



Photo by Ted Kirk

Dave's Snack Bar, a campus institution for 11 years, is faced with the possibility of closing. Dave Michel, owner, said the lease expiration date is the source of his trouble. Wall photos at Dave's are shown above.

## Dippy Donuts may replace Dave's 5¢ oatmeal cookies

By Terri Willson

After serving 800,000 cups of coffee and encountering thousands of students in the last 11 years, a privately-owned restaurant on campus may succumb to the threat of big business.

The establishment, Dave's Snack Bar, 1227 R, is known for its three-for-10 cents Uncle Dave's Old Fashioned Oatmeal Cookies. It is a cozy haven for all people, from UNL theater students to construction workers, to university professors.

Nebraska Book Company, Inc. owns the property where Dave's is. According to Dave's owner, Dave Michel, the company has refused to let him renew his contract. Dave had been paying monthly rent since his second five-year lease expired Jan., 1975.

The initial deadline to vacate was Nov. 1. An informed employe of Nebraska Book Co. Inc. said they will extend this deadline 10 to 15 days, to give Dave time to move out.

The employe said Dave "didn't seem to be interested in renewing his lease."

Dave said that Sept. 18 he was sent a letter asking him to vacate the premises. Nebraska Book Co., Inc., had gotten a new

tenant, Dippy Donut from Omaha, to lease the building. Dave says there was no communication between the company and himself before Sept. 18.

**New image**

Since then the company has verbally communicated with Dave, telling him and his wife, Mary, that the proposed lease holder will present a new image for campus, an image different from the present one of vinyl bar stools, slightly tattered with age and wood-paneled walls, papered with posters.

Dave says, "They've (Dippy Donut) already been in to look the place over."

If and when the Dippy Donut replaces Dave's Snack Bar, they will remodel, removing everything from the Coca Cola clock to the homey atmosphere Dave and his wife have created since they became the owners in Nov. 1964.

Dave says he has contacted legal counsel in an effort to save his livelihood and investment. He says he doesn't know what he's going to do if forced to leave.

Since buying the snack bar, he and Mary have served 375 to 400 university students and others from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

**More than the menu**

It's obviously more than an appealing menu that has kept a steady and regular patronage for Dave and Mary. There's one couple that has patronized Dave's after every Big Red game for the last six years.

While theater students can get 15 cent vending machine coffee at Temple Hall, they come to Dave's and enjoy a 20-cent cup of coffee and a rap with Dave.

Engineering Professor Frank Ullman said he's been eating lunch at Dave's every day for eight years.

Students who can't pay for a meal sign credit tabs to Dave. "The kids and me... we trust each other," he said.

Thursday some theater students started a "Save Dave" petition asking for signatures of students who will boycott the new Dippy Donut.

The students say they will boycott for Dave's because, as sophomore Jim Ryan says, "We like the atmosphere of the place... and we like the guy himself. Dave'll be up a creek; he can't relocate his business."

Dave's wife Mary says if they leave they will leave without a penny. Dave says he'll have an auction to get a fair price for all his restaurant equipment.

With the initial Nov. 1 deadline approaching, Dave says it's impossible for him to meet it.

"What can I do?"

### Witches, warlocks, goblins, ghosts

## Plenty of Halloween haunts to spook

Witches, goblins, spooks and ghosts should have no trouble finding hideouts to haunt Halloween night.

Several Lincoln bars are offering prizes for the best costumes, two haunted houses will be open and many UNL residence halls are sponsoring Halloween activities.

Little Bo's East is cosponsoring a costume party with Team Electronics, entertainment manager Don Krully said, and first prize will be a \$250 stereo.

The Royal Grove and Uncle Sam's both offer a \$100 prize for the best costume along with lesser prizes. Bill Montgomery, manager of Uncle Sam's, said that with a costume admission is free Friday. A pumpkin pie eating contest also will be held.

The Cornhusker Hotel and Casey's Other Place also will have costume contests.

Two haunted houses are open through Saturday night with \$1.50 admission at both. "Chamber of Terror," sponsored by

KLIN and the Lincoln Jaycees, will be open from 7 to 12 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 19th and O streets.

The Scream in the Dark house at 11th and K streets, sponsored by KLMS and Campus Life, is open from 7 to 11 p.m. No one under 12 years is admitted.

Selleck residents may wear costumes for their evening meal and many will later trick or treat for UNICEF.

All Harper-Schramm-Smith residents can trick or treat from 7:30 to 9:30. At 10 p.m. the complex also will have a movie orgy in Harper lounge and prizes will be given at midnight for the best costumes.

Cather-Pound-Neihardt, Centennial College and International House have planned a party for early in the evening and possibly a late dance, said Bill Schnackel, complex director.

Centennial College also will sponsor a costume contest and International House will host a party introducing foreign stu-

dents to American Halloween customs.

Earlier in the week, several Greek houses held parties with children. Monday night Kappa Kappa Gamma and Beta Theta Pi had a haunted house for Belmont School children said Pat Mctee, a graduate assistant in the Interfraternity Council.

A pumpkin carving party was held Wednesday night for children at the Cedar Home for Children, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Kappa Alpha Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon invited low-income children to a party Thursday night.

After everybody else has celebrated Halloween, members of Acacia fraternity will just be starting. Residents sold "Halloween insurance" to Lincoln residents, assuring that they'd clean up after any tricksters. They plan to donate the money to the All University Fund, Mctee said.

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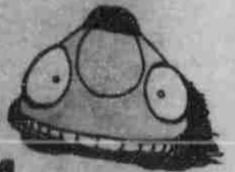


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