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## Special Drinks

# Local bars offer a bevy of beverages besides the standard beer and booze

By Kathy Shults  
Staff Reporter

Having been a legal drinker for almost an entire month, I grew tired of the same old routine of drinking beer and falling down. I wanted something new, something that would let me appreciate the taste of alcohol once again.

Through the efforts of a few talented bartenders with recipes for specialty drinks, I have found it.

My quest through downtown Lincoln bars was a successful one. Not only did I try a number of specialty drinks, but the good ones outnumbered the bad.

My personal favorite was Dinsdale's, 1228 P St., "Mercedes," bartender Howard Lehman's own creation. "A Mercedes is one of your better cars, and this is one of your better drinks," he said.

A "Mercedes" is a blend of Peach Schnapps, Benedictine, and sweet and sour mix. It's blended and served frozen. This is definitely a drink you'd order for taste rather than to get drunk. It costs \$2.50.

Next was Sandy's, 1348 O St., and the traditional "Elk Creek."

The two main alcohols in this drink are gin and vodka; however, a citrus flavor covers the strong alcohol taste.

Sandy's has been serving Elk Creeks for several years, and they've always been pretty popular, especially with



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women, according to Pat Grieve, the owner. The drink was originally named the "Elm Creek" after Nebraska's Elm Creek spring water, he said.

Pitchers are regularly \$6.50 and

glasses go for \$1.60, but Elk Creeks are on special Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Chesterfield, Bottomsley and Potts, 245 N. 13th, serves a "Public House Special" that ranked pretty high on my list of favorites. The "Special" is a concoction of peach brandy, sweet and sour mix, 7-up and a shot of rum. This blend of the ingredients creates a refreshing drink with a whiskey after-taste.

Chesterfield's has been serving the drink for at least five years, said Brady Wiebeck, bartender. Its label is derived from the bar's original name of "Chesterfield, Bottomsley and Potts Public House Limited." The "Public House Special" is \$2.00.

For those with a sweet tooth, I recommend the "Comeweiser" at P.O. Pears, 322 S. 9th. It's made up of a shot of peppermint schnapps, a shot of Kahlua, creme and soda, and served over ice.

The result is a flavor similar to a York Peppermint Patty. It would make a nice after dinner liquor. Kevin Cowan, a bartender at Pear's, said it's one of those drinks that some of the bartenders know and others don't. It sells for \$2.58.

I followed up another hot tip when I heard Harry's Wonder Bar, 1621 O St., had "Chiglets." When I arrived at the bar, Mike Robinson served me a so-called "Chiglet." It looked like a frosted mug of beer. It smelled like a frosted mug of beer, but I thought there must be some secret to this "specialty drink."

I was wrong. A "Chiglet" is a frosty mug of beer. They were evidently dubbed as "Chiglets" last August by a group of UNL football players.

"I guess they named them Chiglets just because they're cold," said Robinson. "Everybody likes them, probably for their price."

The cost is 75¢ for 14 ounces of beer.

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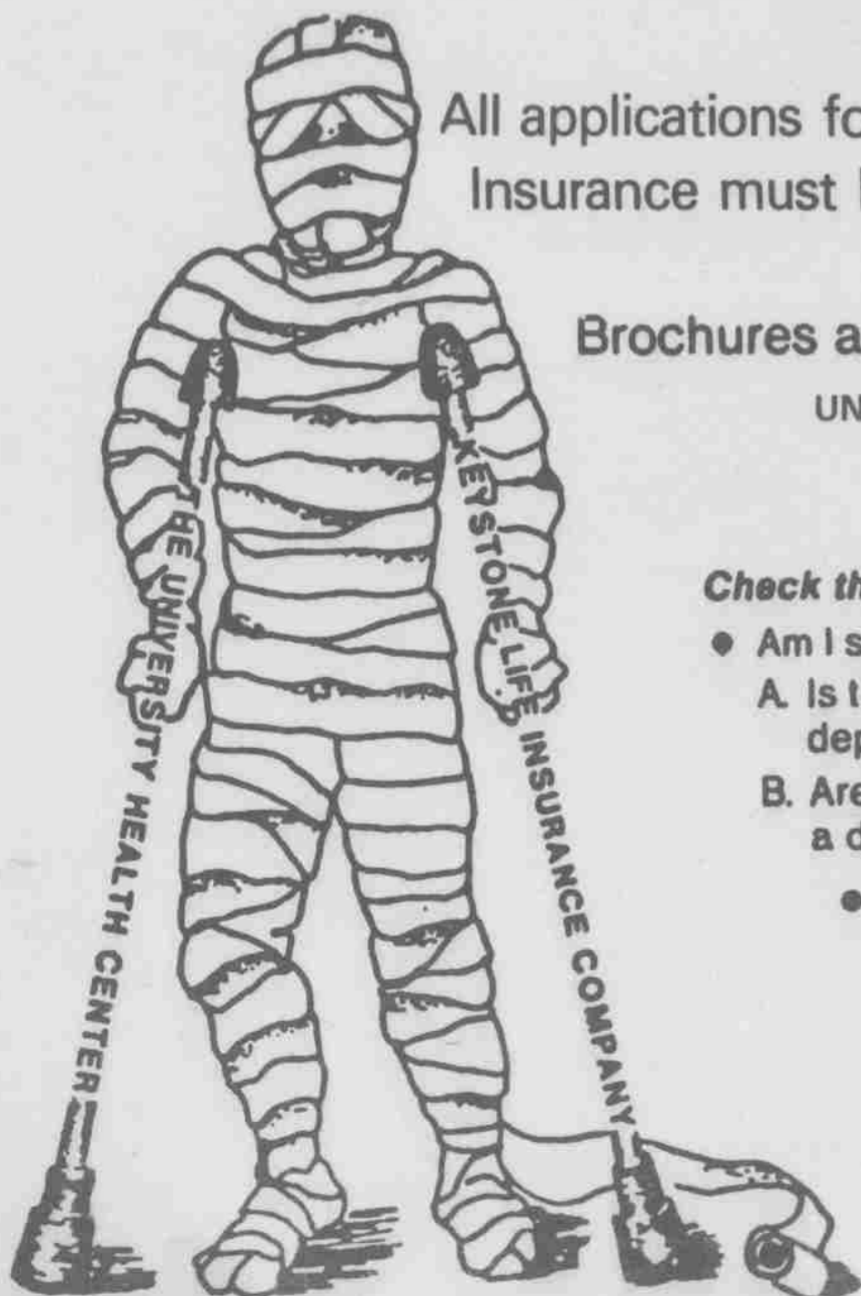
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