

Hanover Fist gets ready to rock Erie

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The new band called "Hanover Fist", is available for fraternity parties and bars locally. The five member band consists of Tony "Trimmy" Treme' on drums, Fred Phillips on lead vocals, Tony Scire' on bass and back up vocals, Graig the "Juggernaut" Coughenour on sizzling lead guitar, and "Cool Hand" Luke Milne on rhythm guitar.

They are currently working on some originals and they are playing alternative style cover tunes, with Alice in Chains, STP, Live, Bush, and Silverchair as the top names for covers.

They recently played at the "Nittany Lion Inn" at State College, Pa with a crowd of almost 350 people. This was

their first real "gig" and they had only two months to prepare for it. After selecting all of the band members, they found out a little about each others styles of playing and the end result: alternative. I heard some peoples opinions who attended the show and they said that all of the band members had great talent.

On the 18th of November they rocked the Delta Chi house, surprising a lot of fans who weren't expecting much. On the 16th, the band opened up for "Avatar", a Sharon hard rock band.

Currently, "Hanover Fist", is scheduling for the spring semester at local bars and taverns. If you would like them to play, contact Bob Misulich, 825-9389. Keep your eyes and ears open for this all Behrend band, they jam!



Hanover Fist: (l to r) Tony Scire', Fred Phillips, Graig Coughenour, and Luke Milne. Tony Treme' in the back.

Castle Archon lets you escape from reality

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Have you ever wanted to escape from the real world, even for just a little while, to a place where you imagination can cut loose? A place that isn't as mind-numbing as television and costs less than the movies? If so, you'll want to check out Castle Archon, located at 2916 Buffalo Rd., (Bus Route 1), Wesleyville, open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1-10 p.m. (currently 12 p.m. to a.m. until Christmas).

Castle Archon is a gaming shop, run by Lee Wygant and Jim Eisert, where you can not

only pick up supplies for games, but play them as well.

There are a wide range of games available at Archon, including role playing, card games, and tabletop war gaming, both fantasy and historical. Each night a different game is available for play, beginning at 6 p.m. The most popular is Warhammer 40K, played on Wednesdays, a tabletop futuristic fantasy game in which humanity learns it is not alone and bands together to fight their non-human foes. You can choose to play as the humans or their foes, but be ready to play for a while since the average game takes about three hours. Those who are interested can stop

in and learn the game, since figures are provided. For experienced players, up to three tables are available for anyone who wants to organize a game.

Other games played weekly include Necromunda (Mondays), a new game similar to Warhammer 40K but on a smaller scale and playable in less time; Warhammer Quest (Thursdays), a fantasy game of dungeon exploration, magic, and heroic quests; Silent Death (Fridays), a non-storytelling game of starship based combat and tactics, set in the future; and Blood Bowl (Saturdays), which is like football with a wacky, yet brutal, twist and played by elves, dwarfs,

and orcs. Saturdays are also when Archon holds its Magic: The Gathering tournaments. Role playing games such as Dungeons and Dragons also take place at Archon, but the nights are often tentatively scheduled.

Castle Archon also strives to carry the newest and hottest games, as well as accessories pertaining to gaming--dice, maps, figures, paints, terrains, etc.; and since the staff are gamers themselves, they're always eager to engage in a game. They also have a lifetime membership club, which offers 15 percent off, available until the end of the year for the one time fee of \$20. As of January, the rates will be

changing, so if you're interested, this is your last chance to get in now.

So if you're seriously into gaming or interested in giving role playing a try, check out Castle Archon. With knowledgeable staff and games to please fantasy and sci-fi fans alike, it is truly "THE way to play!"

Castle Archon is located at 2916 Buffalo Road.

Chili Peppers lose their spice; Morrissey returns to his roots

By Keith Harrison
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"One Hot Minute"
Red Hot Chili Peppers
Warner Bros.
1 star out of 5

The Red Hot Chili Peppers' new disc includes a song called "Pea" that is a shrill, obscenity-laden rant against "homophobic rednecks."

Talk about biting the hand that feeds you.

The Chili Peppers are the most overrated rock act this side of Melissa Etheridge, and they hold that dubious title precisely because they are the "alternative" band of choice for lunkhead jocks who like to kick some butt in mosh pits.

Now, the argument can be made that no band can choose its audience, and some

people no doubt will applaud the Peppers' attempt to distance themselves from their less savory fans. But the band's ridiculously heavy-handed method of doing so betrays a basic lack of talent.

It's not that the Chili Peppers' music is unbearable. It's just that their trademark fusion of rock and funk is so incredibly mundane that it does a disservice to each genre. Track after track on this disc -- "One Big Mob," "Coffee Shop" "Deep Kick," "Shallow Be Thy Game" -- collapses into the same mind-numbing rumble.

The band fares much better when it drops its funk aspirations, as on the gentle "My Friends" and the title track, which rocks convincingly.

But if you want rock, there are plenty of better rock bands out there. And if you want funk, there are many, many better funk bands. So why waste your time with these guys?

"Southpaw Grammar"
Morrissey
Reprise Records
3 stars

Not even five years ago, a new release from Morrissey would provoke near hysteria among his fans and another round of teeth-gnashing among his detractors. Now new discs from the master of melancholy generate little more than a collective shrug of the shoulders.

Ah, fickle fame.

Still, Morrissey soldiers on, and with "Southpaw Grammar" he offers more of the highly stylized, guitar-based pop and rock that first won him stardom with the Smiths.

He can be as excessive as ever, particularly on the 11 minute song that opens the disc, "The Teachers are Afraid of the Pupils." Over a droning synth line,

Morrissey warbles the line, "To be finished would be a relief" over and over and over again. Around the eight-minute mark, you'll agree with him.

But there's no denying that the guy has a way with a pop tune, and the guitars on "Southpaw Grammar" put some real muscle on those hooks. "Best Friend on the Payroll" breezes along quite nicely, and "The Boy Racer," with its alternately surging and cascading chorus, is as catchy a song as Morrissey has ever created.

The latter tune also demonstrates that Morrissey's arch sense of humor remains as sharp ever. "He's got too many girlfriends/I'm jealous that's all," Morrissey sings. "He thinks he's got the whole world in his hand, but I'm gonna kill him."

His star power might be fading a bit, but "Southpaw Grammar" shows that Morrissey still has plenty to say, much of it with his tongue planted firmly in check.