

Oscar's Pub recieves two forks up

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Last weekend I had the opportunity to dine at Oscar's Pub and Eatery. It was wonderful. I was impressed with every aspect of their food, service, atmosphere, and selection. Oscar's is located on west 12th street just west of the I-79 exit. On the outside, Oscar's looks like a quaint little home; a small house painted white, complete with shutters; however, once you step inside you're in a classy little German pub. Dark cherry covers every visible inch of the custom cut bar and the surrounding dining area; hundred year old pictures decorate the entire restaurant. It was a perfect setting for a perfect meal.

As we sat down, we were handed a drink menu, and oh what a drink menu it was. I was trying to decide on a good beer, but there are 86 varieties of beer at Oscar's, and twenty of them are on draft. There is beer from all over the world. Good beer, I mean they have beer that you can't even pronounce. Needless to say, I was like a kid in a candy shop. Their selection didn't stop there. The bar itself had a wonderful top shelf filled with 26 different kinds of single malt scotch, not to mention several varieties of nice wines and ports. I would have to say that Oscar's does have the



Oscar's Pub is located at West 12th and Pittsburgh Ave.



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best beer in the world. I had a few drinks and I was in good luck. I had a wonderful time and I was very impressed with the service and atmosphere. I had a great time and I was very impressed with the service and atmosphere. I had a great time and I was very impressed with the service and atmosphere.

archbikes. I can't wait to have it again. It's served with deep-fried pita bread, which may be incredibly fattening, but is well worth it for the wonderful flavor. My choice for an entrée had been decided before I even came in the door. I had a hot tip that Oscar's had the best burger in Erie. It was awesome. I mean it was really, really awesome. Grilled to

perfection, built any way you like it, the flavor of the meat was smoky, and unique. It was perfect. It is definitely the best burger in Erie. My date had the Chicken Oscar. Well, I had to try it, and it was even better than the burger. I'll have that on my next visit for sure. Chicken Oscar is a breast of chicken topped with asparagus spears, hollandaise sauce, and crabmeat. If there are

flavors that blend more successfully than those four did, they have yet to be discovered. You could tell they take special pride in the entrée with their name on it. For dessert, we had to split something because we were both quite full and only had dessert in order to try it so I could write about it, but I am so glad we did. Hot apple shortcake ala mode may not seem

that special, but it was. Believe me, the service was as wonderful as everything else: prompt, courteous, and efficient. I could not find one thing to complain about, and I can't wait to go back. Oscar's Pub and Eatery gets 3 1/2 stars. And they deserve them.

What went down this Halloween at Behrend

by Jermaine Hardy
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There was much in store for fans of Halloween here at Behrend this year. As always, it was a time for everyone to let him or herself go and act out of character. A walk around campus this past Halloween got an interesting glimpse of it all: a body hanging from a tree in front of the Academic Building, a pimp sitting in the back of class, a man dressed as a woman in Dobbins, and a whole lot more. Thus, here is a recap of the "spooked out" occurrences at Behrend during the Halloween season.

While many Behrend students found enjoyment in this spooky holiday, Behrend also offered the biggest fans of Halloween, which are children, the opportunity to join in on the Halloween fun at Behrend. On Sunday, October 22, the Halloween festivities were kicked off with Penn State Erie's Fifth Annual Trick-or-Treat event, presented by Behrend's Residence Life Staff and the Hall Councils. In this event, students of the Diehl Elementary School, along with children of faculty and staff here at Behrend, had the opportunity to dress up in their costumes and tour the various residence halls on campus for trick-or-treating. Unlike previous years, this year's Trick-or-Treat event was sponsored in part by the students of the residence halls. Participating students collectively



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Children in costumes participated in a fun night of trick-or-treating

trick-or-treat on the campus, which was a very successful event. The students of the Diehl Elementary School, along with children of faculty and staff here at Behrend, had the opportunity to dress up in their costumes and tour the various residence halls on campus for trick-or-treating. Unlike previous years, this year's Trick-or-Treat event was sponsored in part by the students of the residence halls. Participating students collectively

Along with the Trick-or-Treat event on Sunday, October 22, students of the Lawrence Residence Hall had the chance to express their Halloween spirit with a Haunted Hall contest. For the contest, residents of Lawrence Hall were to decorate their floors in the most horrific fashions possible. While there were two such contests on campus, one amongst the residents of Lawrence and one amongst other various residence halls, the winner for the Lawrence Hall contest was the first floor east side. The winners were announced

after the Trick-or-Treat event. The winners for the Haunted Hall contest, which is sponsored collectively by all the hall councils, are yet to be announced.

On Halloween night there were also several activities to spook out the students on campus. Along with all of the mayhem of various private parties on campus there was a Halloween party open to all, sponsored by Ohio Hall. The function included a piñata and other goodies. There was also a contest for the best costume, in which four people dressed in a costume won pumpkins. The event made for a

exciting setting of the Halloween mood.

Last, but not least, this past Halloween included a concert presented by the Behrend Jazz ensemble. The concert provided smooth jazz tunes to a spooky setting as the band members played in devil suits, afros, ninja gear, and more.

Overall, this Halloween season at Behrend was one of good, clean, frightening fun. We will anticipate next year's Halloween season as we say goodbye to this one.

The Behrend Jazz Ensemble makes smooth sounds on a spooky night

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On October 31, at 8:00 p.m., The Behrend Jazz Ensemble and Behrend Studio Singers gathered in Bruno's to wow a large crowd with their musical talents. The two masterminds behind the show were Dr. Daniel Barnard, director of the Behrend studio signers, and Dr. Gary Viebranz, director of the Behrend Jazz Ensemble.

It was evident that Halloween was in the air when the Behrend Jazz Ensemble belted out such hits as "Witchcraft," "Body and Soul," and "Evil Ways." But perhaps the two most memorable events of the evening were when the Studio

Singers sang the song "Sugar" in an eerily smooth way, and when the Jazz Ensemble played the Santana song "Evil Ways," which was executed with such intensity that it left many members of the audience with ringing ears.

Following the performance, the audience gave the Jazz Ensemble and the Studio Singers a warm applause. Dr. Viebranz was happy with the outcome of the concert. "Overall, I think the performance went very well and the group put forth a great amount of energy. I was very pleased with the number of people that showed up at the concert. It's always nice to see a full house in a comfortable environment."



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The Behrend Jazz Ensemble in concert at Bruno's

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