities very often."

Rob Candy - England; studies business management

Nation: Lunds Nation

"I joined to become immersed in Swedish culture and meet Swedish students and not just international students. I also wanted to broaden my work experience. I am pretty satisfied with my choice because the perks of working at the nation are great and I enjoy interacting with other people."



Pictures and comments taken by Lydia Cardinal

Unsolved Swedish Mysteries

Coop & Kentucky Fried Chicken

Opinion

In this beautiful city of Lund and country of Sweden, there are many things I don't quite understand.

This is fine; it's part of the game of discovering a new culture. But that doesn't mean I can't talk about it!

So my question is: who shops at Coop—really? I went to a Coop grocery store three times in my life.

The first time I had just arrived in Lund and there it was: a big supermarket downtown. I thought it should be cheap

due to its name and size – needless to say I was still new to Lund and not fully aware of the cost of things here. The second time, I bought passion fruits because they were on sale. The third time, I went to buy milk – it was late and it was the only market open around.

Besides these reasons, why go to Coop? ICA has a better product selection, Netto has the cheapest prices and Willy's has a good combination of both. Heck, when Coop has something on sale, Netto usually

has it cheaper at their regular price!

Maybe I'm naive but 'Coop' sounds to me like 'cooperative' and cooperatives in my head means cheaper. I have read about their membership program but even then, their sales are still not appealing.

This reminds me of Kentucky Fried Chicken back home – it is always deserted but year after year, it remains open.

Perhaps you don't need to sale much – at those prices! – to stay in business.

Philippe-Antoine Charbonneau

2nd hand shopping: cheap is good

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piano. Open Tues-Thurs 11-18 Sat 11-15. Stora Södergatan 25.

Humana – Clothing and accessories only, usually of high quality but with higher prices. Feels more like a vintage shop than other second hands. Mon-Fri 11-18 Sat 11-15. Bankgatan 15a.

IM-tian: Small but nicely organized shop near Spoletorp, helpful volunteers, not the cheapest but perhaps nicer quality. No big pieces but a good variety of clothes and stuff. Tues-Thurs 14-18 Sat 10-14.

Lions Club – Usually no price tags so ok to bargain, but they usually suggest reasonable prices. Lots of random items of varying quality; basement full of linen and clothing, ask. Hours subject to

change, recently Wed-Fri 13-17:30 Sat 10-17:15 (check whiteboard as you enter the

courtyard or sign on shop door). Lilla Fiska-regatan 4.

Everything seen in this image (fruit excepted...) was bought 2nd hand.



Röda Korset Kupan – Known for its party/evening wear and vintage clothing/accessories, some kitchen stuff and regular clothing too. Mon-Thurs 12-16 Fri 14-18 Sat 10-14. Tullgatan 14.

Svalorna – A bit of everything over two great floors, books, decorations, furniture, light fixtures, name it! Kind staff, good prices. Quite near Spoletorp residence. Tues 15-19 Thurs & Sat 10-15. Spolegatan 5 (entrance through courtyard at #7).

Uggleboden – Great opening hours but staff not as forthcoming as in other shops. Lots of clothing and linen, children's items, kitchenware, books, a few electronics, no large furniture. Mon-Fri 10-18. Råbygatan 17.

Text and photo: Ariane Senécal

Bikes: no stealing allowed

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you can potentially snatch up a free ride! Make sure that you are extremely certain it belongs to no-one as we at *The Dynamo* don't endorse bicycle theft.

For repairs, I recommend checking YouTube clips for easy fixes like changing flat tires or broken chains, as this is the cheapest. Parts can be bought at local shops (or from unwanted bicycles, see above!).

Ask around for someone who owns a tool set and you can fix many problems quite easily. The shops charge around 200+ SEK for basic fixes.

A bicycle requires special maintenance this time of year. I advise keeping your chain oiled and your lock dry. Pouring hot water on a frozen lock only temporarily helps as by the time you go to class and come back out, it will freeze again.

Bring it in and dry it on a heater or place it in the oven on the lowest setting for a few minutes. But keep an eye on it as you wouldn't want to set the fire alarms off. Keeping a lighter on hand can help get you out of a jam as well.

In the winter, you'll also want to change your riding style. It's recommended to lower the tire pressure to increase surface

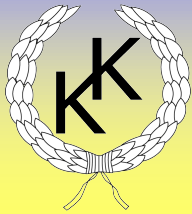
contact with the ground and the fatter the tires, the better.

Decrease riding speed, slow down earlier before stops and refrain from making sharp turns. Follow traffic laws, have your front and rear lights on when it's dark and bike carefully to avoid hefty fines from the police.

Don't feel forced to purchase the first bike you see, there are options. Don't be afraid to haggle with a seller to get a better deal. And as much as you hear it's of utmost importance to acquire a bicycle, one can survive without one!

Alexander Titkov

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English-Swedish Mini-dictionary

Excuse me, where is the housing queue?: Ursäkta, var är bostadskön?	I lost my luggage ticket: Jag har tappat mitt bagagekvitto.
Where does it end?: Var slutar den?	My letter of acceptance is in my backpack: Mitt antagningsbesked ligger i min ryggsäck.
All the way over there?: Ända där borta?	It's that big one over there: Det är den där stora där borta.
Do you know anyone with a free couch?: Känner du någon med en ledig soffa?	Don't you trust me?: Litar du inte på mig?
Is Östra Torn cheap and in the center, like I asked?: Är Östra Torn billigt och centralt, som jag bad om?	Thanks, I owe you a beer!: Tack, jag är skyldig dig en öl!
Thanks anyways: Tack i alla fall.	

Revision: Rasmus Persson

"Dear Luke": Questions and Answers

Q: Dear Luke,

I want to know where can I get a cheap haircut in Lund? -M. Baldwin

A: Dear M. Baldwin,

The cheapest haircut will remain the one your corridor neighbour will give you. But please, make sure he/she is sober. If you're willing to pay a little, a few places in Lund charge around 100-120 SEK. There's one near the Lundia hotel and another across the Handelsbanken downtown. Tip: you don't need to tip (get it!). -Luke

Q: Dear Luke,

I read reports and talked to old students. They all said to buy a bike ASAP because it's essential in Lund. But with the snow, wouldn't a sled be better? -Shimano

A: Dear Shimano,

Errr yes, I don't know what to say. Up to a couple years ago, the temperature was over 0 degrees all winter. But since 2-3 years ago, things changed. I think I know why it is colder now: GLOBAL WARMING.

-Luke

Q: Dear Luke,

I went to open a bank account the other day but they wanted my legs so I ran away – are Swedish bankers cannibals?

-Skare, Ed.

A: Dear Ed,

Good thing you ran away instead of taking your trousers off. But it's ok, you can go back to the bank! In Swedish, 'leg' is short for *legitimation*, which means identification (ID). Keep it on you, you'll need it.

-Luke

Gritty but good: *Breaking the Waves*

On video

Lars Von Trier is arguably the most well-known filmmaker hailing from Scandinavia, achieving world wide fame in the last decade or so.

It is fair to say that he put Danish cinema on the map. Before the 1990s, when one thought of Scandinavian film, Swedish director Ingmar Bergman necessarily came first to mind.

Trier was a founding member of the 'Dogma 95' movement, which announced a manifesto of their 'rules' for filmmaking. Some interesting ones were the strict usage of natural light, no credits for the director, no props or sets (filming must be done on

location and if props are needed, a location with such props should be chosen).

Breaking the Waves (1996) is the first of the 'Golden Heart Trilogy' of von Trier films, which also include *The Idiots* (1998) and *Dancer in the Dark* (2000). It tells the story of Bess, a young woman, and her oil rig worker husband Jan, who has an accident and is unable to perform sexually due to this. He then asks her to have sex with other men and tell him the details.

Helena Bonham Carter was supposedly the first choice for Bess, but she dropped out due to too much nudity and sexual content. A then-unknown English actress, Emily Watson, played the role. Swedish actor Stellan Skarsgård plays her husband.

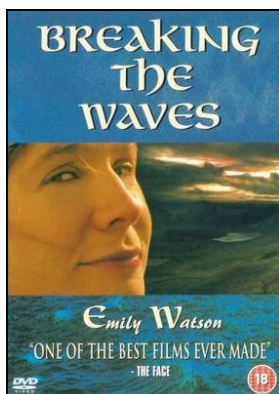
The film won the best film award at the

Cannes Film Festival in 1996. It is really long (156 min.) and not for *Die Hard* fans!

But if you like European cinema, then give this film a try. I would recommend seeing *The Idiots* and *Dancer in the Dark* as well. Enjoy!

You can borrow movies for free, including *Breaking the Waves*, from the SOL-centrum library or city library!

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