

Restaurant Week

Official Menu

Thai Time

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Whether you're living on campus and facing the repetitive Sodexo menu or a student who only knows how to boil pasta and pour cereal, there comes a time when your palate needs something a little bit different. What could possibly satisfy that craving for something that's both comforting and outside your comfort zone? Here in Binghamton, it's Thai Time.

Located at 96 Front St., Thai Time offers reasonably priced, delicious Thai cuisine that will leave you questioning why drunken noodles aren't a staple at every frat party.

While Thai Time may appear small upon first glance, stepping inside reveals a fairly large space great for both big groups or intimate meals. Having designed an interior that makes you momentarily forget about the

Downtown scene, the owners have done a great job creating a truly great restaurant experience. With a full bar downstairs and a new patio, Thai Time may even become a new, more refined hotspot for those looking to have some fun Downtown.

Thai Time is known by a number of students for having some of the best food in Binghamton. More importantly, the restaurant is consistent in the quality and taste of its food.

"I really enjoy Thai Time," said Sierra Taccetta, an undeclared sophomore. "Of the multiple times I've went there, there hasn't been one time that I disliked any of the food."

With many entrees ranging from \$9 to \$15, it is easy to enjoy a meal at Thai Time without breaking the bank. Best of all, Thai Time gives customers the most for their money. Portions are large enough to take home and eat for

breakfast the next morning or after a drunken night, when nobody wants to wait painstakingly on line for food at Night Owl.

"My favorite dish is the drunken noodle," Taccetta said.

Deciding where to go during Restaurant Week can be difficult, and the great things about Thai Time are the value of its lunch and dinner deals and the wide range of dishes it offers. While other restaurants offer about four or five different entree options, Thai Time offers almost the entire menu. This includes various types of curry, noodles, stir-fry and fried rice, not to mention the eight different appetizers to choose from for dinner. Most of the dishes are served with vegetables or tofu as the base, making it easy for vegetarians to find a dish they'll enjoy.

Both the fixed lunch and dinner prices offer a considerable discount on a three-

course meal from the restaurant, but to grab the best deal, go for the lunch menu. While there are fewer options, the choices are still vast compared to some of the other participating restaurants, and a lunch entree alone during a normal week would cost more than the entire three courses together.

"The food at Thai Time is great, and with such a great deal, I really don't see any reason not to check it out," said Ricki Zimmerman, a sophomore majoring in English. "Restaurant Week is a great time to explore what Downtown has to offer without feeling like you're overspending."

Thai Time is open on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for lunch and 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. for dinner. It's open from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

Galaxy Brewing Company

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This Restaurant Week, make sure to stop by Galaxy Brewing Company. Whether you want a delicious, cheap meal or want to try a few of its freshly brewed taps, Galaxy has you covered. The Brewing Company opened its doors less than a month ago, and it's here to stay. A very modern and sleek atmosphere makes for a terrific dining (or drinking) experience. Thought Lost Dog Café was the only place to get a great vegetarian meal? Think again.

Eggplant,

quinoa, kale and fried green beans are just a taste of what's on the menu for Restaurant Week, so feel free to bring your herbivore friends. And of course there are juicy, meaty burgers to compliment your brews. All fried items are made with their delicious tempura beer batter, so be sure to check those out. Walk in and see the actual tanks where they brew the unique craft beers you'll soon be drinking. Try Galaxy's Belgian ales, India pale ales, stouts or porters.

And if you're feeling adventurous, try a

creative brew like the mint chocolate stout. If you don't want to miss out on any brews, pay \$5 to sample four at once. Stay awhile and sample as many as you can, since this is the only place you'll get a chance to.

So if you're looking for a filling and affordable meal, a terrific dining experience and a place to drink with friends, check out Galaxy this Restaurant Week. You'll leave full, happy and a little buzzed. The craft brews truly are ... out of this world.



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Noodle Stir-Fry from Thai Time



A beer flight from Galaxy Brewing Company

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