

Thayer expands food, service options

New virtual reality locale allows students to play video games, use Google Earth technology

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As students return from summer recess, they'll find Thayer Street slightly altered from when they last left it. With a selection of new businesses both operational and impending, the hub of traffic and commerce continues to change its face.

UMelt, the aptly named grilled cheese establishment, opened its doors on Thayer Aug. 28, taking over the space formerly occupied by Nice Slice Pizzeria. The restaurant had a quiet opening, preferring a modest approach as opposed to great fanfare, said co-owner Jonathan Kaufman.

"So far, reception has been good, people seem to like the space and really like the food," Kaufman said, adding that the store's commitment to composting just about all waste created on the



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UMelt, a grilled cheese store that replaced Nice Slice Pizzeria, was one of several new businesses to move onto Thayer.

premises has been a popular facet of the establishment.

UMelt's menu is identical to the menu at its downtown restaurant, but both were changed slightly to celebrate the opening

of the Thayer Street outpost. The "Pepperjack" for instance — comprising pepperjack cheese and homemade tomato jam — is already giving the chain's most

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