

Drinking age law necessitates 'minor alternatives'

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Jan. 1, 1985 is a day many young revelers will mourn. The date marks the death of the 20-year-old legal drinker. Those poor souls will not be able to drink in Lincoln's many watering holes. Nor will they be

able to dance or listen to live music at bars. All is not lost. There is hope for the woebegotten "minors" who face boredom and bouncers rather than black lung disease. Fun can still be had with imagination and energy. The following is a partial list of entertainment alternatives for those in-

hibited by age. **PARTIES** Despite the efforts of the Lincoln Police Department, there are still a lot of parties for minors. In fact, most minors develop extensive "party networks" for both on and off campus. Friday classrooms are usually buzzing with party addresses. However, the risk of being arrested or simply being told to go home is always present for the underage party-goer.

Disc jockeys and bands for hire can be a good way to start a party. Complete Music (106, 620 N. 48th) offers a disc jockey and light show as well as party room suggestions. Radio stations like KFRX and KXSS also offer DJ services and equipment rental. Magicians like "Doc Illusions" (5940 LaSalle) can also add spice. Lincoln Tent and Awning offers "Large Capacity Big Top Tents" if additional space is required.

MOVIES AND PLAYS Lincoln's many movie theaters usually offer a good variety. (The Daily Nebraskan and Lincoln Journal and Star all carry complete listings of theater locations, times and films.) In addition there are the University theater season shows as well as the Kimball hall concerts on campus. The Lincoln Community Playhouse, 2500 S. 56th, is also a nice dark air-conditioned place for a minor to enjoy a production. V.C.R.s and videos can also be rented at a variety of locations.

CONCERTS The KFMQ 24-hour concert line (476-ROCK) offers a complete listing of concerts in Lincoln Omaha and Kansas City including ticket prices and availability. Upcoming Lincoln concerts include Rick Springfield (August 18), and The Beach Boys (Sep-

tember 8) and Huey Lewis (August 31) in the State Fair Concert series.

RECREATION Besides the standard bowling, pool-playing and video-gaming that can be done at the Nebraska Union, there are a variety of activities available. (Video games and often break dancing can be also enjoyed at the Game Galry at 15th and Q streets.) Racquetball and tennis courts, as well as swimming, weight rooms and gyms on campus are available to anyone with a university I.D. • At Holmes Lake (70th and Van Dorn streets) paddleboats, windsurfers, sailboats and canoes can be rented. For swimming beaches and waterskiing there's Branched Oak and Pawnee lakes just west of Lincoln, or for close sunning Oak Lake is just over the viaduct from campus.

• Horses can be rented at both the Flying Star Ranch (474-4293) and at Pioneer Stables (474-1773) which are both close to Lincoln's largest park, Pioneers (at S. Coddington and W. Calvert) which offers bridle paths, as well as nature hikes and cross country ski trails. During the season skis can be rented at Lawlor's, Cycle Works and Olympic Village. Pioneers also has a toboggan ramp.

• At Folsom Children's Zoo in Antelope Park — train rides and animal exhibits await the fun-seeker.

• Kart and Putt Country (12201 Highway 6) offers both miniature golf and go-cart rental. "Cool Crest Triple Links" at 220 N. 48th is another putt-putt's paradise. There are also a variety of normal golf courses in Lincoln.

• Roller-skating fans can find fun at the Holiday Skateworld (300 N. 48th, or 5601 S. 56th) and at the Starlite Roller Rink at

1st and Cornhusker. • Race fans can road trip it to a variety of tracks nearby — including Eagle raceway, Fonner Park (Grand Island) Ak-sar-ben (Omaha and Lincoln) and Midwest Speedway.

MUSEUMS/ART GALLERIES Even people who find culture only in yogurt might be attracted to some of the exhibits at Lincoln's many different museums and galleries including two (Morrill Hall and Sheldon Art Gallery) on campus. There is also the State Historical Society Museum at 15th and P, the Haymarket Art Gallery at 1195 S. 9th, and the Rollerskating Museum at 77th and A. The State Capitol is also a fun place to tour.

FOOD There are many fine restaurants in the downtown area which are ready and waiting for the hungry minors on the prowl. Here's a partial list:

The Lincoln Exchange, Valentino's, (pizza), Brittany's, Tico's and La Fondia's (Mexican), Ming Palace (Chinese) and Spaghetti Works. Munchies can also be treasured at a variety of locations — Maxwell's (which offers French baking), Desserts 222, Ted and Wally's, and the Oak Room (ice cream); the Corn Popper, and Do-Biz, Mr. Cookie, and the Cookie Company (for cookies). Still hungry? Domino's Pizza delivers!

SOMETHING DIFFERENT (for the minor who's done everything)

Warning — don't try these at home — your parents will laugh. Go ballroom dancing at the Pla-Mor Ballroom, 6600 W. O St.

Last, but not least, one could become a lobbyist to lower the drinking age, although it might be more productive just to DIAL-A-PRAYER at 475-7002.



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