

Spotlight Entertainment

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The topic for this week is food, good food. Some may feel that I'm stretching the limits of entertainment, but I personally feel that food at its best can be very entertaining indeed.

Having excellent cooks in my family, I must admit that nothing beats that good old fashioned home cooking. However, everyone likes to eat out, whether it's to avoid cleaning the mess involved in the preparation of a meal, or to escape the ever dreadful Dobbins Hall.

I'm a native Erieite, raised in a family that enjoys and delights in various cuisines. I've been to a lot of restaurants and find some to be much more satisfying than others. My goal is to enlighten and direct you to the local restaurants which will offer you the most for your money.

For those who prefer a casual dining experience, reasonable prices, and good fast service, Erie's the place to be. Probably the most accessible, and in my opinion the best place to go for Italian cuisine is Nunzi's Place. Nunzi's is located at 1523 East 38th and offers the BEST pizza in town (or anywhere else for that matter). They offer nightly specials, for example, Lasagna for under \$3.00. These specials, as well as their regular menu, are out of this world. Hector's, 802 West 18th, and Martucci's Tavern, 2641 Myrtle, also serve super spicy Italian meals. There's no need to worry about what to wear; these restaurants aren't known for their atmosphere. However, if your mouth is watering for some homemade pasta, these are the places to find it, and you don't even need the atmosphere...the food says it all.

The Greenshingle Restaurant is open 24 hours a day and provides hearty meals at not so hearty prices. The Greenshingle, located off I-90, exit 5, is highly acclaimed by truckers, and believe me, if you can't trust a trucker's advice on where to get the best food at the best prices, who can you trust?

The Glenwood Diner, 4227 Peach Street, is the place I suggest to all the regulars at Dobbins Hall. The Diner serves nothing but the best; i.e. homemade. If you're longing for

some of Mom's cooking, but can't afford the trip home, stop by the Glenwood Diner and be sure not to leave without testing a piece of their widely-known and loved homemade pies. Luckily for you, the Diner is open 24 hours. Pretty much on the same order is the Colonial Kitchen, 5158 Peach, located in the Kearsarge Plaza.

If you happen to be downtown, after a long day of studying at the Public Library or shopping, rest your weary feet and hungry stomach at People's Restaurant, 109 West 10th. People's also offers irresistible specials.

Most of the restaurants already mentioned accept take-out orders. And again, let me press on the fact that they offer quick service, good food at very inexpensive prices.

Chinese food anyone? Come on, I know there's a lot of people out there who adore Chinese cuisine. The Inn of Double Happiness on upper Peach Street has the best Chinese food in Erie. At 26 East 26th Street, you'll find the Four Seas Chinese Restaurant, serving from noon until 10 p.m. Both provide carry out service.

Erie houses many finer restaurants. The best bet for a perfect night of dining and dancing is Sandalini's, 133 West 11th. Sandalini's decor is perfect and allows you to relax before, during and after the scrumptious meal they're sure to serve you. The best thing about Sandalini's is the element of surprise when you first glance at the menu...stuffed steak?

Peek 'n Peak hosts a superb dining experience in their luxurious Inn at the Peak, in Clymer, New York. This would be the ideal place to get your Mom and Dad to take you for your birthday or when they come to visit. Upon entering the Peak, one gradually shifts back into the olden days when ladies were ladies and gentlemen were gentlemen. The service is better than excellent as is the food.

Damore's, 14 East 10th, and Ricardo's at 2112 East Lake Road, both have fine food and relaxing atmospheres. Ricardo's is extremely well known for their appetizers, served with every meal. After one works their way through the rigatoni and breaded zucchini it's difficult to believe

that the main course hasn't been served yet.

Spartan Inns is usually described as a "fun" place to eat. You are positive to get your steaks exactly the way you want them because you charcoal them yourself. Spartan Inns is located off I-90, exit 5, and is probably the best place to go for an entire evening of entertainment; you can finish the night with an evening of listening and dancing in their Wooden Horse Lounge.

The Mark Restaurant, 44 Peninsula Drive, recently hosted Behrend's Homecoming dinner-dance. I'm sure most students were pleased with their surf 'n turf or steak dinners. The Mark also serves excellent sandwiches, at inexpensive prices.

Now, if you want "class" and inexpensive prices, you definitely want to visit the Blue Max Restaurant at Erie International Airport. The best thing about the Blue Max is the dating special they've invented. For less than \$13.00, Mondays through Thursdays, you and your date get a choice of a steak or seafood dinner plus tickets to a local cinema theatre! If that's not a good deal, I don't know what is.

The Station Restaurant is by far my favorite place for dining. Maybe it's the replica of a railroad dining car atmosphere or the fact that my steaks have always been served exactly the way I ordered them, or maybe it's the commendable service. The Station offers "early bird" specials; if you dine between 5 and 7 p.m. you get your choice of three dinners, including dessert, beverage and the best salad bar in town...all for under \$7.00! The Station is located at 4940 Peach Street.

For a change of pace, give one or two of these restaurants a visit. It beats MacDonald's and certainly Dobbins Hall!

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Kansas at Edinboro

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The Erie community had another chance last week to go to a performance of one of the finest concert groups around, and a group that is almost constantly on the road. Edinboro was the site of the concert, and the ESC Fieldhouse was jammed to see the group called Kansas.

Molke Cole started the evening of music about a half hour later than it was scheduled to begin. They are a good group, capable of fine musicianship; however, a lot of their set was nothing more than pointless noise. The concert-goers recognized them as a maturing group on Saturday, and brought them back for an encore, which they performed with much enthusiasm.

Kansas came on after about a thirty minute wait, and exhibited musical talent that is uncomparable. The "tightness" of

this group is amazing. They performed a lot of songs that were on their first two albums, and also played some new songs which are included on their third album, to be released very shortly. The new material sounds a little bit jazzier than their previously recorded songs.

Kansas was on for a little over an hour, but when their set ended, the audience brought them back for an encore, and they performed a thunderous version of the J.J. Cale song, Bringing it Back, which was the climax to a great evening of music. Kansas performed their encore with much style, and the song they chose is a perfect one to close out any concert. "They load you up, and let you go, bringing it back from Mexico."

The six members of Kansas are masters of all musical styles, and deserve the crowds that are seen at all of their concerts.

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