## Sheraton Londoner jolly good for dates



Editor's note: Today's review is the first in a regular series of restaurant reviews appearing on Fridays. Restaurants reviewed are not notified in advance and evaluations are based upon the sampling of at least two meals — the reviewer's and a companion's.

Please note that all restaurants are compared with other restaurants in State College, not against an independent 'istandard or with metropolitan restaurants.



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The Londoner's elegant and warmly-lit interior is a pleasant departure from the usual murkiness of hotel restaurants. In most of those expensive caverns, identifying one's waiter is only slightly less difficult than identifying one's food. At the Londoner, however, comfortable high-backed chairs and large tables with candles make even extended meals a pleasure. The food, too, was a surprise for a reviewer expecting a menu consiting only of charred steaks and dry pork

On Wednesday nights, the Londoner's "gourmet" menu offers a flambeed variation on some of their regular entrees. Prepared and then set alight with a liqueur on a cart at your table, these entrees include steak au poivre, veal scalloppine marsala and roast duckling.

A flambe by a less-than-expert waiter has its limitations. The veal scalloppine marsala, while tender, was lacking in marsala flavor. The duckling, partially prepared in the kit-chen, was overdone and a bit dry. Still, the orange sauce was

Among entrees selected from the regular menu, the broiled trout was nicely presented and flavorful, while the sauteed calf's liver was moist, if a bit gristly.

The flambe was most successful with what our waiter called the restaurant's best dessert: Bananas Foster, ripe bananas in carmelized brown sugar flamed with banana liqueur and served over ice cream. (Although a dinner companion insisted that his dessert — rice pudding — was by far the highlight of the meal.) Whether your choice is homey or haute cuisine, both desserts are excellent. The cheese cake, however, was only average

Most of the Londoner entrees range in price from \$6 to \$8. The least expensive entree is chicken cacciatore, at \$4.95; the most expensive, an 18-oz. sirloin at \$12.95. All entrees include a potato (fries, baked or whipped), a vegetable and a generous

moderate to high prices (average, \$7 to \$9 per bottle), thus neglecting an inexpensive range of interesting American

The wine list is limited to a few imported selections at

A few small complaints: One of the two vegetables offered, "winter mix" of broccoli and cauliflower, was overcooked (in good American style), the Italian and house salad

dressings were too vinegary and the baked potato was not baked, but steamed in a foil jacket. A number of menu items were unavailable and two of the scarred dinner plates were not clean. The service, however, was courteous and attentive.

Choose the Londoner's generally good food and atmosphere for a special date or a dinner with visiting parents. The restaurant's one star rating is a conservative mark; the Londoner could become a two-star establishment.



## opens campus sex

"The Bingo Long Traveling

All-Stars & Motor Kings" -See today's review. Flick. "Candy's Candy" — We'll bet it's Good & Plenty. Rated

X. Screening Room. "The Great Scout and Mathouse Thursday" Comedy-western starring Lee Marvin and Elizabeth Ashley. To be reviewed Monday.

"Harry and Walter Go to New York" — Bumbling conmen played by Elliott Gould and James Caan are the heroes of this equally bumbling film. Michael Caine, Diane Keaton and Carol Kane also star. Mark Rydell, Garden

'The Sailor Who Fell From ( Grace With the Sea" — Kris

of Yukio Mishima's story about a widow and a sailor's love affair; which is the cause of some mighty peculiar behavior on her adolescent

Miles star in this adaptation

## movie shorts

son's part. Despite some really lovely photography, this movie isn't worth much. Cinema Two

"The Shootist" - Western starring John Wayne as an aging gunfighter who is dying of (here's the sad part) rectal cancer. Don Siegal directed. To be reviewed Monday.

"Silent Movie" — Fairly funny film by Mel Brooks,

Kristofferson and Sarah which is indeed silent as far as dialogue goes, but features a most aggressive musical score. Brooks plays a downand-out Hollywood director who is trying to make a silent movie. He gets people like Anne Bancroft, Paul Newman, Burt Reynolds and James Caan to star in it. A lot of slapstick. Marty Feldman and Dom DeLuise also star. Cinema One

> On Campus "Behind the Green Door"

- Marilyn Chambers, one of the all-time great porn stars, is poised on the threshhold, no doubt. 121 Sparks

"The Exorcist" - Oh, just shut up and eat your pea soup. Ellen Burstyn, Jason Miller, Linda Blair and a host of equally bewitched.

bothered and bewildered actors star in this William Friedkin movie, based on the best-selling book. 108 Forum
"Go West" — One of the Marx Brothers' lesser films.

Still, funny in parts. Fub Rec

"Monty Python and the Holy Frail" — Good comedy from the whacky British madmen who brought - you 'And Now for Something Completely Different." Worth catching at least once. 105 Forum

"Rollerball" - Dreadful. James Caan stars in this sciencefiction film as the star of a sadistic spectator sport of the future, a sort of cross between roller derby and basketball. Boring and very dumb. PUB Rec Room

"Room Service" Marx Brothers star in this antic comedy. Quite amusing. Hillel (9 p.m., Saturday only)

"Take the Money and Run" Woody Allen plays a bank robber so inept, his hold-up notes are illegible. A must for all Allen fans, which should include everyone. Janet Margolin is his charming romantic interest. 10 Sparks "To Be or Not to Be" -

Made in 1942, this was Carole Lombard's last film before she died in a plane crash. Jack Benny and she play actors trying to escape the Nazis. Believe it or not, the movie is a comedy and an extremely amusing one at that. Ernst Lubitsch directed with his usual skill. Waring

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Collegian Staff Writer 📏

careers. No act in rock has tried as many formats - un-

successfully — as have Hall and Oates. Their first record, "Whole Oats," was an acoustic set, with Hall on the piano and Oates on acoustic guitar. It was a dismal flop. So was the

Hall & Oates album

'bigger' and better

record review showcases the duo's many styles and yet is the most commercially accessible album of their checkered

generate a little FM airplay. The electronic music

direction. A change in

Arif Mardin-produced "Abandoned Lunch-eonette," although the single "She's Gone" did of the Todd Rundgrenproduced "War Babies" was a step in the wrong

labels didn't seem like the answer either, until the breakthrough of "Sara Smile" thrust Hall & Oates into the national limelight.

The album opens with the funky "Back Together Again," a song about the comeback of an old face who is "on everybody's dial." But the highlight of the song is the tasteful sax fills provided by Tom Scott.

"Bigger Than Both Of Us" is a pleasant album which indicates that, after much experimentation, Hall & Oates have finally found their niche. Perhaps their next album will be the blockbuster

> Sweaters Jackets





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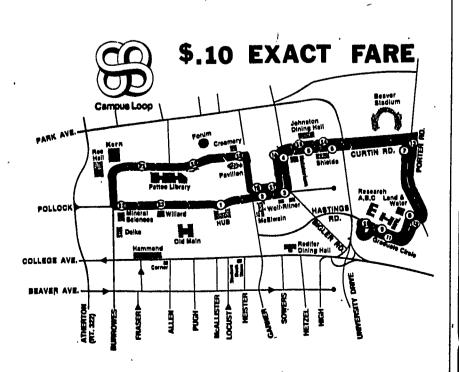
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