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Ceann performs to standing-room crowd

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As he asked the bartender to get him another Guinness, the lead singer from Ceann got the crowd going, but not before safely placing his beer in a cup holder on his mic stand.

Nine Irish Brothers was packed Wednesday night with some loyal fans that knew every Ceann song.

“They’re great,” said Jerry O’Bryan, owner of Nine Irish Brothers. “We’ve had them three other times, and we like the way they get the crowd into it.”

With only standing room in the pub, people chanted along to Ceann’s more popular songs like, “Almost Irish,” which Patrick Halloran, singer of the band, explained was written for all the Irish natives who don’t like Ceann because they are not fully Irish.

Another was “On My Tab,” which Halloran encouraged the crowd to chant “My tab!” during certain times. People chanted as they raised their drinks, which were mostly Guinness, toward the band.

The band is known for being funny and it proved it with amusing comments between songs and it even showed it in some of the song lyrics.

“Pretty On the Inside” had most of the crowd laughing along to the lyrics that are, “Pretty on the inside/better than not pretty at all/pretty on the inside/too bad I’m an outside-kind-of-pretty guy.”

A group of Purdue students didn’t know about the band until that night, but they unanimously agreed that the band was excellent.

“Thumbs up all around,” said Marlene Hampton, senior in the College of Liberal Arts.

In true Irish form the pub was lively and loud and the band got plenty of help from crowd-singers and table dancers, but Nick Slanson, junior in the College of Technology, said his favorite part came from an attendee.

“The owner standing on the table clapping, that was the best part,” he said.

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