

ENTERTAINMENT

Kick up the Amps and ROCK YOUR BRAINS OUT!

The Northern Pikes with The Red Albino & Thomas Trio.



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Hello boys and girls! This week, The Other Side of the Picture takes you to another concert (can you say.. "KICK UP THE AMPS AND ROCK YOUR BRAINS OUT!!") I knew you could. Tuesday night saw a fairly decent crowd (about 250 people) shakin' to the music at the Northern Pikes with Thomas Trio and the Red Albino. I had a partner in crime at this review; Aime took it from the front row perspective while I got the food line perspective (I had to work that night).

So anyway, the concert opened at 8:30 and people began socializing quite a bit. Conversations were flowin', da drinks were flowin', blood was flo...Ooops wrong review. At 9:00 Thomas Trio and the Red Albino picked the crowd up by the scuff and shook it. I had never heard them play before, and the opening song was wild. The group from Newfoundland was bouncy, energized and totally wicked-cool! The crowd was enthused and responded well to the music. Their music is a very upbeat garage-band/thrashing style that was excellent to the max. The only thing I found uncomfortable was the instruments drowning out the lead singer's voice. Very difficult to hear the lyrics. (Oh well!) Some of the songs they churned out were: Sun Risin (a mellow pumpin' beat), Help Me (a Blues roots song: very nice), 142 (a chord-crunching rhythm with Latin overtones) and Turning Point (very slow-rock about making decisions). Aime thought they

were pretty cool too!

Then came the Northern Pikes! After a brief intermission of setting up, the Pikes opened their performance with Twister, from their new album. At this point, the crowd was alive and kickin'. The second song was from their album Snow in June; Girl with a Problem. Then came others from the Pikes' new and old albums, such as Believe, Teenland and a song about hangovers (which some people probably felt the next day!) Interesting development during the encore song though. The lead singer couldn't seem to remember the second verse to She Ain't Pretty. HHHmm? (could it be... Marijuana abuse?) Oh yeah, there was a sore point during the show that Aime didn't like. One of the band members commented about marijuana making you smarter. (kinda like Frozen Ghost's racy comment last term) Oh God! No, not the Politically Correct (P.C. - hmmm...) Censor Board...AAHH. Besides, its ginkyo root (or is it mandrake root) that makes you smarter. (and you don't smoke it). Anyway, all in all the concert was way cool, and Aime and I noticed that a lot of the songs from their new album, that we didn't recognize, has a Blues/Jazz ring to it. Very awesome music!

So that's it for this week. Thanks to Aime for helping me do this (I owes ya kid!). Until next week, careful with that Ginkyo root and stay real! See ya!!