

RESTAURANTREVIEW Mellowing out at the Mellow Mushroom

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Skibo Road in Fayetteville is known for several attractions. It houses the big name shopping centers, Cross Creek Mall and a great deal of restaurants. Well, on Aug. 29, another restaurant was added to the list, Mellow Mushroom.

Mellow Mushroom is a laid-back, warm, fun and inviting restaurant with funky and hip decor. One great feature about the restaurant is the inside visibility. Customers are able to see how their food is being prepared in the kitchen from

the large cut-outs designed in the walls. Mellow Mushroom offers inside and outside dining. Outside dining guests dine on a large patio. They can also enjoy an outside bar, flat screen televisions and outside wait staff.

Mellow Mushroom is known for its pizza and beer. Nonetheless, they still offer a variety of choices like salads, soups, calzones, hoagies and, of course, stuffed mushrooms. Mellow Mushroom offers food choices at half sizes, which is great because it lowers the price. Pizza can be ordered in 10", 14" and 16" sizes.

Since I was dining alone, I decided to sit at the bar. When the hostess told me that my choice would eliminate me having to wait 20 minutes for a table, I was pleased with my decision. I was more pleased once I arrived at the bar. I was able to watch all of the college football games on the restaurants six flat screen televisions. Stephanie, my waitress and bartender greeted me and took my order. For my first visit, I ordered what the restaurant is most known for, pizza.

After 20 minutes, my 10-inch House Special pizza finally arrived. I was well pleased. I could see all of

the veggies and meat that came on the pizza, as well as taste each individual flavor. The crust reminded me of traditional Italian pizza crust cooked in brick ovens.

My total came to \$13.50. The 10-inch pizza was cut into four huge slices. After two, I was stuffed. I was able to carry the other two slices home. As I closed my box, I noticed Chris Martin, a fellow diner placing his hoagie into a to-go box. He told me that he was also stuffed, and his Mushroom Club hoagie "was really delicious."

With my visit almost over, I had one final thing to check, the rest-

room. The three stalled, double sink, fully stocked restroom was extremely clean.

Mellow Mushroom will not be my first dining choice. However, it will be one of my choices for casual dining with friends. The fun atmosphere and young staff attract you. They're also involved in the Fayetteville community by sponsoring local events.

Mellow Mushroom is located at 301 N. McPherson Church Rd. They're open Monday - Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and Friday - Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

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On Sunday, Oct. 16, The King Dedication was televised. During the unveiling of the memorial, Dr. King was honored with musical selections from music legends, Stevie Wonder and Aretha Franklin. Spectators listened to speeches given by President Barack Obama, and many other prominent members of the African-American community. During the memorial, the King family allowed the entire film of the "I Have a Dream" speech to be played, which was a special to all who attended, since the family rarely releases the film. This was a very special moment for those who have never seen it.

Dr. King starts the speech by speaking about the Emancipation Proclamation and how "one hundred years later, the Negro...is not free." He was attacking the government and convicting the hearts of the listeners. Back then, civil rights leaders were fighting for the rights we take advantage of today. The audience heard what Dr. King was saying and did what they

could to change their current situations. When we hear the speech today, do we have the same conviction those people had forty eight years ago?

American citizens that cared about segregation and discrimination were not just black. They were from many different backgrounds. Therefore, Dr. King called for unity to change the economic crisis. The dream cannot be fully fulfilled until we are aware of our history. The dream cannot be fully fulfilled until we are compelled to continue to fight for what is rightfully ours, freedom.

Dr. King had a dream that that our nation would not continue to live in normalcy. He asked for more than just making his dream come true. He called for us to be devoted to the dream for the many generations that have yet to come. For that reason, the fight is not over. We have to continue to live Dr. King's vision with unity, and demand that normalcy is never again accepted in America.

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