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Lincoln music scene examined

By Meg Greene

Something that seems to have been sadly overlooked is a general introduction, followup and conclusion on the music scene in Lincoln.

Because of its "vastness", Lincoln's music can be discussed and done with in one column. And to make it easier for you I've even divided into various categories the different sounds Lincoln provides. Who says Lincoln lacks diversity?

strike up the band

Most of the groups mentioned can be found at most any downtown bar such as the Zoo, Der Loaf Und Stein, or St. George and The Dragon.

—Bluegrass/Country: Names that immediately come to mind are the Bluegrass Crusade and Jon Emery and friends, who number anywhere from solo Emery to six musicians. Country bands are numerous, from the groups playing at Cornhusker Highway bars, to Corley Ennis and Sourmash. All these people are top-notch musicians playing top-notch music. That music is what

Nebraska is made out of.

—Rock and Roll: There are many Lincoln rock groups and they aren't hard to find. It's the good ones that are tough to search out. Sometimes the quest takes on the quality of that for Holy Grail. "Just-rock" can be found in groups like Ta-Da, (watch for their Bill Haley set), Patchwork and Pelican Peace Band. For the more discriminating listener into rhythm and blues, the Megatones are a good bet. They are generally one of the better bands around the Lincoln area.

—Rock and Radio: Now there's a difference. Some bands make their living by playing Top-40 music, so for those of you who can't get close enough to a stereo and rely on your radios, your best bet would be to hit the bars on Cornhusker (i.e. The Royal Grove, Little Bo's). These bands remain relatively faceless as well as nameless. A lot of the music sounds like amplified jukebox. But a guy's got to make a living.

Various soul and jazz groups have tried to infiltrate Lincoln but never manage to stick around. That's what I call discrimination.

If none of the above sound very exciting, remember this; for juke box music, Casey's isn't too bad.

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