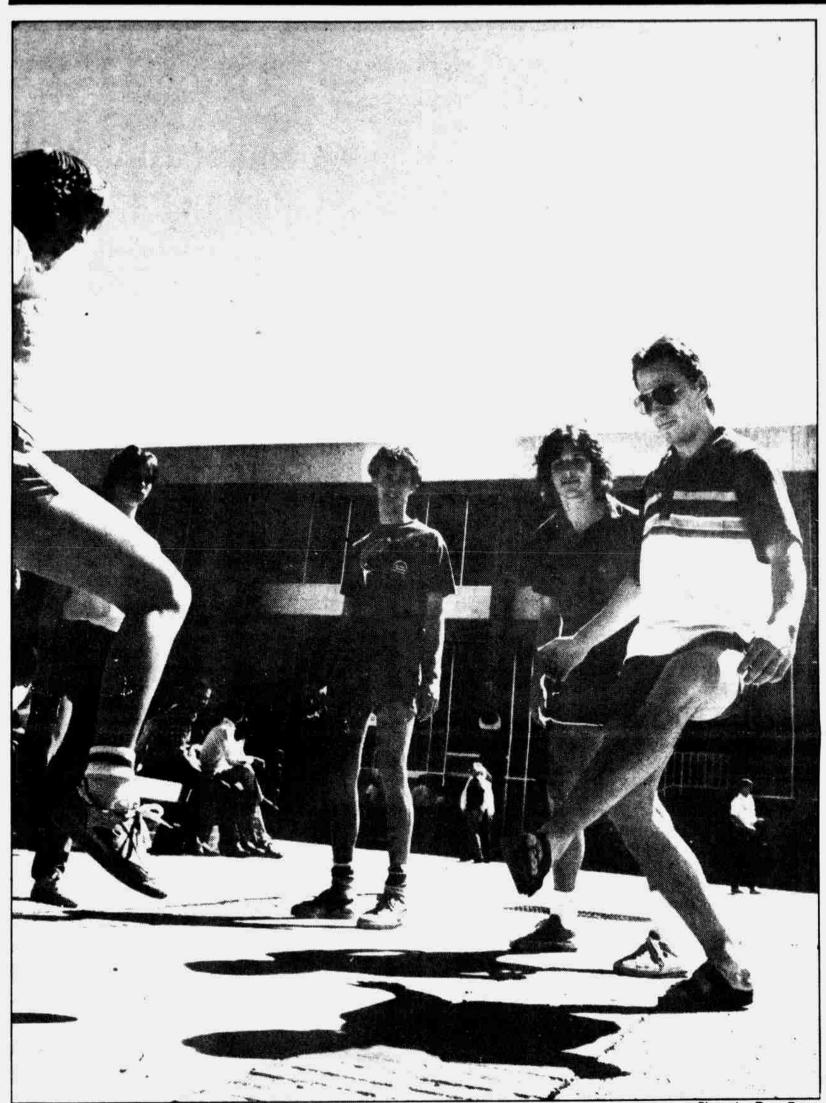


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City Council denies liquor license request for Johnny's Lounge

By Jeff Goodwin

The Linceln City Council voted Monday to deny a Class C liquor license to Johnny's Lounge, 2604 Park Blvd.

The vote was 6-0. Council President Joe Hampton was absent.

Robert Gibson, an attorney for Nosnera, Inc., which operates Johnny's, had asked the council to approve the license. He cited the fact that Johnny's has drawn large crowds as proof that Lincoln would support another bar.

"We think this newly established base in southwest Lincoln will support another license," Gibson said. "No other establishment offers the same combination of services that this one does."

Gibson said Johnny's would offer food on a catered basis, video games, pinball machines and live entertainment.

"It would primarily be a lounge and entertainment facility for the entire family," Gibson said. "We're basically trying to attract the same people who go to Lee's."

Beverage Association opposed

Chris Wilken of the Lincoln Lancaster Retail Beverage Association opposed granting the license.

Wilken said Johnny's currently is operating without a liquor license and is only able to operate by renting out its premises to non-profit organizations and splitting the profits with them. Wilken noted that Johnny's advertisements do not mention the sponsoring organizations. He cited an ad that appeared in Monday's Daily Nebraskan.

Photo by Dave Bentz

Lori Pearman (left foreground) and Greg Ford (right) take advantage of the warm weather to get in some fun with the Hackey Sack outside the Nebraska Union. Observing the action are, left to right: Kathy Lehn, Scott Titterington and Dave McCune.

Wilken also said Johnny's has not met the guidelines outlined in the statute for granting liquor licenses, which say there must be "need and convenience."

"I don't think they've proven a need," Wilken said. He pointed out that other establishments, such as Dutton's Den, offer the same benefits as Johnny's would.

More licenses unnecessary

Wilken said there are 174 liquor outlets in Lincoln.

"I just don't think there's a need for any more licenses," Wilken said. "We already know about all the problems that alcohol can cause. And all we're doing here is adding to the problem by giving out more licenses."

In other business, the council approved the reappointment of Jim Miller and Dennis Roether to three-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the reappointment of Maureen McGinn to a one-year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as a student representative. The council also approved the appointment of Craig Cormack to replace Richard Rye on the Community Development Task Force.

Survey shows benefits of health aide experience

By David Creamer

UNL's health aide program, started 25 years ago to help combat the Asian influenza epidemic, is considered "rewarding" by campus health aides.

In an informal survey conducted for a journalism class, 80.7 percent of first-year health aides said the program was rewarding. Of the 57 students surveyed, 15.8 percent , said the experience was "very rewarding."

Less than four percent classified the work as "a bother" or as "just another class."

In 1957, when the program was begun, those chosen as health aides cared for ill students in their living units.

Now, students chosen to be health aides take on many other responsibilities. In addition to providing first aid, handling minor health problems (both mental and physical), assisting in the identification of health problems, making referrals and attempting to educate peers on health matters, aides must work as a communication link between the students and the University Health Center.

According to the survey, the health aides think their work makes them better able to handle emergencies and is good practice in dealing with responsibilities involving others.

The survey showed that health aides have been involved in helping diabetics with insulin reactions, giving CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), helping in emergency situations and, in a few instances, death.

Part-time employees

When the program began, the health aides were not paid.

Now, however, health aides are part-time employees of the health center and receive training in a wide range of areas. As prerequisites, the health aide must take a course in CPR and first aid either before or during the health aide training program.

The course, Public Health 230, meets once a week for two consecutive semesters and is the basis of the training program.

Since the beginning of the program, the training has intensified, titles have changed, the number of health aides has increased, health aides have earned pay and students have become more receptive to the program.

Last year, health aides had 12,956 contacts with their peers. This year, there are about 100 health aides at UNL, a total consistent with the last two years.

A health aide position is not limited only to those entering a medical-related field. In fact, only 38.6 percent of the students in the program are definitely planning to enter medical-related fields and almost 51 percent said they are not entering a health-related career. There were 10.5 percent that said they were considering a medical field.

Selection

Ten factors are involved in selecting health aides. A candidate must have an interest in health and health education, a desire to help others, a sensitivity to the needs of others, enthusiasm and imagination, competency in making sound judgments, confidence in his or her own decisions, past participation in other university activities, an ability to communicate ideas clearly, social poise and availability to students.

The health aide survey showed that students become aides for many reasons. The health aides said the position helps to improve their "people" skills. They also said they are chosen by the people in their living units to represent the health center or are recruited.

The health aides said the information they receive in their positions is practical, and also said peer gratification is a benefit of the job.

The turnover rate of health aides from year to year is high. The survey revealed that of those eligible to return next year, only 18.75 percent plan to stay with the program another year. There were 12.5 percent that were undecided. Of those able to return, 68.75 percent said they did not plan to stay with the program.

