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Students have grocery options

Students looking for a healthier alternative to fast food can take their pick from several area establishments

Jillian Daley

Family/Health/Education Reporter

For the student who likes to peruse the goods at the local grocery store rather than becoming a fast food joint drive-through regular, there are some decent food outlets near campus.

A couple of the hotter stops near the University — those priced below a convenience store in the campus area — include Sundance Natural Foods, Market of Choice and the rebuilt Safeway.

Sundance, located at 748 E. 24th Ave., is near the student population and sports a selection of mostly organic produce and non-perishables. Locally grown fruits and veggies are available, depending on the season. There is also a salad bar and some ready-made meals available for hungry, time-conscious students.

Owner Gavin McComas said he plans to begin renovating next month to expand the salad bar and add a beer cooler and a cheese cooler. McComas said he hopes to add a coffee and juice bar in the spring.

He is also a member of Unique Eugene, a group of locally owned businesses.

"It's a political and social act to be a small business nowadays," McComas said. He added that he hopes the group's efforts help keep the "spirit of community alive."

Market of Choice has three local

Renovation stirs controversy

After being closed nearly three months for renovation, the Safeway supermarket at West 18th Avenue and Oak Street in Eugene reopened Sept. 18, but the addition of a pharmacy to the new store is causing tension between two longtime neighbors.

Since 1957, Safeway and Hiron's Drug have stood side by side on this block facing West 18th Avenue, and the two stores have never been in direct competition for customers — until now.

"We're disappointed that they've chosen to compete with us in pharmacy," manager Steve Hiron said. "It feels like we're David, and they're Goliath."

Prescriptions account for nearly two-thirds of Hiron's business, he said.

Safeway spokeswoman Bridget Flanagan said that the decision to add a pharmacy to the new location was in response to customer demand.

"Our goal is to make sure the shopping experience is the same from location to location," she said. "There wasn't a day that went by when the manager (at the Oak Street location) wasn't asked why

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locations, one of which is near campus at 1960 Franklin Blvd.

Perhaps one of the most notable aspects of the store is its rather large
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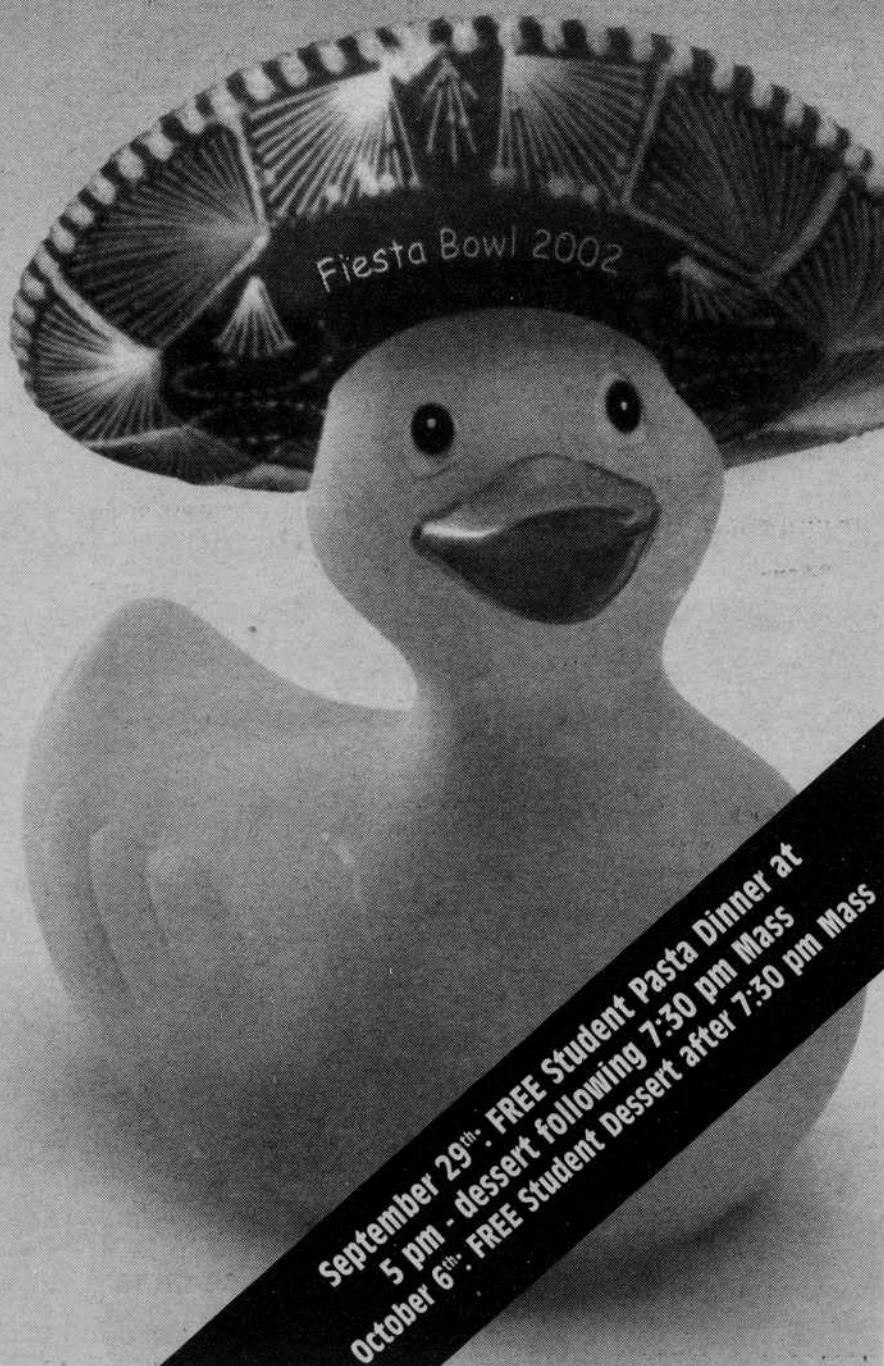
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