

# Eat, drink and be merry

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Everyone eats, and hopefully there are a few of us who like to indulge in a drink or two (or three or four or more). So for some of the new people on campus and some of the old who may have forgotten, here are a few blurbs about some of Lincoln's bars and restaurants.

Unfortunately, with the large number of establishments in Lincoln, the scope is going to have to be narrowed—in this case to most of the places I frequent. Sorry if yours isn't among them.

If you're interested in knocking off a few brews, you should try Der Loaf Und Stein, Casey's the Diamond Bar and Grill (DB&G) or Little Bo's—in that order. Little Bo's is sometimes a bit too "ruckus" for me, the DB&G is a little too conservative. But they're better than most places.

This leaves Der Loaf and Casey's—my favorites—one of which you'll usually find me in every week night. Der Loaf gets the edge over Casey's simply because I miss the feeling generated by the old Casey's. It's missing at the new Casey's.

Der Loaf, on the other hand, is like a big brother who'll always be around when he's needed... crowded tables, blaring juke-box, York checking ID's at the door and old friends shouting to each other.

The Open Latch heads the list of cocktail lounges. Decorated as an old English pub, the Latch is small, but exceedingly comfortable. The bar maids are attentive but not pushy, and the drinks are good in both content and price.

Another nice lounge is Cliff's. The customers tend to be a bit older, but it's still an appealing bar.

The Library and the Cattman's Lounge are two other enjoyable night spots. Cattman's usually has live entertainment, but atmosphere is lacking and prices are slightly high. Most Library patrons are oldsters trying to act young.

The Misty Lounge, East Hills and a new Lincoln establishment, The Boar's Head, are at the top of the restaurant list.

Opening this summer, The Boar's Head is fashioned in old English roadhouse style. The visible kitchen offers good food at reasonable prices, with the menu mostly beef. Service is very good.

The Misty Lounge has probably the best prime rib in town, again with nice atmosphere and fair prices. Country roadhouse-ish East Hills has adequate food and fair service.

Tony and Luigi's leans towards older patrons, as does their live entertainment. Food and service run from sometimes adequate to poor—reservations seem to have no meaning. Since it's the only Italian restaurant in Lincoln, it's a pity their Italian menu is below average.

Eddy's has adequate food but poor service and not much atmosphere. Reuben's has fair food and service, but rather high prices.

Valentino's has, without a doubt, the best pizza in town. This is demonstrated by huge traffic jams every weekend on

Holdrege Street. In addition, Valentino's pasta dishes are pretty good.

People searching for late night snacks can try the Village Inn Pancake House, Scott's Pancake Shoppe or the International House of Pancakes. All serve other types of food, in addition to pancakes.

Now we come to an on-campus establishment unfortunately ignored by most on campus—Dave's Snack Bar, on R Street between Quentin's and the Temple Building.

The walls are covered with strange and obscure posters, drawings and other memorabilia. The tables usually packed to overflowing with work-shirted, blue-jeaned students. If you're lucky, you'll pick the swaying counter stool to sit on.

The food is basically the hamburger/french fry route, but it's palatable, the atmosphere is joyfully chaotic—and it's almost like home.

