

The Greenery is Great

After wrapping up at WBFO on Friday I asked Mark Scott if there were any good places to eat on UB's South Campus. He said that there was a restaurant called The Greenery, but he had not been there in a while so there was not much he could tell us about it. He did mention that it was located in Harriman Hall, an E.B. Green building constructed between the years 1934 and 1935 (originally as Norton Union). We decided to check it out mainly because we were already on the campus, but also because we were in the mood for something new. And 'new' is what we found.

The Greenery is an absolutely incredible food find in the University District. First of all, the building is beautiful. Actually, all of the buildings in that part of the university are stunning. As much as UB's North Campus is lacking any character, the South Campus shines with beautiful buildings. The restaurant within Harriman Hall made us feel like we had just walked into some exclusive club somewhere. We even asked the waitress (dressed in her whites) if it was OK for anyone to eat there. She smiled and told us that The Greenery was open to the public. So we grabbed a two-top by the wonderful old windows at the far end of the room. The lighting of The Greenery is perfect - the sun streams through in all directions making it unnecessary for much unnatural lighting sources. There is a fireplace along one wall and a big 'ol chandelier hanging from the ceiling. A couple other sconces and that was it for lighting.

We hadn't even looked at the menu yet, and I felt that we had found some great hidden treasure. I really enjoyed the red tablecloths and the checkerboard floor... and the service was top notch. The place was almost too good to be true - would the food live up to the atmosphere? As we scoped out the menu, the tables began to fill in with doctors, students, staff, nurses and others who had somehow stumbled upon the place. The menu consisted of an excellent selection of salads, wraps, clubs, burgers, soups... a veggie pizza, a quesadilla, and a few other specialties. Even though I did not order a salad, I saw one come out of the kitchen that looked amazing. I ordered a turkey club and was very happy with the selection. The chips were 'greasy good' and they even set us up with their 'famous' pumpkin bread... yum!

When we read our bill we went into a mild form of shock. A club, a burger, bottomless soda and coffee, bread, chips... the tally came to \$14.95. Unreal. The bill was signed by our servers (Julie and Camille) and was delivered with two red lollipop hearts taped to it. We have already made a plan to head back next Friday for lunch. I highly recommend checking out The Greenery... explore the campus and grab a fantastic lunch in a very classy setting.

For information such as directions and hours, contact The Greenery at 716.829.2522.

Reprinted:

Buffalo Rising Online

2/17/2008 12:01 p.m.

By queenseyes