

# New, near-campus restaurants offer varied cuisine

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Since the unlamented closing of the Russian Inn and Don and Millies, the International Fraternity of Underground Gourmets (IFUG) has had little reason to notice Lincoln.

Considering the reputation of regional culinary experiences, the community should be thankful. Recent openings may do much to alleviate this sad state of affairs.

## notes from table 8

I can only hope that the proliferation of fast food joints in downtown Lincoln has ended. At least, students may enjoy a brief respite from such further blights on the prandial landscape until Jack in the Box expands into this territory. Until such time, I encourage you to sample the offerings of the new restaurants in the city campus area.

### Pizza experts

The number of native UNL students who do not consider themselves experts on pizza can be counted on one hand. Those of us who have tried the Great American Delicacy from Boston to San Francisco, and from Minneapolis to New Orleans, are less likely to make claims of expertise. Bluntly, pizzas are impossible to compare, and must be judged on their own merits.

A meritorious pizza finally came to campus at the end of last semester. Pontillo's Pizzeria, 1246 Q St., makes one heck of a good pizza. It proudly practices the same "pizza principle" disclaimed in recent commercials emanating from the Detroit auto industry.

Hence, the base price purchases a simple (but scarcely 'plain') cheese pizza, extra ingredients cost more. On the whole, it is no more expensive than its competition, and gives you the chance to be creative. The extra ingredients all are of the finest quality.

### Pizza place praised

Other credits to Pontillo's: it is open late until 1:00 a.m. on Monday through Thursday, 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, and until midnight on Sunday), it gives

## Paris-born pianist to perform Sunday

Andre-Michel Schub, Paris-born pianist and winner of the 1974 Avery Fisher Award, will perform at Kimball Hall on the UNL campus Sunday, October 8 at 8 p.m.

Schub will perform a program highlighted by Schubert's "Fantasie in C Major", Opus 15 ("Wanderer"). Two Pagannini/Liszt Etudes also will be featured; Etudes No. 2 and No. 6, originally composed for violin and transcribed for the piano by Liszt. Schub will feature these as well as the works of Mozart, Mandelsohn, and Chopin.

Schub's recent performances have included guest appearances with major symphony orchestras in Chicago, Cleveland, New York, and eight performances with Ozawa and the Boston Symphony, one of which was televised on NETV.

Schub is the second performer to appear on the Performing Arts Series at Kimball Hall. Other scheduled events include; the Martha Gramma Dance Company, cellist Janos Starker, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, a performance of *Romeo and Juliet*. More information may be obtained from the Kimball Box Office.

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as much care and love to take out orders as to orders where it has to face the customer, and since it is a family-owned business, it avoids the "franchise frantics." The hoagies on the menu are good, but nothing to be excited about.

Burger lovers who have dressed in mourning since the death of the mushroom burger at Casey's should search out McGuffy's at 12th and P streets.

Vestiges of the old Red Rose and Town Tavern had been thoroughly erased in the appreciated efforts to make McGuffy's both respectable and congenial.

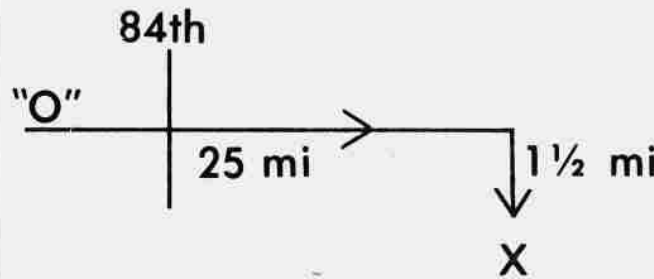
### Culinary compliments

The short menu includes homemade soups, salads and variations of burgers. The mushrooms are my favorite were fresh, and carefully sauteed. The cook felt no compulsion to broil the burger to the texture and moistness of cardboard. Served with tortilla chips and a most respectable house red wine, lunch proved to be pleasant at this establishment.

Foot-bound city campus students looking for a place to wine and dine should be aware of Andy Pasto's, 701 P St. on the second floor of the Emporium building. The district around the O street viaduct and the Burlington Station is quickly becoming the place to go. Moderately priced (\$5 to \$7), Andy Pasto's has a complete southern Italian menu. The minestrone soup seemed a bit bland and the bread a bit tough for American taste, but the staff is prepared to steer patrons to the finest items on the menu.

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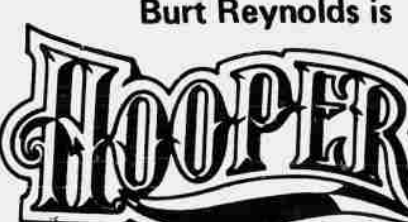

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