

Vertigo diner is hip place to hang out

Looking for a hip place to hang out with friends? Searching for a great place to grab a midnight snack? Vertigo Diner in downtown Raleigh is the spot for you! The Vertigo is a snazzy alternative to the many chain restaurants in town. It is located on the corner of Dawson and McDowell Streets in the building that used to be Poole's Luncheonette. The owners have kept the feeling of a 50's diner by setting the chrome tables with mismatched plates and silverware. You can buy Moonpies and Crackerjacks at the counter. And you can drink real Coke out of the original green glass bottles.

While you'll find some traditional diner fare on the menu (Uncle Lou's meatloaf is \$5.50 with snap beans and mashed potatoes), the chef at the Vertigo isn't what you'd expect at most diners. The menu changes every two

or three weeks, but you can always expect to find the best grilled cheese sandwiches served with incredible homemade soup for a mere \$4.25.

When I went with friends for lunch last week, the soup was cream of mushroom. My friend and I split a grilled cheese sandwich with onions, mushrooms and tomatoes—great comfort food. Another friend went with a more exotic dish - a turtle bean and sweet potato burrito served with lime tortilla chips for \$4.50. And my sister had onion rings and a rubeen with homemade sauerkraut and red pepper aoli for \$5.75. The rubeen was good, but the onion rings were a little

soggy.

Lunch prices are more than reasonable—about \$3.00 to \$6.00. Dinner is more expensive, but the menu becomes more exciting after 5:00. There's roasted acorn squash, topped with dill shrimp, walnuts and orange brandy for \$10.50. Try their fall salad with smoked walnuts, D'Anjou pears, bacon and gorgonzola cheese for \$5.25. Or if you're feeling exuberant, there's braised lamb shanks with rosemary for \$13.95 or sesame grilled tuna with tamari chutney for \$14.50. The Vertigo will also always offer a vegetarian dish for around \$10.00; however, dinner is only served Thurs. through

Sat. nights. After ten there's a late night menu of sandwiches, salads and soup, served until closing, which is about 2:00 a.m. Lunch is served Mon. through Fri., and Vertigo also offers Sunday brunch. They have great black bean omelets and cheese polenta.

Vertigo is most fun on Friday and Saturday nights. It's a fun place to hang out with friends and drink fancy cocktails, served with those little umbrellas. The atmosphere is great, and the owners support local artists by displaying artwork on the red and orange walls. There are lots of overstuffed chairs and cozy lamps like the ones in your grandmother's den. Their choice of tunes varies from lounge music to Patsy Cline. But the best thing is that you'll always find a melange of people at the Vertigo—everyone feels at home in this Raleigh diner!

Italian club meets for first time at Meredith

Over thirty people attended the first ever Italian club meeting on Nov. 7, according to Dina Di Maio, meeting organizer.

The attendants of the meeting were brimming with ideas for activities and fund-raisers, such as having a bake sale

and a ziti dinner.

"These are some of the best ideas I've heard at a club meeting," said Dr. Louise Reiss, Italian professor and adviser to the club.

The first activity the club will do is decorate a Christmas tree on the Italian bulletin board on the second floor

of Joyner. The tree will be decorated with ornaments sporting Italian words or phrases.

At the last meeting on Nov. 28, the members exchanged gifts for "Secret La Befana." Befana is the Italian form of Santa Claus. Befana is an old woman who leaves gifts for Italian children on January 6, or Epiphany, while in search of the Christ Child.

Organizers of the club stressed that the club is open to all Meredith students who have an interest in Italian culture and language.

The Italian club's next meeting will be announced in January. Please come for some Italian treats and fun!

Kappa Nu Sigma inductions

Kappa Nu Sigma held fall inductions Sept. 25. Included were:

Jessica Brown Ezzell, Angela Faye Gardner, Erin May Hartman, Julie Lynn Honeycutt, Pin Pin Lian, Janie Lee Love, Anne Wilder McMillan, Mary Christy Odom, Christina Joy Peoples, Mary Joyce Russell, and Leigha Beth Williams.

These students had acquired a total of 90 or more credit hours with a quality point ratio of 3.6 or more.

Helen Price Scholarships were awarded to sophomores and juniors with the highest scholastic averages.

Sophomore scholarship winners: Danielle Gauguie, Christina Glossop, and Jennifer Lynch.

Junior scholarship winners: Carol Colston and Paige Shelfo.

The officers of Kappa Nu Sigma are Jan Yow, President; June Holland, Vice President; Mindi Outlaw, Secretary; Marie Willet, Treasurer.

SGA Corner

- Members of the Service Council and SGA wish to thank everyone who contributed can foods during the Food Drive! We really made a difference in the community.
- Senate would like to thank everyone who voted in the referendum. The results will greatly help when approaching the Trustees!

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