Last fall Hyde Park lost a favorite campus eatery, Caffe Florian, a 20-year veteran of the local bookstore-and-restaurant district. For alumni and visitors wondering what dining options remain nearby, as well as for students seeking a substitute for Florian’s ineffable want-to-take-her-place nice on the second date but don’t want to come on too strong atmosphere, we offer this field guide to dining along 57th Street.

**SAMMY’S TOUCH**  Opened: 1979
A favorite of both the hard-hat and stethoscope sets, this fast-food joint specializes in gyros and deliciously greasy hamburgers.

**EDWARDO’S NATURAL PIZZA**  Opened: 1980
If loving Edwardo’s heavy stuffed pizza is wrong, I don’t want to be right.

**ZALESKI & HORVATH MARKET CAFE**  Opened: 2010
Serving coffee and sandwiches and selling specialty groceries, this offshoot of Z&H’s original store on 47th Street may be the most popular thing to come out of Kenwood since Barack Obama.

**MEDICI ON 57TH**  Opened: 1957
Current location: 1989
Many a first date has taken place over pizza and burgers in this classic college hangout—owned for decades by Hans Monsbach, MBA’61, who died this past May (see Deaths, page 70)—and many a romance has been immortalized by a heart carved into the table with utensils.

**MEDICI BAKERY**  Opened: 2002
Getting back to the Medici’s coffee-shop roots, the bakery serves as the Med’s carryout annex and ice cream shop.

**NOODLES ETC.**  Opened: 1995
Current location: 2001
What would a Hyde Park commercial strip be without a Thai eatery?

**SALONICA**  Opened: 1979
Hyde Park’s own Greek greasy-spoon diner, memorable both for its pancakes and its (now removed) sign advertising “pan cakes.”

**SUBWAY**  Opened: 2003
For when you feel guilty about having eaten too often at Sammy’s.

**CAFE 57**  Opened: 2010
This independent coffeehouse under the Metra Electric viaduct provides a place for students to study and commuters to grab a cup of joe to go.