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Hot PICKS

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The Scene

After, after hours

Back in the day it was the Ninja House. Now the extra late, 'til the break-a-dawn party is back strong at Virus on Kapi'olani. Regulars like Ryan "Ikon" Galinato, PSI, Miklos, G-Spot, Space Cowboy, Byron the Fur and Bassdrum Ben spin the main room, while Honolulu's real hip-hoppers Kavet the Catalyst and Jamal get things bumpin' in the second room on Fridays. Saturdays, that secondary zone is engulfed by the thumpity-thump drum 'n' bass of the Bassment Addicts, Kause, Cloned Monkey or Scarrd.

"People come from the Wave, Maze, the W, Venus. Some sleep early just waking up to go to after-hours," says man-about-town DJ/promoter Greg Dehnert. "Virus typically has the best underground DJs in house, trance, hip hop and drum 'n' bass. When there is a big event around town, and people are still all jazzed up from the event, they go to after-hours, which then becomes the unofficial or sometimes the official after party. A lot of out of town DJs play there when they are in town."

If you're still rearing to go after most clubs close at 2 p.m., get your drink on at somewhere still serving alcohol until 4 a.m., and then check out the chill after-hours spot (some underground scenes you'll have to find yourself) and let your exhausted eyes, mind and body bug out — everything soon to be colored by a Waikiki sunrise. Right about then, two greasy-spoon eggs over easy with coffee and toast starts sounding really tasty.

—Li Wang

After Hours at Virus, 1687 Kapi'olani Blvd.: every Fri and Sat, 2 a.m. - 8 a.m. 18-plus, \$10. www.double-o-spot.com, 591-3500.