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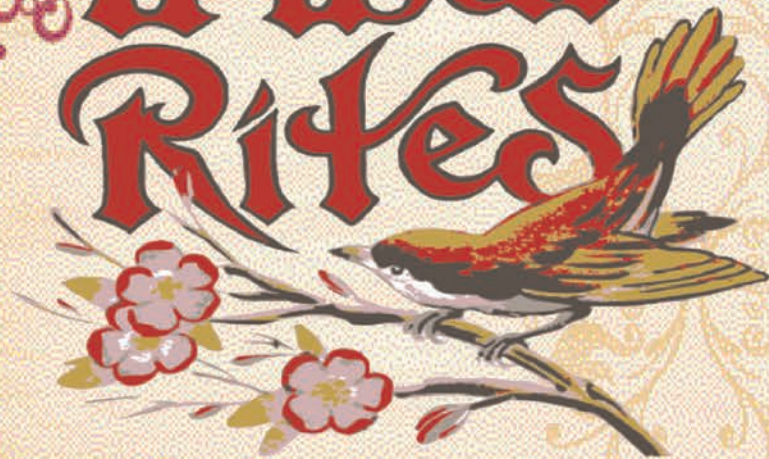
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That is what Best of CSU is all about. Each year, we, the students, get our chance to vote, without a single solitary attack ad or debate. We vote on something a whole lot closer to home. We get the chance to vote on all of those features that we love the best about our fair town. Low and behold, the ballots have been cast and the students of CSU have spoken. The best part is that it is all here right in your *College Avenue!*



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Best Live Music Venue:

# The Aggie Theatre

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The Aggie has been in the entertainment business for over a hundred years, but not always as a concert venue. The Aggie was originally a movie theater before it was converted into what we know it as today. Fort Collins is becoming quite the hotspot for artists on the hit-parade through Colorado. With the Aggie offering two bars, delicate acoustics, great acts and sometimes live art, it couldn't get much better for students.

The Aggie is located about two miles away from campus making it convenient for many students. Colorado State University freshman and music connoisseur Juliana Cullen enjoys coming to the Aggie regularly.

"The Aggie is the biggest venue around, which draws in big acts along with local acts, which brings in all sorts of people," Cullen said. "Since it is close enough to walk or bike to it's an easy trip to make on the regular."

Cullen also said she enjoys the party atmosphere that the Aggie offers.

Aggie manager Kyle Stych said he works hard to get the bands that people want to hear up in Fort Collins. More than 50 percent of the bands that come through the Aggie are local to Colorado.

"If people will come to see it, then we'll have it. We're in the business of selling tickets," Stych said. "While we like to appeal to all audiences, we do target the generation that's prominent around our area, a primary age of 18 to 32."

The music scene in Fort Collins is thriving and the Aggie promises to keep the music flowing. With many great shows to offer, there's a little something for everyone no matter what you're into.

"We try to get every type of music in here that people will listen to," Stych said. "While dubstep is beginning to decline in popularity, hip-hop is still strong and funk will always be funk. Down-tempo is one genre that is really on the rise." ■ Ca



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The CSU community has spoken and Austin's American Grill has been voted the Best of CSU in the "Best Place to Take Parents" category.

"I went with my dad, and he's a big steak eater, so that's part of the reason we chose Austin's," Margaret Stark, a senior biology student, said. "It's nice looking from the outside, and it's one of those things that when your parents come up, they want to spend a decent amount of money on you and get good food, and Austin's is the nicest looking place. It's casual enough that you can go hiking and end up there but at the same time it looks fancy."

According to Austin's manager Ben Stratton, Austin's Old Town location opened in 1997 and the Harmony location followed a few years later.

"I've only worked here for a couple of months, but I've worked for the company for about six years," Stratton said. "It's a great company, a good place to work for. We hire a ton of students."

Austin's is owned and operated by Hot Corner Concepts, a local corporation that owns the Moot House, Enzo's Italian Kitchen and Big Al's Burgers and Dogs in addition to the two Austin's locations.

"[The people who come to Austin's] are looking for something more relaxed and casual, where they can still expect to

get great food and atmosphere. It's a great location, a great place to people-watch, we have a great patio and it's right on the corner of where all the action is happening," Stratton said. "The prices are reasonable, the food is really good, it's a fun place to come down to and be in the middle of all the action. It's a good place to come to show off the rest of Old Town."

Austin's does get busy, especially on weekends and in the summer. Come in early or on a weekday for a shorter wait. According to Stratton, the Harmony location has much better seating for large groups than the Old Town location and generally has a shorter wait.

"On parent's day, a couple weeks ago, we saw a huge influx — a lot of larger groups of six or eight," Stratton said. "We saw a good rush all weekend long and I think it had a lot to do with great food, an approachable menu and a killer location."

Although famous for their steak, Austin's has a number of homemade dishes sure to tempt the palate — they even cater to vegetarians.

"Our rotisserie chicken is what we're most famous for but we do a great sirloin roast on the rotisserie, we've got great steaks that we cook to order as well. The menu has something to offer most everybody," Stratton said. "We have a few vegetarian options, we have some great salads, we do a grilled vegetable Caesar, a Portobelo sandwich and have quite a few options for appetizers as well."

Although some menu items may sound a little strange, they are all delicious.

"I had a burger and fries and it was really good. The best thing I've ever had there, hands down, was beer cheese soup," Stark said. "It was really weird because I asked if I could have bread and they were like 'Oh, no, it comes with popcorn.' I thought, 'that sounds awful,' but it was actually really good."

Though the prices are a bit too steep for some college students, the quality of the food and expertise of the wait staff make for a great place to show off all that Fort Collins has to offer to the parents. ■ **ca**

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Aside from the endless supply of peanuts, what is the drive behind why students seem to be flocking here? After all, a bottled beer tastes the same everywhere, so what is making it more pleasurable at Lucky's?

After investigating, the unanimous answer is the atmosphere.

"I like the live music and low key feel. It's not your stereotypical bar, it's got

some character," CSU graduate Paul Hladick said.

According to co-owner Joe Vader, the simple acoustic adds undertones of a ski bar to the atmosphere. The live music consists of everything from the old Doors and Rolling Stones to unique takes on current hits.

A melting pot of sorts, the bar draws in an eclectic crowd.

"I love Irish bars. It feels good here. There is something about this place," Fort Collins resident Michael Bauer said. "There's prompt service and the wait staff is good on the patio, too."

The staff is recognized as a large reason for the high return rate. The welcoming employees and the scene put people at ease and ready to have a good night.

"It's the little things like opening doors and taking pride in absolutely every drink we serve. It's all about customer service. We want people to come back," said Kevin Levad, manager and part owner of Lucky's. "Just this Sunday we were talking about what we could do to make the experience better."

Not only does putting customers first and making their experience enjoyable resonate with the employees, but they also seem to love Lucky's just as much as the returning clientele.

"If I wasn't working here, I'd be drinking here," said Dan Kleinholz, a doorman at Lucky Joe's.

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"I work with the best staff in the entire world. If I wasn't working with them, I'd still want to be hanging out with them. Our bosses are stellar, great people to work for. I love it here," bartender Kenley Bonner said.

Seniors to the bartending lifestyle, owners Dan Kerig and Vader have worked hard to make a difference and treat customers like family.

"We are extremely happy of the support we've had. We work hard to make people feel comfortable here," Vader said.

So while peanuts are one thing, the combination of live music, great people and hardworking staff emanates a good time. If you're lucky, you might just get to see the bartenders throwing bottles to one another and successfully catching them like a scene from "Coyote Ugly."

The crowd is what makes this bar and includes everything from motley crews of college students to wedding after-parties. Turns out this bar is not exclusive — it's all-inclusive.

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The 2,200-square-foot salon is a Paul Mitchell Focus Salon specializing in dimensional color and cutting. They ensure their customers are comfortable as soon as they walk in the door by greeting them with a smile and a complimentary beverage.

“The experience that we give to our guests that come in is why we are so great,” Calabrese said. “The atmosphere is like family here and we like to extend that to our guests so they feel comfortable and like it.”

Opened six years ago by Ian and Beth Weber, the sa-

lon is located in the heart of Old Town at 15 Old Town Square. The salon gets its reputation from the experienced stylists on staff, all of who began with a six month internship with Studio Be before becoming a full-time stylist.

“[The stylists] just seem more confident in what they are doing and I feel like they listen to you more about what you want instead of putting a different idea on your head,” said Andrea Carlson, a sophomore studying pre-med at Colorado State University.

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2. Red Feather Lakes
3. Poudre Canyon

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2. Grey Rock
3. Lory State Park

## Professor

1. Brian Jones - Physics
2. Larry Bloom - Psychology

## Dorm on Campus

1. Corbett
2. Parmalee
3. Academic Village

## Bike Shop

1. Tie: Lee's Cyclery/  
Recycled Cycles
2. Road 34
3. Full Cycle

## Market/Grocery

1. King Soopers
2. Whole Foods
3. Sunflower/Sprouts

## Place to Run

1. Horsetooth
2. Spring Creek Trail
3. City Park

## Place to People-Watch

1. Old Town Square
2. The Plaza
3. Campus

## Favorite Class

1. Psychology of Human  
Sexuality
2. Physics

## On-campus lunch

1. Spoons Soups & Salads
2. Panda Express
3. Aspen Grille

## Sandwich

1. Cheba Hut
2. Pickle Barrel
3. Fat Shack

## Burger

1. Stuff Burger Bar
2. Five Guys
3. Big Al's Burgers & Dogs

## Ethnic

1. Star of India
2. Taj Mahal
3. Yum Yums

## Vegetarian

1. Tasty Harmony
2. Rainbow
3. Mad Greens

## Coffee

1. Mugs
2. Human Bean
3. Starbucks

## Local Radio

1. KCSU
2. 96.1

## News Source

1. The Collegian
2. Coloradoan
3. Facebook

## Breakfast

1. Snooze
2. Luciles
3. The Egg & I

## Ice Cream

1. Walrus
2. Cold Stone
3. TCBY

## Campus Apartment

1. Ram's Village
2. Ram's Pointe

## Italian

1. Bisetti's
2. Enzo's
3. Canino's

## Bagel

1. Gibs
2. Rocky Mountain Bagel
3. Bagel Place

## Restaurant to take parents

1. Austin's
2. CooperSmiths
3. The Rio Grande Mexican

## Margarita

1. The Rio Grande Mexican
2. Fuzzy's Taco Shop
3. Los Tarascos

## Place to Dance

1. Bondi Beach Bar
2. Sundance Steakhouse & Saloon
3. Luscious Nectar

## Bookstore

1. Barnes & Noble
2. Old Firehouse Books
3. CSU Bookstore

## Burrito

1. Big City Burrito
2. Matador Mexican Grill
3. Cafe Mexicali

## Mexican

1. Cafe Mexicali
2. The Rio Grande Mexican
3. Matador Mexican Grill

## Bar

1. Lucky Joe's
2. Tie: The Yeti/CooperSmiths
3. Trailhead

## Liquor Store

1. Wilbur's Total Beverage
2. Campus West
3. Aggie Discount

## Pizza

1. Pizza Casbah
2. Crazy Karls
3. Mama Ronis

## Late Night

1. Fat Shack
2. D.P. Dough
3. Qdoba

## Beer Selection

1. The Mayor
2. Old Chicago
3. Tap 'n Handle

## Live Music Venue

1. Aggie Theater
2. Hodi's Half Note
3. Avogadro's Number

## Health Club

1. Miramont Lifestyle Fitness
2. Fort Collins Club
3. CSU Rec Center

## Wings

1. Jim's Wings
2. Buffalo Wild Wings
3. Fat Shack

## Asian

1. Yung's Chinese
2. LuLu Asian Bistro
3. East Moon Asian Bistro

## Sushi

1. Suehiro
2. JeJu Sushi and Japanese
3. Suh Sushi

## Movie Theater

1. Cinemark
2. Lyric Cinema Cafe
3. Carmike

## Ski Resort

1. Vail
2. Cooper
3. Breckenridge

## Outdoor Store

1. Jax Outdoor Gear
2. REI

## Hair Salon

1. Studio Be
2. Tuana Hair Design
3. Floyd's Barbershop

## Nail Salon

1. L.A. Nails
2. She She Beauty Bar
3. Paradise Nails & Spa

## Tattoo/Piercing

1. Tribal Rites
2. Freakshow
3. Millennium

## Tanning Salon

1. Sienna Tan
2. Sunset Beach
3. At the Beach

## Park

1. City Park
2. Edora Park
3. Spring Creek Park

## Place to Hangout Between Class

1. Lory Student Center
2. Ramskeller
3. The Oval

## Dorm Cafeteria

1. Academic Village
2. Tie: Corbett/Braiden

## Local Brewery

1. New Belgium Brewing
2. Odell Brewing Company
3. Equinox Brewing

## Waxing Studio

1. Screamin' Peach
2. She She Beauty Bar

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## Best Beer Selection:

# The Mayor of Old Town

**B**eer is the most widely consumed alcoholic beverage in the world, and with all the micro-breweries in Fort Collins, CSU students have the chance to sample many delectable beers.

Most bars in town feature the same six beers at a time. They have the standards, such as Bud Light and Coors, and a few seasonal beers from local breweries. However, The Mayor of Old Town offers a different beer experience.

Voted best place to get a wide selection of beer by CSU students this fall, The Mayor of Old Town has 100 beers at a time on tap. They feature beers from around the country and around the world, as well as local beers.

Owner Kevin Bolin said only 30 of their beers are fixed and the other 70 are rotators that change monthly. At any given time, their selection is approximately 33 percent local beers, 33 percent national and 33 percent international. That makes for a lot of choices.

"They're all so good, that's the problem," said Austen Miller, senior natural resource recreation and tourism student. "You're sitting here for like half an hour trying to think what beer you're going to get next. No matter what, there's always a solid

beer to go for."

Bolin and his wife opened The Mayor of Old Town in July of 2011. After selling their renting business, Kevco, Bolin said they were on the hunt around the country to find a new place to live and open a new business doing something different.

After some soul searching and traveling, they realized that there is no place better than Fort Collins. In their travels, the Bolins had seen a lot of great beer bars.

"To have such an awesome beer culture here, and to have the same six beers at every bar, it seemed very apparent that we could stay here to take on our next kind of business," Bolin said.

The concept of this beer bar has been heavily accepted throughout the community, as Bolin said the support has far exceeded his expectations.

In the past year, The Mayor of Old Town has won top five beer bars by Playboy, top 15 beer bars in the nation by craftbeer.com and top 100 beer bars in the nation.

While The Mayor caters to people of all ages, young people enjoy the alternative atmosphere that they experience there. **Ca**

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Manager Rebecca Carleson said that one of the reasons she thinks Spoons won Best of CSU is the delicious food.

"The quality of it is chef made," Carleson said. "It's excellent soup, excellent salads and sandwiches."

Carleson said the fast-paced and friendly customer service also helps them be the best place on campus to eat.

"The line looks intimidating, but usually you're through it in five to 10 minutes at most," Carleson

said. "We try to really focus mainly on customer service, and then speed and quality follow after that, but we feel like that if you're nice to people, and give 100 percent of your customer service, they will keep coming back."

Spoons seems to have a majority of positive opinions from CSU students. Many students, when asked, would pick Spoons over the other food court options and even the dining halls.

"[I like eating at Spoons] because it's really good and has a friendly environment," CSU freshman Autumn Shaklee said. "The people there are really nice."

A great place to eat and a great place to relax, Spoons has taken the student population by storm and earned its title as the best place to eat on campus. The green chile soup and the Caesar salad seem to be everyone's recommendation, so go ahead and get yourself stuffed with some amazing food served by some of the nicest people. ■ Ca

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# Best vegetarian Tasty Harmony



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“We really cater to any tricky diet,” said Erica Wilson, junior environmental engineering and international studies student. “You could call it vegan comfort food.” Wilson has been a server at the restaurant since last spring.

“Through a plant-based menu, Tasty Harmony provides a positive eating experience to vegetarians, vegans, health conscious eaters and individuals who have unique dietary restrictions.

“I love the atmosphere, and the food too,” Wilson said. She is allergic to whey protein, which means she has to stick to a non-dairy diet. “I find myself only eating here sometimes it seems like. I’ve learned what I can supplement with. It’s inspired me to experiment within my own cooking at home.”

Through Tasty Harmony, she has discovered cashew milk, which is also created as a cheese substitute, used in many meals, such as nachos and the stuffed burrito on the menu.

“I was a vegetarian for six years and found it to be very challenging at times when I would go out to eat with friends or family and had limited choice on the menu,” said Taryn Gawronski, junior social work student. “Tasty Harmony brings

relief to this problem because I could eat vegetarian while the people I was dining with also enjoyed their meal. Even people who aren’t vegetarian can appreciate it.”

With menu items like the Pulled BBQ Jack Fruit Sandwich — a natural spin on the original pulled BBQ sandwich, the Kentucky Fried Freedom — mock-fried chicken with mashed potatoes, or the Bigboy Burger — a black bean and rice patty made into vegetarian-burger perfection, Tasty Harmony creates natural alternatives to many traditionally not natural, meat-focused or dairy-filled meals.

“It’s nice to know the food they are making back there has a passion and a purpose,” said LeAnn Knutson, senior environmental communication major. “The menu is being created with health and well-being in mind and not just a bun slapped down to make money.” Knutson has been a server at the restaurant for a year and a half.

With healthy options, organic support and a vegetarian menu, some traditional diners may wonder what the draw is to alternative ingredients compared to a standard meat-and-milk meal experience.

“We get grown men coming in here kicking and screaming being brought in with their wives or girlfriends. They make awkward comments,” Knutson said. “Then they order the Jackfruit BBQ Sandwich or something and they are in heaven and are sold because it is more than just a vegetarian plate.” ■ Ca

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Pizza Casbah won this same award from 2003 through to 2009, and since then, have been making improvements to their restaurant to reclaim their title.

"In the last few years we have been doing everything to make sure our pizza is good, but also consistent," said Steve Hickey, general manager at Pizza Casbah. "We have also increased our drink menu and our tea and draft items responding to feedback from the public."

Hickey said he believes the pizzeria's greatest advantage is that it is locally owned, which allows Pizza Casbah to serve better quality products as compared to corporate restaurants.

"Something that sets us apart is that we are locally owned and operated, and the owner has lived here his whole life. We do compete with the big guys, and we try not to compete with the other local guys," Hickey said. "Our product quality is also going to be better than the ones found in corporate places — let's say we are going to have better cheese, fresher dough, fresh hand-chopped ingredients. We cook all of our meats here each day, and little things like that go a long way."

What makes Pizza Casbah different is that they also have the advantage of being settled in a prime location. They are close to Old Town, which enables them to reach out to the whole town. Their easy going and hardworking staff also attract a lot of attention.

"Our location could not be any better, in between Old Town and CSU, we get the whole town. We like to have fun around here, and our employees to have fun," Hickey said. "When people come in here and eat, and they see a staff that enjoys themselves and that is still able to turn out quality product every day, I think that's one way to make folks want to come back."

For sophomore communications major Jessi Follett, the title of Best of CSU is rightfully deserved due to their debut on The Food Network and their great flavors.

"What I think makes them unique from other places is that they have really good flavor and nice crust," said Follett. "It is a memorable place because it feels special since it has been on the Food Network."

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