

Good, cheap, fast: What more could you ask for?

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No neon signs or flashy banners guide your way to Riererson's Family Restaurant. Almost buried beneath the fast food chains and commercial buildings of North Point Boulevard, Riererson's is one of Winston-Salem's best kept secrets.

Frequented by students who are low on cash (meaning all of us), Riererson's lets you buy a tremendous amount of food for only a few bucks.

Along with being an incredibly cheap alternative to Pit cuisine, it's also very good food even if Pit standards aren't real difficult to beat.

Perhaps you were struck with a craving for some Greek spanakopeta during Biology, or did you have a hankering for some fried flounder in the middle of English?

Whatever food your stomach is demanding, Riererson's can satisfy it.

From teriyaki steak and stuffed crabs to the less exotic grilled cheese and hush puppies, Riererson's has it.

They have appetizers, steaks, salads, pastas, hoagies, fried favorites, not to mention more side order options than I could count!

There are also a few combination plates, helping ease the stress of deciding what to order.

So it's just like at McDonald's, you're thinking. Well, think again. I mentioned the teriyaki steak and stuffed crabs.

But even the less-impressive-sounding food is of much better quality than you will find at an ordinary fast-food restaurant — especially the ones in the Food Court at the Benson University Center.

Speed is also a factor. The food was delivered at a "fast food" pace, hardly giving me a chance to admire the artwork on the walls.

Not that this was altogether a bad thing. As all busy college students know, speed is a crucial aspect of any dining experience.

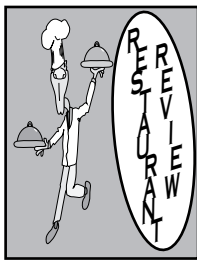
Besides, the decor of choice is dozens of coloring book pictures designed by local kids, or possibly just one overactive child.

Not exactly great works of art. But you're not here for elevating the mind — at a place like Riererson's, the food is what counts.

And the atmosphere is a comfortable one, a great place to relax after you realize there's no way you'll be able to eat the entire portion that has been placed in front of you.

So there you have it. For about the same price as a super value meal at McDonald's, you can get a delicious, home cooked meal that is guaranteed to please all Pit dwellers — along with their wallets.

Riererson's is at 7842 North Point Boulevard.



Kyoto

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dressed in a very authentic navy kimono and proceeded to recite the monthly specials to us.

The menu is rather diverse. It spans all the meats, and even caters to the vegetable lovers.

My guest chose the shrimp and chicken combo, while I took the advice of our waitress, picking steak and snapper.

We were pleasantly surprised to discover that soup and salad came with our grand meal.

I highly recommend the ginger/house dressing — it gave me a taste of Asia.

But for the less adventurous, Kyoto offers all the American favorites. The soup is light, simple and cleanses the palate.

Next came the entertainment. Our chef arrived wearing a towering cap that dwarfed his entire body.

Obviously very talented, he proceeded to slice and dice his way through the complimentary shrimp appetizer and vegetable assortment

of zucchini and onions as if there were no tomorrow.

I won't describe any more of his culinary dramatics; they simply must be experienced firsthand.

All of the food was prepared in front of me, my guest and our six new friends.

We were all highly impressed by his antics, judging from the many

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delighted squeals of my fellow female patrons.

But alas, when all the food was served, our beloved chef left with a flourish.

My steak was excellent. It was perfectly seasoned and cooked just right. I was a little less enthusiastic about the snapper. The filet seemed a bit

bland, but nothing a good lemon couldn't cure.

My friend was also quite enamored with her meal. According to her, the chicken and shrimp combo is definitely worth checking out.

The shrimp is merely an extension of the appetizer with broccoli to jazz it up. The chicken was diced and sautéed in a delicious teriyaki sauce mixed with fresh green peppers.

I washed down my lovely meal with Coke, not Pepsi, while my friend had sweetened ice tea which seemed to have more sugar than tea.

For those of legal age, have no fear. Kyoto has your basic beers, a well stocked bar and even Sake, a potent rice wine.

Kyoto proved to be an excellent spot for fine Asian fare. The restaurant has a small sushi bar, but if you really crave fish in the raw, you would be well advised to make the trip to the Kyoto in Greensboro, which has a much more extensive one.

Aside from providing you enough nourishment for two meals at a reasonable price (our tab came to \$24), the restaurant also offers you a chance to make new pals.

Kyoto is located behind the Steak & Ale off Stratford Road, just north of Hanes Mall.

CALENDAR

To have your event listed, send mail to P.O. Box 7569, e-mail arts@ogb.wfu.edu or fax us at 759-4561.

ON CAMPUS

Exhibits

William Hogarth Prints and Color Function Painting. Two concurrent exhibits. Hogarth was an 18th-century painter who satirized England. "Color Function Painting" displays artwork of three pioneers of optical art.
When: Now through Oct. 25.
Where: Gallery, Scales Fine Arts Center
Cost and info: Free. Ext. 5585

Movies

Smoke. 1995. Harvey Kietel stars in this critically acclaimed film about the lives of those who frequent a neighborhood tobacco store.
When: 8 p.m. Fri.
Where: Tribble A3
Cost: Free

Blue in the Face. 1995. Stars abound in this impromptu film created during the filming of Smoke.
When: 8 p.m. Sat.
Where: Tribble A3
Cost: Free

Eddie. 1996. A basketball film in which one fan gets the opportunity to coach an NBA team. Whoopi Goldberg stars along with several NBA players.
When: 7 p.m. Sat.
Where: Pugh Auditorium
Cost: \$2

Music

Hymns for Hope. A fundraiser to benefit the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries. Featuring local pianist David Combs, the AME Zion District Mass Choir, Centenary UMC Choir, First Baptist-East Winston Choir, Knollwood Baptist Choir and Wake Forest University Gospel Choir.

When: 7 p.m. Sat.

Where: Wait Chapel.

Cost and info: Free. A love offering will be collected. 759-0063

Year of the Arts Celebration. The Winston-Salem Piedmont Triad Symphony will perform composer-in-residence Dan Lockair's piece "At Dawn: A Tone Poem for Narrator, Chorus and Orchestra."

When: 7 p.m. Sept. 28.

Where: Wait Chapel

Cost and info: Free. 759-0063

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Clubs

This Week's Spotlight: Better Than Ezra. This trio from the heartland of Louisiana will play selections from its platinum album *...and*.
When: Wed.
Where: Ziggy's
Info: 748-1064

Cat's Cradle. Today: Manic Street Preachers with Lustre and Veldt. \$5. Fri.: Cravin' Melon with Debbie Liske. \$6. Sat.: Mr. T Experience with Squirrel Gun and Hellbender. \$5. Sun.: Dirty 3 with Lud. \$5. Wed.: Man or Astroman? with the Hentchmen. \$6.
Where: 300 E. Main St., Carboro
Info: (919) 967-9053

Lizard and Snake Cafe. Today: Lois with Kelly Hogan. Sat.: Milagro Saints with Sunshine and Doom. Sun.: Rattlecake with All American Breast Plate. Tues.: Hellbender.
Where: 110 N. Columbia St., Chapel Hill
Info: (919) 929-2828

Ziggy's. Today: Agents of Good Roots. Fri.: David Allan Coe with Emma Gibbs Band. Sat.: Chubby Carrier. Mon.: Me'shell Ndegeocello. Wed.: Better Than Ezra.
Where: 433 Baity Street
Info: 748-1064

Exhibits

Accounts Southeast: Radcliffe Bradley. An exhibition of mixed-media works by the young Atlanta artist.

When: Through Oct. 2.

Where: Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, 750 Marguerite Drive
Info: 725-1904

Georgia Blizzard and St. EOM. Two concurrent exhibitions. Blizzard creates dark, expressive clay vessels, plaques and paintings. The exhibit of Eddie Owens Martin (a.k.a. St. EOM) illustrates the concrete and wood land of Pasaquan the late artist created in rural Georgia.

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Music

Folk Fest VI. The festival will include music from Northern Ireland, Canada and many types of American music.

When: Sat.

Where: Reynolda House Museum of American Art, Reynolda Road
Cost and info: \$5. 725-5325

Theatre

Twelfth Night. A Shakespeare comedy of love, plotting and mistaken identities. Part of the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival.

When: 8 p.m. Fri.

Where: High Point Theatre, 220 E. Commerce Ave., High Point
Cost and info: \$13 for students. 887-3001

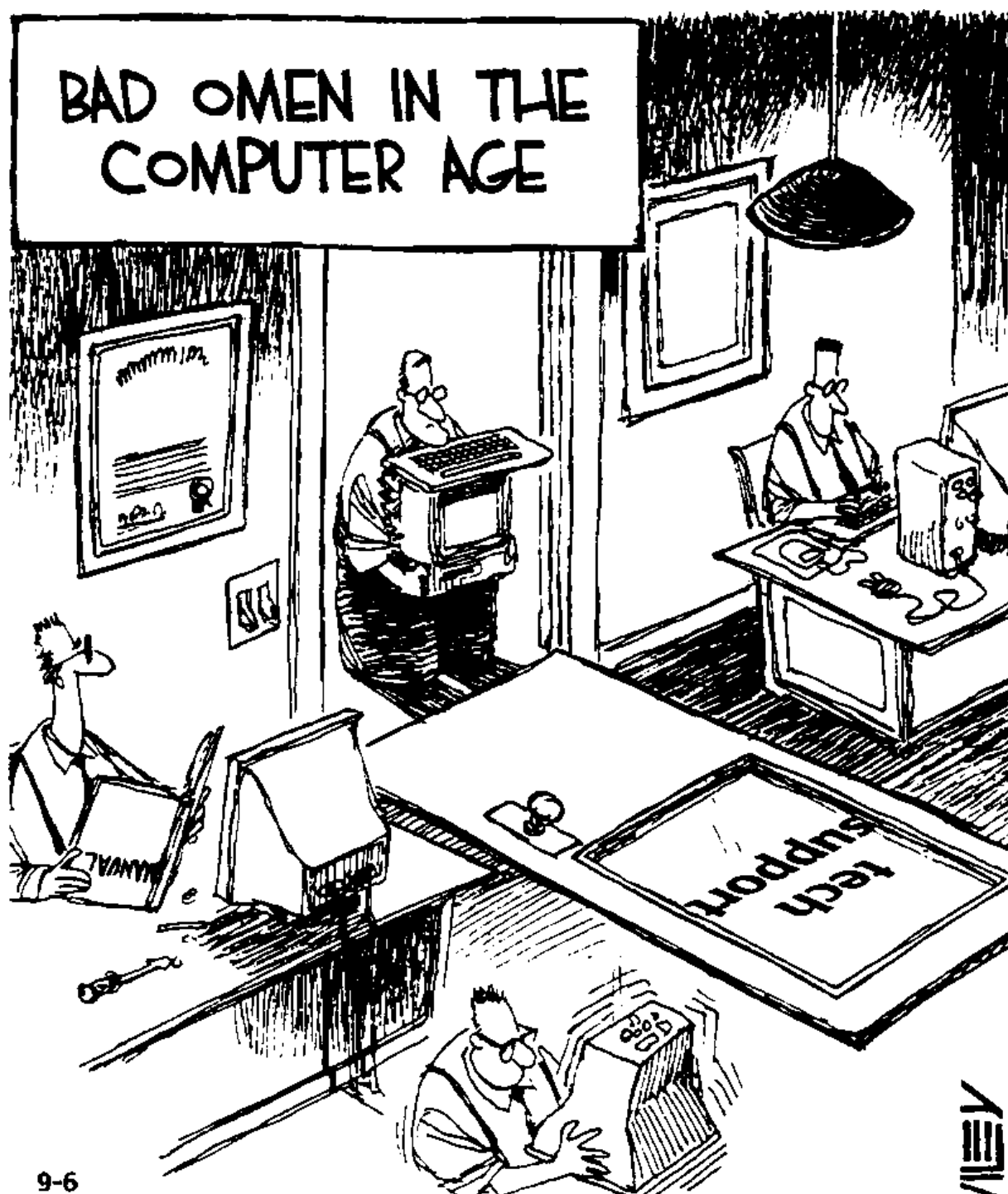
The Winter's Tale. A dramatic Shakespeare romance of love, loss and reunion, shaped by the redemptive power of time. Part of the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival.

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