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Eileen McCormick prepares a pita at The Pita Pit's 1087 Willamette St. storefront. The shop offers "pitas for almost everybody, from carnivore to vegetarian."

PITA PIT

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enough time to study.

The colorful atmosphere inside The Pita Pit is what drew University sophomore Ariel Lancaster.

"It's a great place to just sit," she said, "whether I'm studying or with my friends."

A Canadian-based, family-owned franchise, The Pita Pit first made its

way into the United States two and a half years ago. Since the Pit's initial appearance, franchises have been built across the country at the rate of four to six new stores every month.

Dowell said his main clientele are students and young professionals.

"We've got a great variety," he said. "We offer pitas for almost everybody, from carnivore to vegetarian."

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Meanwhile, Kazaa, a popular peer-to-peer file-sharing service, has undertaken its own battle with Kazaa Lite, an unauthorized version of Kazaa wherein users do not see pop-up ads, which appear in the original version of Kazaa. Kazaa owner Sharman Networks threatened the search engine Google with legal action under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act if Google did not remove from its index nine sites that distribute Kazaa Lite.

Google complied, and now includes a warning at the bottom of pages that appear when the term "kazaa" is typed in the search engine: "In response to a complaint we received under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, we have removed nine result(s) from this page. If you wish, you may read the DMCA complaint for these removed results."

Despite the controversy surrounding online music downloads, Apple's launch of the new iTunes Music Store has prompted some optimism from

those who seek to end illegal file sharing. iTunes, the first service to be supported by the major music labels, offers songs for download at a price of 99 cents per song. Many music artists who have previously shunned online distribution also support the iTunes service.

Although some University students can't access iTunes because it is currently only compatible with Macintosh computers, some students who have used it say they love it.

"I love that I don't have to wade through hundreds of bad versions of songs to find the one that actually sounds good," University sophomore Erica Reid said.

Apple officials have said they are hoping to make the program compatible with the Microsoft Windows platform by the end of the year.

"There's no legal alternative that's worth beans," Apple Chief Executive Officer Steve Jobs said in a statement. "It's not stealing anymore. It's good karma."

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will open Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Soreng Theater.

Shows on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. until Dec. 7.

Shows on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Oct. 7.

Nov. 20

SHO presents "SHOcase: Eugene Concert Choir," performing Christ-

mas carols and holiday tunes.

Show starts Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in the Hult Center Lobby and is free.

Nov. 20

Eugene Symphony Orchestra presents "Beethoven Cycle: Pastorale" including Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 and Durufle Requiem, conducted by Giancarlo Guerrero.

Show starts Thursday at 8 p.m. at Silva Concert Hall. Tickets are \$15-\$38 and are on sale now.

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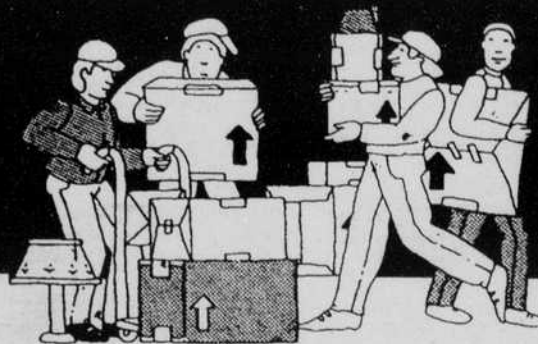
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