

For students with an appetite

Services offer economic meals

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For many students on a shoe-string budget, eating cheaply can be an agonizing struggle.

Fortunately, two campus-wide services offer a variety of healthy, economical meals: the University Housing Department and the Erb Memorial Union Food Service.

"It's pretty good," commented Chris Galbraith, a freshman physics major, about housing department meals, which feed most dorm students in three residence hall dining areas.

These dining halls cater to approximately 3,100 students for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Galbraith said he eats just about every meal in the University Inn dining hall. "Why eat anywhere else when the food is paid for at the dorms?"

Dining hall meal tickets for non-residents are available at \$3 for breakfast, \$4 for lunch and \$6 for dinner.

Meal combinations here come together at the student's discretion in smorgasbord fashion to satisfy individual tastes. Elected student representatives from each hall attend food advisory committee meetings, where they convey ideas, recipes and complaints to those who coordinate the meals.

In response to student requests, the housing department operates Hammy's, a fast food take-out facility in the northeast

corner of the Hamilton Complex kitchen. Hammy's provides a "meal in lieu of a meal," for students on the run, according to Elva Koepp, food service assistant director.

On the menu at Hammy's are hamburgers, fries, hot dogs and other fast food favorites. Although recently closed for remodeling, Hammy's reopened for business earlier this week.

Another service that has been closed but will open the evening of Oct. 9 for Moore Hall residents is the Moore dining hall "restaurant," located in the Bean Complex.

The Moore dining hall provides nightly sit-down meals for about 60 students on a rotating basis between different halls. Diners at Moore are served the meal of their choice.

The Moore facility will be serving on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Besides these services, the housing department also caters special events and field trips taken by members of the halls, and it coordinates the football training food table for University football players who require special diets.

The EMU Food Service provides a wide range of choices in the facilities it operates, expanding considerably since its inception in the 1950s.

Although business was slow early on, the service has become more popular in the past ten years. And operational costs are being covered, according to

EMU Food Service Director Duane Partain.

Since the EMU Food Service doesn't receive any compensation from the University, it relies entirely on the patron's support, and therefore tries to meet the needs and demands of the students it serves, he said.

The first food service area opened in the EMU, the Fountain Court Cafe, still operates, offering a wide variety of grilled foods and Mexican specialties.

Around the corner from the Fountain Court Cafe is the Fishbowl Deli, featuring a delicatessen, frozen desserts, beverages and pastries.

"I come here quite often to get something to drink," said Espen Dahlen, an economics major from Norway.

Dahlen said he usually eats at home because the food is cheaper and better. However, the prices at the Fishbowl seem "reasonable," he said, adding it "appears to be quite a popular place."

Doughnuts, coffee, ice cream and other pastries can also be purchased at the Breezway Cafe, which is located on the bottom level of the EMU.

For those who need to take a break from the hectic schedule of college life, there is the Beer Gardens on Friday evenings. This is the only facility of its kind on a college campus in Oregon. Beer and live music make this facility a campus

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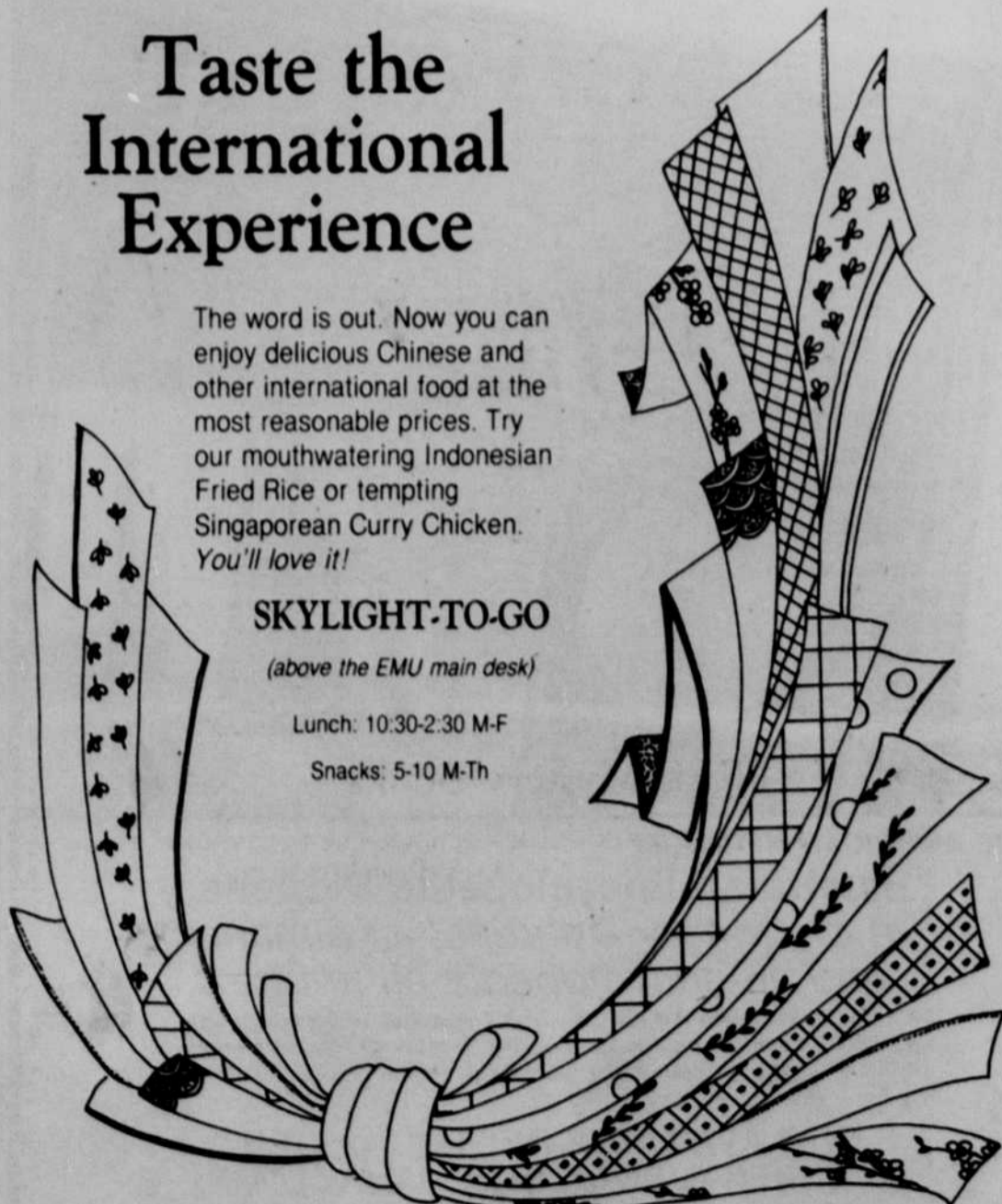
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Eating what's available

• Residence Hall Dining Areas:

Carson: Open Monday-Friday; breakfast from 7-10:30 a.m., lunch from 10:45 a.m.-2 p.m. and dinner from 4:30-7 p.m.

Hamilton and University Inn: Open Monday-Friday; breakfast from 6:45-10:15 a.m., lunch from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and dinner from 4-6:30 p.m. Carson, Hamilton and University inn serve brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Meal tickets for non-residents cost \$3 for breakfast, \$4 for lunch and \$6 for dinner.

Hammy's: Located near Hamilton complex, it serves fast food take-out for students on the run. Menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs and fries. Open Monday-Friday from 4-6 p.m.

Moore Dining Hall: Nightly sit-down meals for residence hall students on a rotating basis. Just opening, will serve on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

• **The Fountain Court Cafe:** Breakfast foods, salad bar, soups, grilled foods, Mexican specialties and desserts. Open Monday-Friday for breakfast from 7-10:30 a.m. and for lunch from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

• **Fishbowl Deli:** Delicatessen, frozen desserts, beverages and pastries. The Deli is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 12-7 p.m.

• **Breezway Cafe:** Doughnuts, coffee or ice cream top the list. Open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Beer Gardens:** Beer and live music. Open Fridays from 4-7 p.m.

• **EMU Food Service Vans:** Sandwiches, pastries and beverages. One parks near Gilbert Hall on 13th Avenue, the other next to the University Library off of Kincaid Street. Open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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