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New coffee house opens at PSU

Beginning today, Pittsburg State University students can now get a cup of their favorite brew in Axe Library. The Axe Grind Coffee Shop is a pared down version of the popular Jazzman's coffee shop and Internet café in the University Club of the Overman Student Center. Both are operated by Sodexo Campus Services.

In addition to Seattle's Best coffee, both shops offer a variety of tea, cold drinks, pastries and other sweets.

Jeff Steinmiller, director of the student center, said one of the attractions at the Axe Grind will be its hours of operation. The Axe Grind will be open from 7:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. and from 3-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 7:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Fridays and from 3-10 p.m. on Sundays.

Steinmiller said the installation of Jazzman's, along with the Internet café and wireless access throughout the building have made the U-Club a popular place for students, faculty and staff to gather.

Coffee and education have a long history together. By the 17th century, coffee houses in England were known as "penny universities," where one could get a cup of coffee and a spirited conversation about the issues of the day.

In the U.S., coffee arrived with the first colonists and by 1668, coffee had replaced beer as New York City's favorite breakfast drink. Today, the U.S. is the world's leading consumer of coffee. But this isn't your father's cup o' joe. Students lining up at Jazzman's and the Axe Grind, are likely to be choosing from a wide array of latte or cappuccino drinks, perhaps with a shot of vanilla or a sprinkle of cinnamon on top.

Whether it is a cup of strong black coffee or a sweet coffee-flavored concoction, coffee remains popular with students who not only enjoy its flavor, but also rely on its caffeine boost to get them through the day.