

Eye on Entertainment

Lion's paws: Places to go ... things to do

MOVIES Monster



Prostitute, serial killer, monster. All words used to describe Aileen Wuornos, a Florida woman whose life is something short of an uplifting story. Born in Michigan to an abusive family, Aileen was a prostitute at the age of 13.

"Monster," directed by first-timer Patty Jenkins and starring Charlize Theron (as Aileen Wuornos) and Christina Ricci (as Selby Wall), details Aileen's life from her brush with suicide, to her relationship with Selby Wall, to the downward spiral in which she turned to murder and after killing six men was finally apprehended, convicted, and sent to death row.

"Monster" is not your average movie. It's a shocking and moving character study, and strangely enough, a love story. The relationship between Wuornos and Wall is bizarre; Wall is living with an aunt in Florida in an effort to "cure" her of her lesbianism when she meets Wuornos in a bar. Wuornos, although not a lesbian, finds herself in a relationship with Selby because after realizing that her dream of being taken care of isn't going to come true, she has found someone who she herself can take care of.

Though many feel that the movie is too sympathetic to Wuornos, her character is still intriguing and the story interesting. So far, Monster has earned Theron

a Golden Globe for best actress in a drama; Theron also was up for an Oscar last night for Best Actress. If you want to go see a movie that startles you and makes you think, "Monster" is the movie for you.

— JEFF HUBER

EATERIES Cracker Barrel



There are not many places where you can sit and eat a good, country meal in front of a cozy fireplace.

Cracker Barrel happens to be one of those places. Enter through the country general store and get transported to a colonial time period to get to the restaurant. Each wooden table has a burning candle that adds to the quaint ambiance. It also has the IQ test wooden-peg game to entertain you while you wait for your food.

As for the food, it is very affordable and there are many country-cooked dishes that allows you to choose from a variety of sides. The fried chicken tenderloin salad is out of this world and you can wash it down with a Stewart's Grape soda served in a frosted mug. Breakfast is served all day.

Make sure you save room for the delectable desert, with offerings of fried apples and ice cream to chocolate cake. Before you leave the restaurant, stop and sit in the rocking chairs to play checkers in front of the fireplace. The prices are right with two people being able to stuff themselves for around \$20 dollars. Walk back through the country general store and do some shopping before you leave. Pick up the games you can play in the restaurant and the adorable Cracker Barrel exclusive Ty Beanie Baby named Cornbread.

The nearest Cracker Barrel is in King of Prussia, near the end of the Blue Route.

— JENNIFER RUFO

EATERIES Casey's



If you're looking for a good place to go out and eat, Casey's Restaurant and Saloon is a place to consider. Casey's is located at 812 N. Lansdowne Ave., directly across from the Bond Shopping Center in Drexel Hill. It's hard to miss with the huge sign and the big deck out front.

Casey's has a unique setting, with its dining room

SAY WHAAAT?

Some things our readers want to say to people on campus, but don't want to say themselves:

- To the coffee guy in the library: I have a girlfriend. Leave me alone, I don't like you.
- I love how Penn State can get a brand-new lion statue and a gazebo that goes unused, but we can't print more than 200 pages in the computer labs without getting charged.
- Non-smokers complain so much about the smokers on campus, yet they are found at smoke-filled bars on the weekend. You're so hypocritical.
- To the guy in French class: Thanks for lending me your book. I love you.
- I hate when I buy a brand-new book for \$80 and only receive a quarter when I sell it back.
- On a rainy Tuesday, I dropped my books down the stairs. Five people walked over them, and you helped me pick them up. Thank you, blue eyes.
- I love how common hour is supposed to be our time, yet the Main Building computer lab is being exclusively used for a class. Sorry students, find some other lab to do your important work in.

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designed like a trolley car. Casey's also is decorated with historical pictures of near by locations, dating from a very long time ago.

If you're not looking to eat, Casey's has a nice bar with a wooden deck outside for when the weather gets nice. Casey's also features entertainment from local bands.

At Casey's you will enjoy a friendly atmosphere. The food is great, especially the chicken parmesan, served in a relaxing setting. It is great for a family, but if you are looking for a party, the bar is one of the best in Drexel Hill.

— SEAN ORNER

HA-HA-ROSCOPES



PISCES: Stop worrying; you'll get everything done.



ARIES: Looks like you won't be the brightest crayon in the box this month.



TAURUS: A new car is coming your way. Too bad it's only Hot Wheels.



GEMINI: Keep a box of tissues. They're soon to be your best friend.



CANCER: There's no "I" in team, but there is one in "quit."



LEO: This month, you'll call a Happy Meal fine dining.



LEO: You make the same mistakes over and over. Don't you ever learn?



LIBRA: Make someone else smile; it'll make you feel good.



SCORPIO: Call a random person in the phone book; see what he says.



SAGITTARIUS: Practice safety ... wear a helmet to bed.



CAPRICORN: Need to be noticed? Wear your pants backward.



AQUARIUS: You're in need of a date with a hot fudge sundae.

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