Four years changes friendships, lifestyle and outlook

It's kind of funny, but it seems that through the years friends don't really change, but the nature of the friendship does.

shelley smith

Four years of college doesn't seem like a lot of time for an evolution, but in a sense it really is

As a freshman, I can remember the highlight of my week would be walking down to the Waterhole on a Thursday night with a friend I would corral into going with me. After convincing the doorman that we were really 22 and had just gotten off work and hadn't brought our I.D.s with us, we would step into the bar scene and never see each other until we stumbled home together at the end of the night.

We thought Lite beer was the greatest invention since test files and used essays and lived day and night in painters' pants and T-shirts.

And it seemed like we were always in trouble with someone. Whether it was running rampant through dormitory halls banging on doors, or singing Jingle Bells over the intercom at 2 a.m., we were never on the good side of anybody.

Surprisingly, however, we never flunked out or were kicked out of school. We even managed to get fairly decent grades. But our parents almost disowned us when they saw all of our checks written to Lincoln bars.

I guess the evolution began when we realized we were in school for a purpose other than supporting Lincoln's biggest business.

We started staying home three out of four week nights, and eventually resorted to staying home on Thursday nights too. School became interesting, and we realized its importance in our futures.

It dawned on us how precious time is, and how short four years really are. Our time was spent, not at the bars, but at work and at school.

And I guess what led to this realization was when my friend asked me to be a guest speaker to her high school English class.

What a role change.

I suppose chalk it up to life in the Big Eight, or in other Homestead action.

But I really think it's just a part of

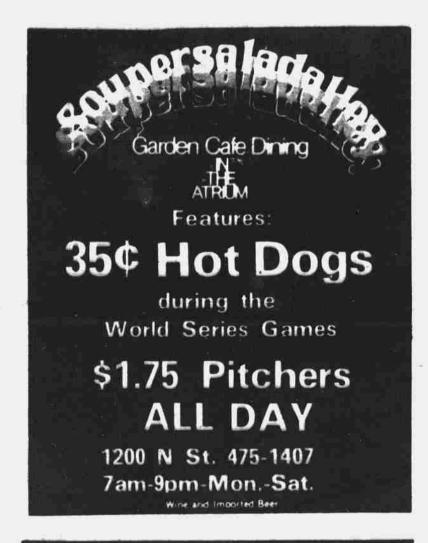
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My second fear is that people might think I'm really the way your article made me sound. I don't begrudge Leroy Critcher's Trio, or the South Street Shakers, or the Heartmurmurs the money they make on gigs. I don't begrudge Hidden Valley the money they made from the sale of beer. So how can I say that "I'm disappointed because the bands all played for money. . ?" It's an indication that community radio in Lincoln is not as vital as it

should be. It would have been great if the bands could have honestly supported KZUM—because we are the only station of our kind in Nebraska. So who am I disappointed in? I'm disappointed that sometimes the art of radio at KZUM is not artistic, but also that sometimes the most caring, revealing, poignant, entertaining, educational and interesting moments in radio go unnoticed because KZUM hasn't got enough money to promote these programs to the people who would like to or need to hear them; because we don't have the money to fix equipment, and hire enough people to demystify radio to all the people in Lincoln who could use it.

Julie Williams KZUM Give blood





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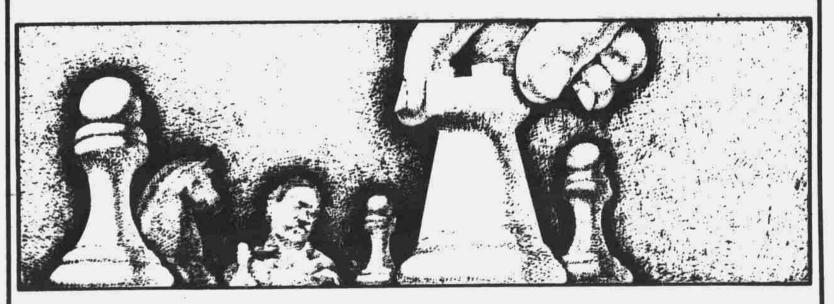
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