Pizza Lovers' Paradise

Food Coma Maroni's makes us weak in the knees By Randy Shemanski

I can sit here and tell you that Maroni's Pizza House in West Scranton has good pizza and it won't be Earth-shattering news. In fact, the first thing that would probably go through your mind would be, "Thanks, dumbass, now tell us something we don't know."

After all, it was *you* who voted Maroni's as the best pizza in the 2003 and 2007 e.c. Readers' Polls. You know what good pizza is. You certainly don't need us to tell you.

But, until recently, I pretty much needed you to tell me. Having eaten Maroni's pizza only a couple times at a friend's house, I finally set foot inside the well-known establishment last week to grab a square tray to take home for dinner. I didn't have two feet inside the door when the smell of freshly baked pizza hit my nostrils like a blitzing linebacker.

Once I dove into the first slice after a painstakingly long ride home, all the reasons to love Maroni's were obvious. The tangy sauce is like no other, the blend of cheeses that makes your mouth water at the mere mention and a deliciously doughy crust combine to give plenty of reason to drag your pizza-loving posterior to West Side and chow down.

There are plenty of pizza choices on the menu. Whether you're a square-lover or like to sink your teeth into a few slices of the round, you won't be disappointed. For pizza lovers of all kinds, you're sure to satisfy your almost insatiable appetite for the good stuff. (They have sandwiches, too, but good luck turning your back on the pizza.)

As anyone in my immediate family can tell you, if "pizza" wasn't the first word out of my mouth as a baby, it certainly should have been. I grew up eating some of the best pizza in Wayne County from The Waymart Hotel, and I still make my way east on Route 6 as often as possible to grab a tray.

But, after my initial trip to Maroni's, I might be wearing a path in the asphalt to St. Ann's Street, instead.

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