Influx of national groups expands customer choices at local clubs

By Deb Pederson Senior Reporter

A number of national acts have played Lincoln this fall at the Zoo Bar. 136 N. 14th St., the Drumstick, 547 N. 48th St., the Royal Grove Nite Club, 340 W. Cornhusker Highway, and Pershing

This influx of national performers has hurt business somewhat because people can't afford to go to everything, said Kim Miers, entertainment buyer for the Royal Grove.

Lincoln has offered more entertainment choices, so the market is diffused and turnouts are a little lower, she said.

But the national acts do attract business, she said, and it's just plain fun to bring in national groups.

The Royal Grove has averaged about two national acts a month, Miers said.

"We haven't been disappointed at all. As long as the group is known, we're Peppers, she said. okay," she said.

peared at the Royal Grove this fall ments and Nick Lowe, she said. include Head East, John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band and Pure the Zoo Bar, said business has been a the Wheel, Dec. 3.

Prairie League, she said.

Ruby Star is scheduled for Oct. 29, the original Bachman Turner Overdrive is scheduled for Nov. 5 and Poco is scheduled for Nov. 19, she said. Also in usually picks up around the first of the lineup are Pat Travers on Dec. 3 and Joe "King" Carrasco on Dec. 10.

Diane Kann, manager of the Drumstick, said national acts usually get a good turnout.

"I believe there's still a large group of people who like seeing national acts," Kann said. "People get excited about national acts."

Kann said they used to have national acts only once a month. But now that so many groups are on the road, as many as three or four a month play at the Drumstick.

Some of the acts that have appeared at the Drumstick this fall include Beat ers. Tex and the Horseheads, the Nighthawks, Fishbone and the Red Hot Chili

Scheduled to appear in November

little slower for the national acts. But this time of year has been slow

for the last few years, he said. "I'm not worried because business

November," Boehmer said. The national blues acts haven't done as well as they have in the past, but this was also true nationally, he said. And the trend is true according to people he has talked to across the country, he

Boehmer said he brings in national acts because he likes to bring in the best music possible.

If the national acts don't garner more support in the weeks to come, Boehmer said that he may have to play more regional and local groups.

Some of the groups that have played Rodeo, Game Theory, the Le Roi Broth- at the Zoo Bar this fall include Buddy Guy and Jr. Wells, Charlie Musselwhite, Magic Slim and the Teardrops and Matt Murphy, he said.

Scheduled for the rest of this fall are Some of the bands that have ap- are the Meat Puppets, The Replace- the Wallets, Oct. 28; the Beat Farmers, Nov. 4; Albert Collins, Nov. 5; Koko Larry Boehmer, general manager of Taylor, Nov. 22 and 23, and Asleep at

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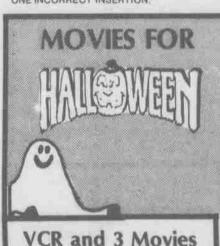
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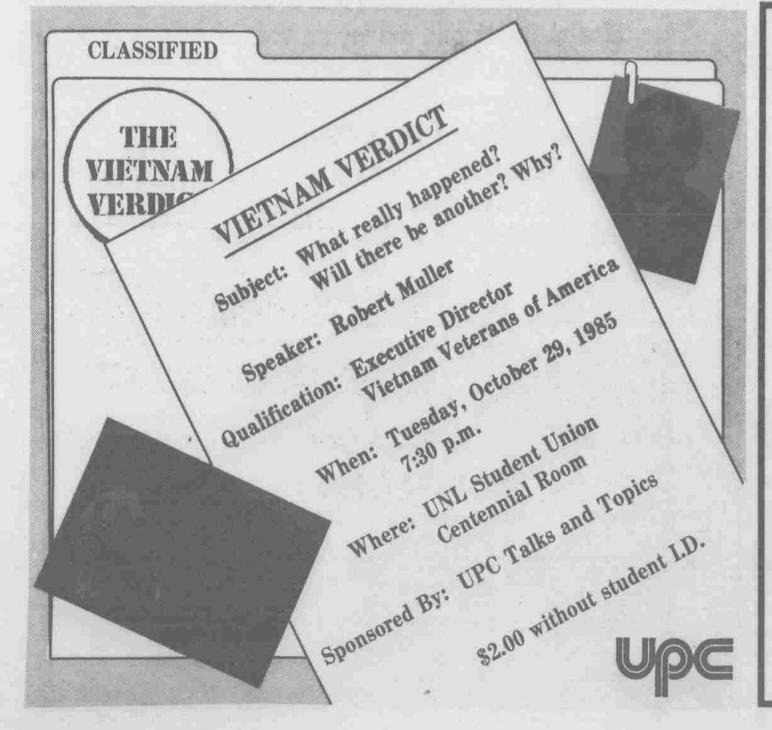
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