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Pulse Relax

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Is cheating your parents out of money a good idea?

Dear Nat: I live alone, and my parents pay my rent. I want to move in with a friend without telling my parents and pocket the difference between the old rent and the new rent. Am I headed straight for moral hell?

— Weaseling for cash

Dear Weaseling: As soon as you start this sly plan, your morality will be skittering around in a hot frying pan.

And as soon as your parents find out, it's gonna jump straight from the frying pan into the fire.

How would you feel if you gave a friend money for a concert ticket and it turned out to be half price, but they kept the rest of your money? A little cheated, perhaps. Is that how you want to make your kind of financial supporters feel?

Tell your parents that you want to share a place with someone and ask if they can give you extra spending money, since they are willing to pay for a higher rent anyway. The one who pays should decide where the money goes, so leave it up to them. If you still need more cash, look into getting a part-time job.

Leaving the nest is difficult, especially when you still have one wing stuck on a twig. You don't live with your parents anymore, but they pay your bills, which unfortunately gives them some control over your life. The best thing is to enjoy the luxury of knowing your rent will be paid, because soon you'll be scrummaging to come up with the funds yourself.

Dear Nat: I've met a guy whom I really like and connect with, but I don't think I'm ready for a serious relationship right now. What should I do?

— Afraid of commitment

Dear Afraid: Well, frazzled girl, perhaps you should take time to sort out what you truly want from what you think society wants for you. In your eyes, folks in the 18-25 age range seem to resemble a bunch of green pods, each filled with two peas and prancing around in a lovesick heaven. Why be a part of this fairy tale veggie spectrum if it's not who you are? You stated how you feel — that you're not ready for a serious relationship — so that is precisely what you should avoid.

Lucky for you, most college-age men are not ready for a commitment either. If your guy is one of the common type, enjoy a laid-back relationship. Chill with him to your heart's content, but feel free to join the girls for man-hunting nights and kiss that cutie at your favorite frat house. On the other hand, if your newly-found catch wants you and only you, fess up that you're not quite ready. Then venture out to seek your own fun-loving kind, 'cause honey, there are plenty out there.

Take all the time you need to sow your

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Fashion on a budget

For tastes from retro to trendy, Eugene's second-hand clothing outlets have something for every sense of style

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After paying for tuition, books, rent, utilities, groceries and possibly making a car payment, most students — even with the help of mom and dad — are left with very little cash to spend on their wardrobes. Luckily, Eugene has an abundance of second-hand clothing stores that offer a wide selection of fashions at affordable prices.

"Eugene's a great market for second-hand shopping," says Mary Koletto, manager at Buffalo Exchange, a new and used clothing store. Buffalo Exchange, located at 131 E. 5th Ave., carries everything from women's chunky turtleneck sweaters and peasant tops to men's cowboy shirts and vintage Levi's jeans. Items usually cost between \$12 and \$17.

Traci Lynn, a regular Buffalo Exchange customer, said she does a lot of her shopping at second-hand stores.

"I shop at the mall sometimes, but it's fun to come here because stuff here is unique, and it's one-fourth the price," she said.

If you visit Buffalo Exchange, expect to see colorful and funky clothes, as well as other items, including kitschy handbags and incense holders.

When taking clothes on consignment, Koletto and her staff look for garments that are interesting and in good condition. "(We look for) things that you can't get anywhere else, current styles and vintage," she says.

Just a few blocks from campus are several smaller second-hand stores along East 13th Avenue. These stores, including The Clothes Horse, Antrican, Nobody's Baby and Eugene Jeans, are all great places to look for one-of-a-kind tops, pants and dresses.

Each store offers something different. While the Buffalo Exchange has a trendier selection, Nobody's Baby and Puttin' On the Ritz, located at 350 E. 11th Ave., have a more old-fashioned selection. Both stores have a range of dresses and suits from the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Customers looking for less contemporary fashions might visit these shops.

"Stuff from the '60s, '70s and '80s, comfortable pants and sweaters, dresses for cocktail parties," are all popular items, says Amy Clancy of Nobody's Baby. Clancy said Nobody's Baby is a popular location with college students looking for outfits for theme parties and Halloween because the store mainly carries vintage clothes. Nobody's Baby also has costumes for rent.

The stores also have more than just clothes. Puttin' On the Ritz

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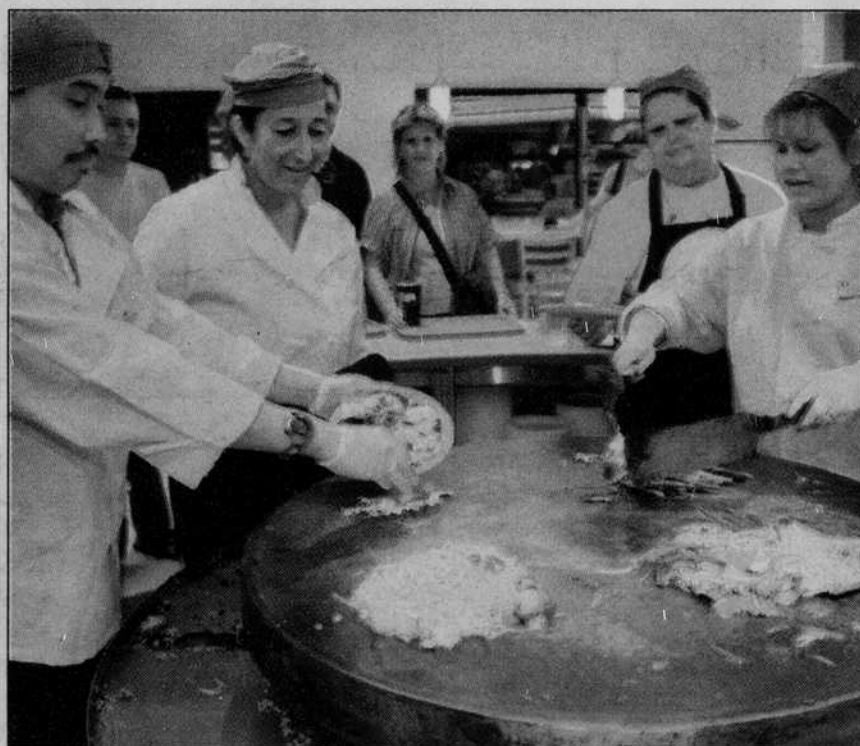


Mark McCambridge
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(Above)
University student
Buck Hansen
checks out shirts
at Eugene Jeans.



(Left)
University student
Shaunna Wild
browses in
Nobody's Baby.

Mark McCambridge
Emerald



Adam Amato Emerald

Cooks at the new Fire 'n Spice Grill whip up sizzling entrées the students custom-order.

Campus dining adds new grill

Residence hall dining centers and other campus restaurants now offer extended eating hours and a wider variety of food than before

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In the past, any mention of a school dining hall might have conjured up images of leftover meat loaf and stale french fries. But these days, the University offers a plethora of tasty dining options available to students living both on and off campus.

The two main dining centers in Carson Hall and H.P. Barnhart remain mealtime staples, especially for campus dwellers. Both centers operate on an all-you-can-eat basis with an extensive selection of entrees, as well as salad and sandwich bars.

"(Carson) has a huge salad bar with vegetarian and vegan options," said Tom Driscoll, University Dining Services food services director. "Barnhart particularly is known for a great Sunday brunch." Both centers are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, and they offer brunch and dinner on weekends.

Pizanos Pizzeria, located on the north side of the Bean

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