

# Entertainment

## Floyd Frame and CS Concert Band present night of great entertainment

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On Feb. 4, music filled the halls of University Center. No, this music was not just in your head. Floyd Frame and the Colorado Springs Concert Band performed it in the Overlook Café. This band is composed of music enthusiasts from Colorado Springs and surrounding areas. Musicians enjoyed a small group of energetic audience members supporting their talents.

Conductor Floyd Frame was just as enthusiastic as the audience. He waved his wand and tapped his foot to the sounds of pieces like "Man of Ohio," "Ballet

Egyptian," and "Russian Sailors Dance." The variety of works that the Colorado Springs Concert Band performed was amazing for just a one-hour performance. There were almost as many musicians as musical instruments like the French horn, The Saxophone, the Flute, the Clarinet, and a Percussion Section.

Students that appreciate classical and instrumental music would and did receive a lot from this performance. Both students and faculty alike can enjoy many free nights of entertainment on campus, if you know where to look. Just keep informed of upcoming events by reading *The Scribe* or checking with the Campus Activity Board.



The horns of the Colorado Springs Concert Band kept the entertainment going. (photo by Abigail Mitchell)

## Yum Pla Muk, Iarb moo, nue yang nam jim ("Mmm, that sounds good, I'll have that")

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You know what I like? I like when the hero wins. I have yet to see a good movie in which the villain prevails, but during my four years in Colorado Springs I have found this town to be notorious for allowing what we'll call "not-so-worthy" restaurants to exist. Not only do they exist, but also when they cease to exist following a brief attempt at success, another such operation moves in as if anyone would notice the real difference. It's a vicious cycle, frickin' vicious.

I am excited to announce to you that such a cycle has been broken on the southwest corner of Austin Bluffs and Academy. Royal Thai now occupies the barn-like building which has been the site of demise for a dinner theatre, a few Mexican restaurants, and who knows what else. This "Distinctive Thai Restaurant & Bar" is here to stay for a spell, no doubt.

You see, for myself this was much more than a night on the town. No, this was a test of authenticity. I spent a couple weeks in Thailand over winter break, and I set myself to finding a solid Thai restaurant. I found myself as the object of much ridicule over there for our lack of decent Thai food. Royal Thai has

redeemed me.

The menu claims to offer "Authentic, Inexpensive Thai dishes with attractive atmosphere." Does it ever.

The atmosphere certainly breaks the mold of using chairs to sit on and filling the wall with the same oriental scenes you've seen in every other oriental restaurant. The walls are painted an attractive color a guy might refer to as "yellowish, maybe" and what a girl might call, "goldenrod glazed with a semitransparent layer of orange...like my lipstick." The lone painting is one of whom I took to be the king of Thailand. It was all tastefully warm and inviting.

The left side of the room has amazingly deceptive tables. They appear to be the ones for which you just sit on the floor to dine at. Yet when you plop down, there's a cut out in the floor! So you're sitting on the floor, but you're in the floor as well. Wow. And instead of the actual naked carpet wearing your can thin, they provide beautifully embroidered pillows. Stylish, yet functional. Amazing.

However, if you like the mold, the other half of the room is dedicated to traditionally Western chair-and-table setups, but all the people at the cool tables who sit not only on the floor but in the floor are the object of the mold-

peoples' secret jealousies.

Well, whatever your seating preference, the food tastes the same, just as great. We had an appetizer by the name of satay kai [note: part of the fun of eating Thai grub is trying to say the Thai names for everything. While initially mildly embarrassing, it will provide an entire evening of entertainment between you and your chums.] which is basically marinated chicken (or moo, beef; or tofu, tofu) with a rockin' Thai peanut sauce one might be tempted to drink (no free refills). This opener was the very same that I enjoyed numerous times in downtown Bangkok.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have achieved authenticity.

One hundred twenty two items in all must you choose from, and that's not counting the varieties of meat and not-meat with each dish. I recognized the Crying Tiger Steak Salad from the Thai menus amongst many other entrees I had tried. I enjoyed pad mamoung himmapan (\$6.95) a.k.a. stir-fry chicken with cashew nuts and vegetables. Don't forget the sticky rice; don't ever forget the sticky rice. It's fun to eat and make sculptures with too.

Dave had the Chicago magazine recommended kang kari (\$8.95), which you might call yellow, curry with potatoes accompa-

nied by chicken. They make your curry on a scale of 1 to 5, Dave having a 4 and not flinching a bit. I thought he was out of his mind, but then again I almost passed out on a Thai 3.

To wet your palate and perhaps cool the hellish, burning sensation on the remnant ash of your tongue, try the Thai iced tea. It's similar to sweet tea, but better. (Southern blasphemy!!) Easy cowboy, get off your horse and try it.

The exchange rate with the Thai baht is pretty good, so the prices for all this great food quite comparable to lesser Thai experiences. The Chef Specials run up to \$9.95, appetizers around \$5, and the rest is between six and ten buckaroos.

My Royal Thai experience was much affirming that I consumed veritable Thai food while in Thailand (no one wants to get ripped off while on vacation). Maybe because the owner (who also happens to be UCSS student Pauline Noonan's kin) is actually Thai. Maybe because it's about frickin' time a worthwhile dining establishment inhabited 3725 Austin Bluffs Pkwy. Hopefully, this hero's here to stay.

**Royal Thai Info:**  
Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-3pm, 5pm-10pm  
Sun 11am-9pm  
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