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Appetizers pep up school bashes

By Judi Nygren

With the fall semester quickly approaching, many students are planning back-to-school bashes for all

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their cronies. Below are a couple of recipes for appetizers that go great with beer, wine or plain ol' cola.

Guacamole

2 medium avocados, peeled and seeded
2 medium tomatoes, peeled and coarsely chopped
1/4 cup chopped onion

2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/4 cup chopped green chiles
salt, pepper

Mash avocados with a fork. Add tomatoes, onion and lemon juice. Blend well. Add green chiles and season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve at once with crackers, nachos or on top of mexican dishes. Makes about three cups.

Batter-fried Zucchini Sticks

1 cup sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons oil
1 pound, zucchini, cut into 3- or 4-inch sticks
oil for deep frying
Hollandaise Sauce (recipe follows)

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Empty aquarium, a lot like Lincoln

Moved into a new apartment recently and dusted off the old fish tank. It'd been several months since that glass receptacle had seen the like of anything with fins or gills. In fact, the last thing that was

Billy Shaffer

recovered from the tank before its role as designated TV stand, was a box of eight floating semi-frozen fish sticks. Funny in retrospect, maybe, but hellish on a Sunday morning hangover. Besides, the guppies and mollies died about six hours later. Mollified, I decided that fishes were for the birds and refused to sacrifice one more tetra to the gods of frozen food-dom.

My new pad seemed the perfect place for the gurgling quietude that domestic aquatic environments display. Living alone, the low hum of the filter and the steady flow of bubbles finding their way to the surface are a reassuring companion.

My aquarium has four things in it. There's the brown gravel on the bottom, the filter, a heater, and

about 10 gallons of water. No fish. No plants. The water is very clear. The heater keeps it warm, the filter keeps it clean. People ask me "Where's the fish?" I tell them I can't have pets.

The city of Lincoln is a lot like my aquarium. Although considerably more populated than my tiny water oasis, it seems to have the same attitude. Tidy, self-contained, and holding "potential" for future development.

Lincoln is like a promise unfulfilled. It is of course light years ahead of Omaha, and let's not even discuss hellholes like Kearney and Hastings. As a former Omahan, I can attest to the fact that it's got the sprawl-without-a-heart-syndrome.

My aquarium, like Lincoln, is a microcosm. It's probably a bit too clean for most people's tastes, a bit too quiet, perhaps a bit too placidly redundant. Some people say there is a "brain drain" in the capital city. The wise get out when the getting is good, and the rest of us remain "still stinkin' in Lincoln," right?

I like my aquarium. I like Lincoln. I feel like I know what goes on in both. There's something to be said for continuity, tradition, and even predictability.

Hell, if I get bored I can always buy a guppy.

Band...

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Oba, who plays baritone, said, "I hand't really made up my mind about going to Lincoln or not until I saw the marching band. They were so impressive," he said.

Oba and three high school classmates, Lisa Marr (flag corps) Debbie Petersen (french horn) and Susie Koken (saxophone) will participate in camp.

If any of the five should be cut Sunday, there's nothing to stop him or her from trying again, Johnson said. While some quit after their first failure, there is a popular band story about the young woman who was cut twice in successive years only to end up as a rank leader and one of "our best members," Johnson said. Cindy Pemrock is now the band director at Wahoo Neumann High School.

Then there's William Watkins, a rank leader of the 1984 band (32 have already been chosen rank leaders), who was put on a waiting list his first year with the baritone horn section.

"All I remember from my first one is that you could try your hardest every time and still get cut," Watkins said.

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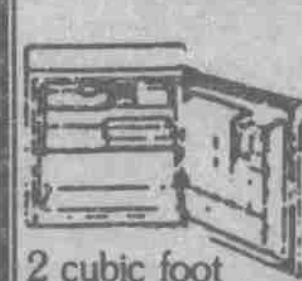
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