

City Council denies request for upgraded liquor license

By Jeff Goodwin

The Lincoln City Council voted 5-2 Monday afternoon to turn down a request by N Street Drive-In to have their liquor license upgraded from a Class "D" license to a Class "C" license.

The change would have allowed wholesalers to use the premises of N Street to give out complimentary samples of their products.

Dick Stoehr, owner of N Street, said the samples would consist of wines and would be about six ounces in size.

"The bottom line is that this would improve business," Stoehr said. "In other stores that have done this it has proven to be very successful."

Stoehr said stores in Denver and Boulder, Colorado as well as Chicago have increased their business by giving out samples.

Charles Humble, an attorney representing the Lincoln-Lancaster County Retail Beverage Association, opposed the granting of a Class "C" license.

Humble said a stricter state law is needed which would define the limits of the license.

As it exists now, a Class "C" license can be used to operate a bar.

Humble said a license is needed which

would apply only to the giving out of samples.

Humble also said the granting of a Class "C" license to N Street would lead other businesses with "D" licenses to try to attempt to get "C" licenses.

"Everyone will want a Class "C" license," Humble said. "I don't see how you will be able to deny it to any local package store."

Rick Clark, the general manager of P.O. Pear's, expressed the same concern.

"What concerns me as an operator is what happens when other people with Class "D" licenses come to the council. How are you going to turn them down?" Clark said.

Eric Youngberg, who voted against upgrading the license, said the Nebraska Legislature should change the law.

"I think the problem is with the law," Youngberg said. "We have to look at protecting the interests of the other "C" operators."

Mike Steinman, who along with Bill Danley supported the upgrading of the license, spoke in favor of the proposal.

"We have to do what we would do with any business in town," Steinman said. "We have to give them the opportunity to expand as much as they can."

NSSA director. . .

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The student liaison is a six-month, rotating position so that more students can have input into educational decisions. Burk said the current student liaison is unable to communicate effectively because of restrictions on outside mailings.

"They don't want that opinion of the student liaison officer going out to the campuses."

Burk, NSSA board member Nette Nelson and NSSA legislative assembly chair Deb Chapelle visited Nebraska's congressional members during their Washington trip. Burk said U.S. Sens. Edward Zorinsky and J.J. Exon seemed willing to work with the NSSA and listen to its views on student issues.

Burk called for letter-writing campaigns and call-ins to get more students involved. The voter registration drive that the NSSA is co-sponsoring with ASUN's Government Liaison Committee is also essential, he said.

"It's very important to vote. Otherwise

congressional delegation and state legislators won't listen because we don't have the backing of the students," Burk said.

According to Burk, the student rally in Washington got press attention that student issues had never received before.

"It was the largest organized effort against any of the budget cuts going on this year."

The NSSA legislative assembly voted Sunday to wait to elect new officers until the next assembly in October and to suspend the rule requiring new elections until then.

Burk said the wait was advisable so that UNO and Wayne State College could help choose NSSA officers. UNO and Wayne State have voted to join the organization next fall; UNL and Peru State College are already members.

"Having only these two schools elect the officers for all five schools may greatly hinder the credibility we have gained thus far," Burk wrote in a letter to NSSA members.

UNL professor to teach in China

Dean Rugg, professor of geography at UNL, will teach at the University of Sun-Yat-Sen in Canton, China, this spring through the university's China Exchange Program.

Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo, director of the Institute for International Studies, said other UNL professors have taught in China in the exchange program.

Esquenazi-Mayo said about 15 Chinese

scholars have visited UNL.

The program expands international education and is an opportunity for UNL faculty to learn about Chinese culture and education, Esquenazi-Mayo said.

Rugg has been a member of the UNL faculty since 1964. He has been a cartographer and geographer for the U.S. government and has traveled abroad frequently for the government.

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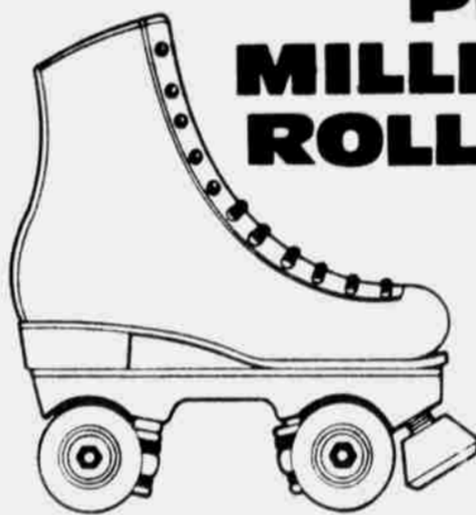
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