

Treats no Tricks brings spooky fun to campus



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SU President Charles Patterson and First Lady Colleen Patterson greeting attendees.

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The Halloween spirit made its way onto campus on Oct. 28 during Treats no Tricks, an annual event at which various student organizations volunteer to bring spooky fun to people of all ages.

Children, parents and even students were dressed in costumes. From Bluey to Spider-Man, many different characters were in attendance.

As the evening began, a long line of excited children and parents made their way onto Old Main lawn. Across the entire lawn, student organizations and groups such as PRSSA, Activities

Program Board (APB) and Greek Life handed out candy and hosted games for children.

SU President Charles Patterson was also in attendance, dressed as Mario, with his dog, Oliver, dressed as Luigi.

Throughout the evening, families enjoyed different activities such as pumpkin picking, cornhole, rubber duck fishing in the Old Main Fountain and taking pictures with Big Red and Shippo the Hippo. The cotton-candy machines were also popular spots for the children.

The night was filled with music, laughter and a sense of togetherness that brought the spooky night to a close.



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Children visited campus to trick-or-treat.

Liberty Bar & Grill: A Diamond in the Rough

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Do not let the fact that it is attached to a casino scare you off from this gem.

Liberty Bar and Grill, part of Parx Casino in Shippensburg, provides delicious meals and fun cocktails for all occasions.

One does not even need to step one foot onto the gaming floor to reach it. When I suggested the restaurant to my grandparents, they were skeptical, too. However, even my gambling-averse grandfather was pleasantly surprised by the lack of obnoxious, slot-machine noises.

The menu has a diverse enough selection to please any diner. I ordered the schnitzel, and felt a twinge of guilt at the \$17 price since I was not the one footing the bill.

However, when it arrived, I was shocked at how massive it was compared to my grandmother's version. It covered most of the plate, overlapping slightly with the mashed potatoes. It also had a sunny side up egg on top of it, which I have never seen before. It was not hard to cut the tender meat, and the crunch of the breading was quite satisfying. I noted

that the meat is not seasoned very much, making it less flavorful than I anticipated. At the same time, the rich and savory onion sauce that came with the dish compensated for this.

As for the sunny side up egg on top of the cutlet, I added a pinch of salt and dipped some of my grandfather's fries in the yolk. If dippy eggs make you queasy, then you might want to request that they hold it. The mashed potatoes are rich and buttery with a golden yellow hue. They certainly used more butter than milk or cream for their recipe. My grandfather mentioned that his pastrami reuben was a bit dry, and my brother said that his sandwich was dry, too. However, they stated that the sandwiches were delicious, otherwise.

Overhead, there are long, rectangular screens showing scores for sports games, like a stock market update for sports bettors. There is a window that allows diners to look out at the slot machines.

This could be a turn-off for some, seeing the gamblers in action. However, it does substantially contribute to the atmosphere of the restaurant. Casinos are their own aesthetic. Fortunately, my family and I were seated away from view of the

gambling floor.

For dessert, I ordered the thin mint martini cocktail. This creamy, minty green drink is like a boozy, melted shamrock shake. If it was not \$12, I would have ordered another one. The drizzles of chocolate syrup inside the glass add both a flavorful and aesthetic touch to the drink. My grandparents ordered a slice of cheesecake to share between them. Our waitress brought two thin slices, each equaling one half of a typical slice.

Whoever decided to serve the cake in this way was remarkably thoughtful, as this made it easier for them to eat their portion without maneuvering around each other's forks. I was offered a bite and found that the cream cheese was surprisingly light, almost as if it were puffed up with little air bubbles. In the dim lighting, the raspberry drizzle looked like chocolate syrup.

Eating at Liberty Bar and Grill is an excellent experience, with quality food and great hospitality. Although it is on the pricier side, it is worth a visit with friends and family. The restaurant is open from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.



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Liberty Bar & Grill is inside of the new Parx Casino in Shippensburg.



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Liberty Bar & Grill offers a variety of desserts, including cheesecake, creme brulee, chocolate lava cake and apple tart.

APB and D&D Club present 'D&D Night'



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Dice of various numbers are used in Dungeons and Dragons to decide the outcomes of random occurrences. Free dice sets were given to attendees.



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Dungeons & Dragons, commonly referred to as D&D, was first released in 1974.

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Bards, druids, artificers and barbarians alike gathered in McFeely's on Friday to celebrate Dungeons and Dragons night, presented by the Activities Programming Board (APB) and the D&D club. Refreshments and snacks were provided, and most attendees wore costumes.

The event was themed after the popular game of Dungeons & Dragons (D&D), a tabletop role-playing game where players work together to complete an imaginary adventure in a medieval fantasy world. Mystical music played as players gathered by the table of "minis," which are miniatures that can represent your character during the game.

Paint and paintbrushes were presented beside the minis and attendees were encouraged to paint a mini of their choice, allowing an arts and crafts aspect into the event, enticing many

attendees as they decorated their characters. As they painted, players made conversation about their latest campaigns and their greatest rolls.

Several sets of colorful dice were presented at the event for all players to take a set of dice home to play in their current or upcoming campaigns.

As attendees mingled and painted, there was a raffle at the event that gave away a battle map for players to use during their games, as well as a dice tower that can be used to roll dice during the game.

D&D Club has been active since 2018. Club president Thomas French said, "The idea to collaborate with APB for this event came from one of our members, Vivian Ulsh, who is also part of APB."

"She suggested the idea of mini painting because it's an arts and crafts activity that anyone can enjoy, but it's also tied to D&D," French said. "Our hope is that we can continue to throw these kinds of events."

French shared that his

passion for the D&D club comes from the synergistic nature of the game. "One of my favorite parts about the game is the collaborative aspect," French said. "A lot of times when you play games with people, there's a competitive environment to it, which isn't bad. We love competition. But D&D is one of the few games where people can actively work together to reach a goal."

"It's what makes it feel unique, and when everyone gets into character, it's so much fun to see someone roll really well and you all celebrate. That's my favorite part of it," French said.

"My favorite part of the community is that you get to hear people's stories and chat with people about their favorite games they've played. You just get to share that joy," French said.

For more information on D&D Club, visit the Fireside Lounge located in the Ceddia Union Building on Fridays at 7 p.m.