

Freshman Interest Group

Academic Advising Session

- Tuesday, November 10, 1992 at 3:30 in the afternoon
- 100 Willamette Hall
- Please bring your Green Book

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DINING

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The ragged, brown carpet and dim lighting of the old cafeteria have been replaced with a new and improved carpet and color scheme.

And for those students whose cupboards are stocked with cafeteria plates, silverware and cups, Hamilton now sports alarms on the back doors to prevent pillagers from escaping.

The new look is user-friendly, but the days of communal dining are over.

In the dining rooms of old, the tables were about 40 feet long — long enough to accommodate the residents of an entire dorm floor.

It was common to arrive at the cafeteria on a Saturday morning to see 20 or 30 students with severe hangovers seated together, hunched miserably over uneaten food.

The renovations to the main cafeteria were over five years at a cost of \$1.95 million, and were funded through bonding, said Nancy Wright, director of facilities and capital improvements.

But with all the selections and high-tech improvements, the ultimate question remains: How does the food taste?

Freshman Rick Greiner said he believed the food was adequate.

"If it's dead, I'll eat it," Greiner said.

One person, though, claimed to have found a cockroach in the raisin bran, and another saw a "big flea" in the cauliflower.

Other cafeteria rumors include finding a condom in the vegetable soup, a bone in the jello and strips of cardboard inside portions of fried fish.

But David Funk, food services manager of fast food operations, said the University has always used USDA choice foods and brand name goods.

Those dollars did more than bring in good food

and tidy up the dining hall. They also brought Hamilton's original fast food joint, "Hammy's," out of the stone age and into the 1990s.

Formerly tucked away in a dark, grimy corner between Dunn and Collier halls, Hammy's is now located in the middle of the Hamilton mall walkway area.

Bedecked with funky neon lights, outfitted with an eating counter with stools, and sporting a nifty, checkerboard floor, Hammy's looks like a fashionable 1950s-style restaurant.

It's a far cry from the days of standing in line for half an hour only to receive a drippy hambur-

ger or soggy grilled cheese.

Just outside of Hammy's is an espresso cart.
That's right, an honest-to-goodness espresso cart in the dorms. Espressos, capuccinos, cafe lattes and genuine Italian sodas are all available.

But the real gem of the dining services is the new pizza restaurant, Pizanos, located in the north end of the Bean Complex.

Funk filled me up with both pizza and the facts on the hot new eatery.

"We built Pizano's for \$130,000, right on budget," Funk said. "The dough is fresh daily, and we make our own sauce. We even have free delivery to dorm residents."

If Domino's or Little Caesar's is getting old, Pizano's is even open to the public.

Progressive thinking also extends to Hammy's, which offers more than hamburgers and hot dogs. Vegetarians can order a garden burger with all the fixings.

With these excellent improvements in Hammy's and Pizano's, eating in the dorms could be a lot more enjoyable. There are enough culinary choices that everyone's tastes can be satisfied.

Don't get too bold, though. No one's still quite sure what the "cheese strada" consists of.



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