

# Cyclos play worthwhile

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Times entertainment editor

At one point in the Samuel Beckett play *Waiting for Godot*, Vladimir gestures in the direction of the audience, saying, "Not a soul in sight."

This line proved uncomfortably close to the truth at Cyclos Theatre's opening night performance of the play. Only eight people showed up for the opening last week

at the Burnhamthorpe Library Theatre.

It's a pity because David Perlman's portrayal of the timorous vagabond Estragon is alone worth the price of admission.

Critics and audiences have debated the meaning of *Waiting for Godot* since the play was first performed. It has no real plot: it spans two days and a night in the lives of two tramps, Vladimir and Estragon, who are

waiting for someone called Godot. Who Godot is and why they are waiting for him is never made clear. They may have been waiting for him for just those two days, for weeks, years, forever. The audience is left to supply its own answers.

Mr. Perlman is excellent as Estragon, even when he is not at centre

stage, he remains in character and his portrayal is sympathetic and moving.

William Colgate is well cast and capable as Pozzo and Vivien Stollmeyer is fine as Lucky. Laura Lamb's stark set suits the play's mood well.

Tom Hamley, who also directed the production, is disappointing as Vladimir. He never seems to get beyond the surface of the character or to tackle the complexities of the role.

*Waiting for Godot* will continue at 8 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at the Burnhamthorpe Library until Nov. 22.

# Lunch in a bunker a tasty experience

By RUTH HELGASON

Ten minutes from the city core — if you can discern where that is — on the outskirts of Brampton stands a tribute to novice chefs everywhere.

Sheridan College's Sheridan Room, housed in a concrete bunker and buried at the bottom of the main stairs, is staffed by hotel and restaurant administration students. It is the best local bet for gourmets on a budget.

Aesthetics aside, the food is worth the trip. Everything is homemade from scratch — Fred School, co-ordinator and holder of master chef papers, ensures that the tender butter buns drenched with fresh Ontario butter could add inches to the hips just by their aroma. Everything is taste tested by Mr. Scholl and his staff.

Karmel Sweeney, a former Sheridan student, oversees the brisk lunch trade which can satisfy over 100 hungry mouths at the two sittings. The dining room is run with a professional touch and even though it is a learning environment, there were no major faux pas the day I was there.

## The Edge of Knife

The daily fare is diversified and based on a theme. In the past few weeks, the students have hosted an Oriental day, an Italian day and an Ontario day. The Ontario day featured turkey cutlets (as Ontario is one of the prime centres for fowl) and fresh peach crepes with whipped cream. Menus are posted a week ahead and reservations are a must.

Wednesday was Western Smoked Day. The waiters and waitresses were dressed in western garb — one waitress even tucked her braided tresses in her belt for effect.

I chose the "leak and potato" soup with bacon bits. (The students design the menus and the unique spellings come at no extra charge.) The soup was too thick for my liking and lukewarm, but the flavor was rewarding.

Entrees included smoked beef with horseradish sauce, smoked pork hocks with mustard sauce and smoked pork chops. All orders were served with creamy mashed potatoes

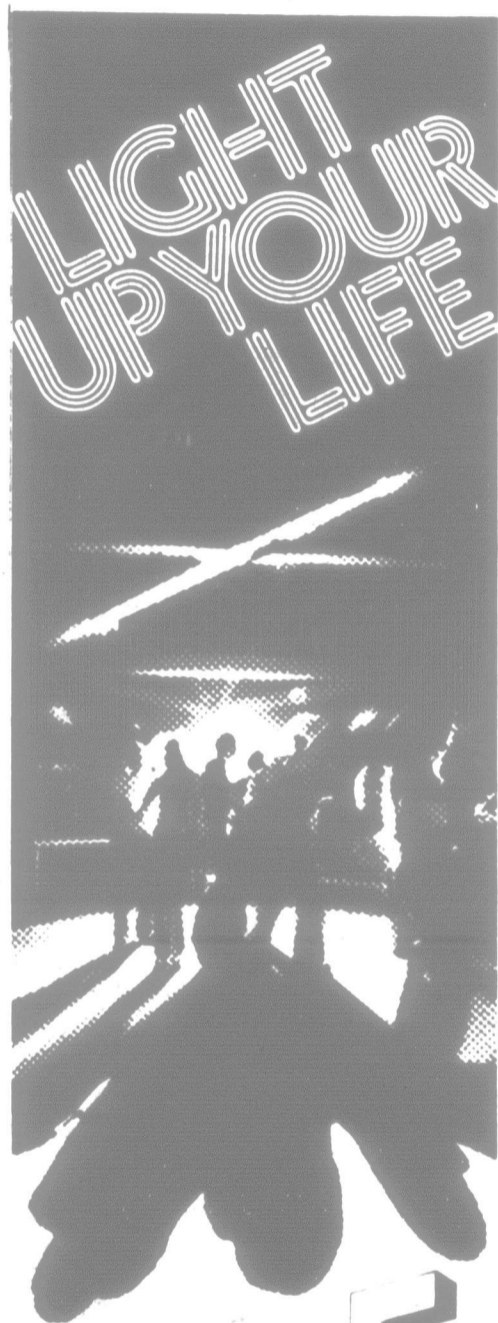
and European sauerkraut simmered with bacon and onions topped with a slice of smoked sausage and garnished with a parsley sprig.

The smoked pork chops were my choice, and at \$2.50, the most expensive item on the menu. They were lukewarm due to an oversight in the kitchen — someone forgot to close the lid on the steamer tray — but the flavor was good.

Dessert on the menu was spiced pumpkin cake, but I was pampered with baked Alaska flamed with brandy and didn't dare light a cigarette for hours after. The coffee was excellent and piping hot even though I was served the dregs of the pot!

Wednesday was the trial run for a new captain system so service was slow and sporadic, but courteous.

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