

Brevé brews a good time



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Customers are welcomed by the seemingly rustic look and feel of Brevé Espresso. The music, atmosphere, art and aroma are all very appealing.

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It's the service and quality and décor I'd expect from a fancy European establishment, but close to home and actually affordable.

From the outside, Brevé Espresso looked like every other coffee shop I'd ever seen, but inside, out of the glare of the sun, it was floored. The interior is stunningly beautiful, from the warm palate of colors, the gentle musical ambiance, to the enormous stone fireplace. Even the bathroom is decorated with art, color and texture, without a single cheap soap dispenser or white porcelain sink.

Naturally, I was immediately worried the expensive look of the place was going to be shared by the food and drink. My fears were unnecessary.

A myriad of options lay before me: organic freshly baked bagels, delectable soups, real fruit smoothies, salads, bagel sandwiches, a dozen different flavors of tea and another dozen varieties of coffee.

And, most of it was less than three dollars. Before going to the Brevé Espresso, I

was a coffee skeptic. I was willing to try it once and always harsh in my judgments.

The waitress was patient with my inexperience concerning coffee. She asked me about flavors I liked, how sweet were my preferences, even how thick I wanted my drink to be, until finally she produced a caramel mocha brewed and sweetened to fit my tastes.

The price for this 12oz customized delicacy - \$3.90. This cost included the \$.50 shot of caramel sauce. And, just because they looked so very irresistible, I bought a Danish as big as my cupped hands - \$1.55.

In the end, I found myself curled up on a sinfully comfortable leather couch, with my mocha served in a gorgeous ceramic cup, and my delicious pastry on a matching plate. All the while, enjoying the relaxed and zen atmosphere of the place and marveling that I, once so indifferent to coffee, could be so changed in my opinion after one cup.

Eats and drinks and cozy seats aren't the only great features of Brevé Espresso. They encourage people to come in and just chill. They provide free Wi-Fi and are child-friendly, inviting families to bring along the little ones by setting out toys, and including juice and hot chocolate in their menu.

All of this for a grand total of \$5.45.

What are you giving/hoping to receive on Valentine's Day?



"Flowers and candy."
- Clara Jean Dawson

"Nothing really, I'm married. So, I already know what I got. I got my wife tickets for a play."

- Patrick Neitzel



"Probably just flowers and chocolate."
-Justine Steinke

Ward off the snoozing until after class

Jake Whitten

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The life of a college student is busy and hectic, and there is often not enough time for everything, including an adequate amount of sleep. So, frequently students are left trying to find other ways to not fall off in class, at work, or behind the wheel.

The easiest answer would be to just hit up Starbucks or grab a Red Bull, but that gets expensive, and so for those who can't always afford that venti latte, there are some other alternatives.

At the community center many students had some suggestions.

At a table of a group playing Magic Cards, student Justin Benfield's one way is to, "graze on foods." Then he also added, he doesn't recommend it because "it's bad for you," but it works.

Student James Furman added he uses physical activities to stay awake such as "free running," which Wikipedia defines as, "a form of 'aerobatics' in which participants (free runners) use the city and landscape to perform movements through its structures."

And, the number one idea for staying awake from the table of guys playing Magic is playing Magic.

Some female students had ideas as well. Student Kim Miller said, "I just taste about a special someone."

One student said he stays awake in class by playing video games, but he chose to remain anonymous for fear his teachers would read his mind and start looking more carefully at his laptop.

Yahoo! Answers, a popular Web site where people can ask questions about anything and other people give their best answers, also has a lot of ideas.

Upon typing in "creative ways to stay awake," among the top answers were dripping cold water directly into your eyes, holding your pee and meth. Although, it might be better to just fall asleep than to do that.



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A Clackamas student uses a previous issue to catch some extra z's before class. This could be due to lack of sleep, from long nights of studying.

Hollywood always has great ideas. In "A Nightmare on Elm Street 3," one character stays awake to ward off Freddy Krueger by eating spoonfuls of instant coffee and washing it down with Diet Coke.

So, the next time you are fighting off sleep and don't want to resort to more traditional methods, give one of these ideas a try. Who knows, you might just find you enjoy playing Magic.

Corrections Forum

Last issue:

-Lady in top photo on page 2 is Narci Carlson not Narci Carsel

-Photo on page 3 is grants officer Whitney Johnson, not Whitney Johnsonm.

Issue 10:

-Sarah Cook is a Scorpio, not a Pisces.

The Clackamas Print regrets these errors and apologizes.