

Spada's serves the Italian dish of your wish

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Not long ago, I had the opportunity to have dinner at Spada's Restaurant, which is located on West Ridge Road. When I entered the restaurant, I noticed that it was rather plain; however, it still had a nice atmosphere. I also noticed that there were a number of rooms to dine in, including a lounge.

My party and I were seated in a pleasantly decorated room, where we quickly decided what to order. As the name hints, Spada's is an Italian restaurant, with a broad selection of meals to choose from.

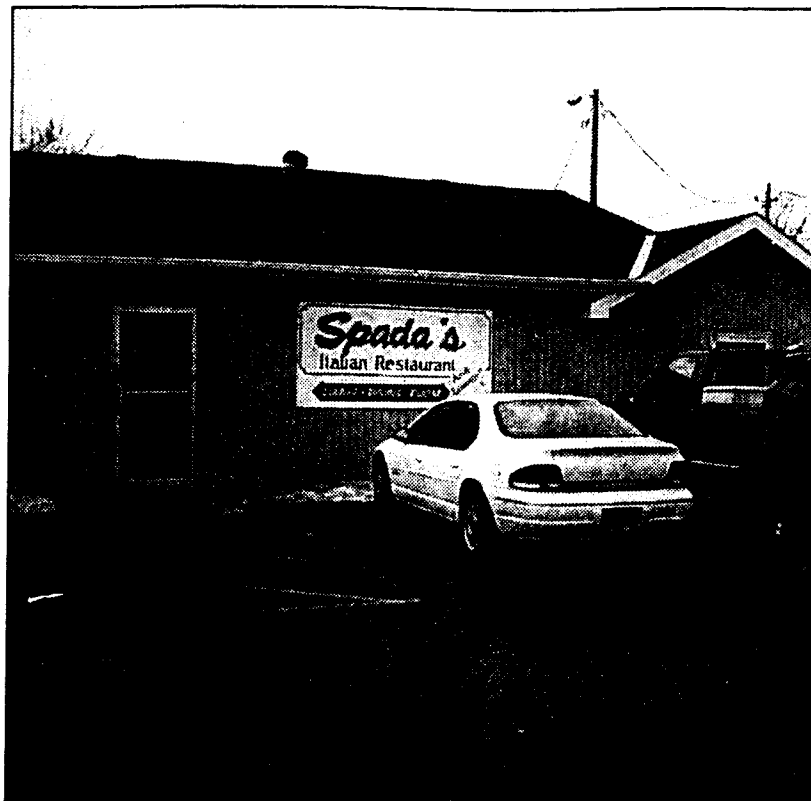
For myself, I decided to order a calzone filled with pepperoni and cheese, and one of my friends and I agreed to share a cheese pizza. The wait was somewhat long for our food; however, there were a lot of customers in the restaurant that night, so the delay was justifiable. Besides, the food was worth the wait. The calzone that I had

ordered was absolutely huge! I quickly dug into it, and was quite pleased with what I found. Not only was the calzone completely filled with pepperoni sauce and cheese, but it also tasted magnificent! I only ate half of it, (it was so good that I took the other half home in a doggy bag) so that I could eat some of the pizza that I had ordered.

The cheese pizza wasn't bad. However, it wasn't anything to write home about. It was a pretty big pizza and it tasted fine, but I've had better.

By the end of the night I was so stuffed, and I felt as if I needed one of my friends to cart me out of the restaurant with a wheelbarrow.

Although their prices aren't exactly dirt cheap, I would advise all fans of Italian food (especially calzones) to dine at Spada's Restaurant. I give them *** stars.



Outside of Spada's restaurant at 4271 West Ridge Road



One of the many dining areas of Spada's

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Cruisin' 4 CASH

Couple sets out for a road trip to a Pittsburgh Penguins game in spite of winter storm

For weeks, my fiancé, David, and I had been planning on attending a Pittsburgh Penguins game over winter break. When we realized that our tickets were for Mario Lemieux's first game returning to the ice, we were more than ecstatic. After hearing this news, we decided to make a day out of it.

On the morning of December 27, all the news coverage seemed to be about Mario Lemieux and an upcoming winter storm. Well, needless to say, we decided that no weather warning was going to stop us. After being in the car for over two hours, we decided it was time to make a stop.

Our first stop was at Media Play in Monroeville. After perusing the store shelves we realized that everything was even more overpriced than at the same store in Erie. Next stop, a pet store. We opened the door to go in but such an overpowering stench came out of the door that we decided to not even enter the store. When we regained consciousness, we decided to find a place to eat.

We drove to Harmarville and

thought it would be a great idea to see what *Fuddrucker's* would be like. After all, we had heard that they had good food. The food was good; however, the whole restaurant was filled with a busload of teenyboppers in town for a soccer tournament. We finished our food in a hurry and decided that we should get to Pittsburgh before anything really devastating happened.

Our plans for the afternoon were to go to *Eides*. We looked through the music and movies, but spent most of the time going through the vast boxes of comic books. They had the usual, but I found some old issues of *Masters of the Universe* with He-man and Skeletor. I couldn't pass those issues up, so I broke down and spent some of my money. We decided that it was time to leave *Eides* and head for Mellon Arena when I saw one too many really strange people.

As soon as we entered the arena you could just smell the excitement in the air. From that point, I knew

it was going to be an exhilarating game. Just when we got acquainted with all the people around us, the usher realized that we were in the wrong seats, and we had to move over one section. So we moved, and what do you know, a guy that was literally 8 feet tall sits/stands in front of me. It turned out to be not too terrible because every time he ran out of beer, it took him at least 15 minutes to return with another one. From our seats, we were able to see the whole length of the ice, so we did not miss any of the action. I swear it was the fastest hockey game I have ever watched! There really is a big difference between watching the game on TV and actually being there. I'm sure that everyone knows that we won 5-0.

I would tell you about the ride home in the snow blizzard, but that would be another story...

-Lisa Wachob
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Lisa Wachob and fiancé kill time in Mellon Arena parking lot before the Pittsburgh Penguins game

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Open Mic Night

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The Penn State Behrend Campus possesses a lot of talent, and it was displayed last Friday, February 26, at an event called "Open Mic Night." In efforts to provide students with more on campus activities, Behrend's Lion Entertainment Board presented this event. From 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bruno's provided an audience and stage setting for the students of Behrend to showcase their talents and express their artistic abilities. Taking the stage were students presenting all forms of talent, from playing instruments, to singing, to reading poetry. Some of the performances included musical selections by the Behrend Jazz Combo, a dramatic monologue by John Hodges, and a vocal performance by co-host Angela Majoris.

As hosts, Angela Majoris and Leanne Acklin kept the audience interested with comic relief from Acklin and motivation from Majoris, who often toured the audience to lure talent onto the stage. The entertainment was free as well as the pretzels and

popcorn.

Bruno's made for a comfortable as well as entertaining atmosphere as students sat on the rear tabletop to get the best view of the show. The event marks a stepping-stone as far as Behrend entertainment is concerned, as it is the second L.E.B. event this year that attracted more than fifty students. The first event was a show, which featured a band called the Distorted Penguins, two weeks ago. Commenting on the turnout of "Open Mic Night," Acklin, L.E.B's night club chair person stated, "we are getting more positive feedback." Also commenting on the event, Majoris, L.E.B's National Concert Committee Chair Person said, "it was a really great student turnout. The variety was wonderful." As "Open Mic Night" in the Bruno's was a successful event, the Lion Entertainment Board looks to host more of such events to entertain the many students on campus who look for fun things to do.

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