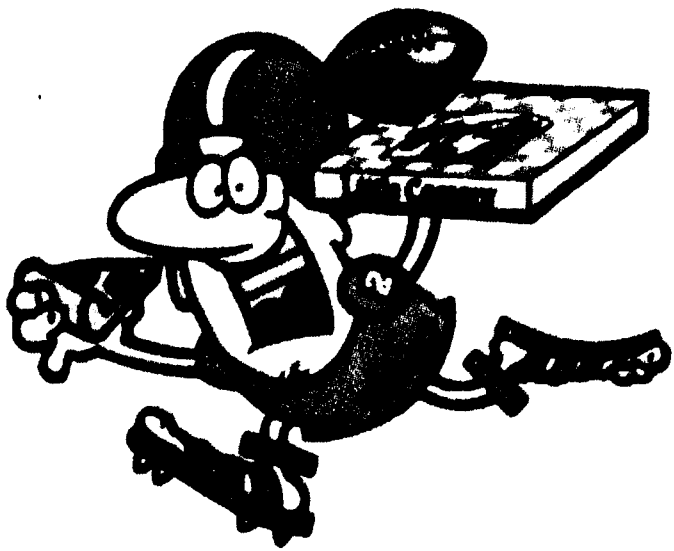


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Food Review of the Week BARBATO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA

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What a pleasant change. Many pizza places nowadays are simply fake. They are a shop like any other where a couple bored teenagers make some sub-par pizza and call it quality food.

As I walked into Barbato's, I knew that this place would be different. The feel of the Buffalo Road shop, though intended for carry-out and delivery only, had the aura of an authentic Italian pizzeria. A few quick-working chefs were making delicious-looking creations as I ordered one of their fresh dough pizzas.

After a short wait, I got my pizza and dug in right away. I was beyond surprised at the taste and quality of the food. Some pizzas feature thin crusts and dough, trying to stretch ingredients to make ends meet on pizzas that simply do not have the consistency of quality food.

Barbato's, I found out, was quite the pleasant change. The crust and dough, which I consider to be some of the most important parts of a truly good piece of pizza, were cooked to a perfect golden brown; it was crispy

enough to have some substance, but not hard enough to chip your teeth. I found myself thinking that this was truly a masterfully made pizza.

Offhand, I asked the cashier at the desk how business was at Behrend.

"We deliver there so much," he said, "It's ridiculous."

After eating their pizza, I can see why the pizza shop is very popular amongst Behrend students.

After buying the pizza, I was handed a coupon list with special deals, including a fresh dough large pizza for \$9.99 and tons of their wings for low prices.

Thoroughly impressed, I ate almost the entire pizza myself except for a piece that I gave to a friend, who agreed that it was some of the pizza she had ever eaten.

The atmosphere, food, and quality of service at Barbato's is great. For the student looking to pick up some food on the way to a party, order some food for a game, or just try a new pizza place, Barbato's is an excellent choice.

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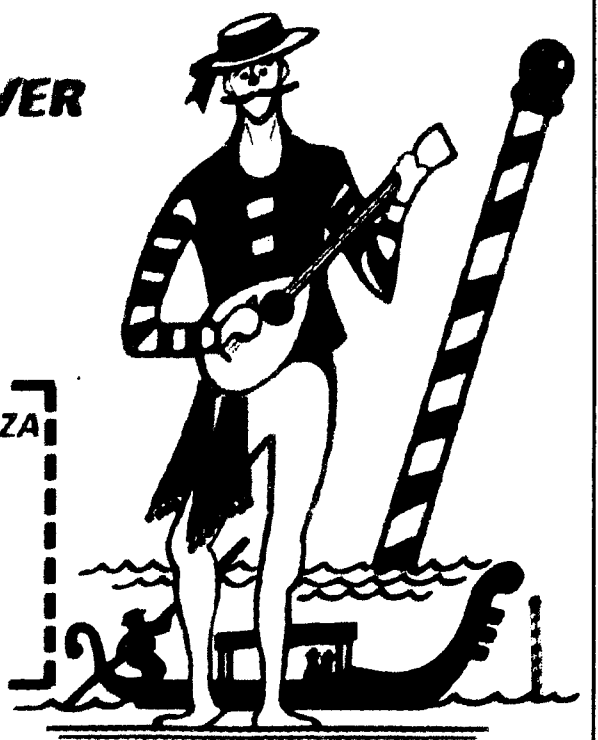
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