

# Duffy's begins music series with 'Guns'

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Last Wednesday night, Duffy's Tavern officially opened their new

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local music series with the New Brass Guns. Band and bar both considered the event a complete success, and it now looks like local musicians have at least one more place to play.

This week the Confidentials will bring their band of industrial P-funk to Duffy's charming little stage. The Confidentials started out as primarily a cover band. While playing the cover songs they liked, the band found a niche for their sound. The current eight members have been together for approximately one year, playing what drummer Mark Munn calls "1950s and 1960s, ska, reggae, Motown, and I guess what you'd call modern rock."

Duffy's started their local music series last week to give local bands a place to play, and to give people more

of a chance to see some of the music Lincoln has to offer. "The closing of the Drumstick left a void, and we're trying to fill some of that," said co-owner Al Hummel.

If the enthusiastic response the first night was any indication, they're well on their way. The only band to play Duffy's so far, the New Brass Guns, expressed unanimous approval of the new venue.

"I really liked this place — the atmosphere, the brick walls. It's a great place to play," said bassist Marty Amsler.

Guitarist Doug Hubner said, "it's more open, not as dirgy as some places. You can look at traffic out the window, or watch TV while you're playing."

Owners Hummel and Reg McMeen were equally pleased with the results. They both said the first show went better than expected.

Duffy's small, comfortable size could work to an advantage to young, inexperienced bands unused to unfamiliar crowds and could become an excellent proving ground for new bands who are still trying to pin down

an audience or a style.

Closing the Drumstick was a blow to new and different music in Lincoln, but, for one night a week at least, the local end of it is finally getting a well-deserved boost.



## Short

A class for certification in the use of the library's TRS-80 microcomputer has been scheduled for Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the fourth floor auditorium, Bennett Martin Public Library, 14th and N streets.

The class is free and open to the public. Class size is limited. To enroll for the class, contact Information at the library at 435-2146.

The certification class covers basic operation of the TRS-80 Model III.

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"Surely the students' noise would interfere with the recording," Ritchie said he thought.

He decided to do the recording during semester break.

The traffic on 16th Street was the final obstacle.

Ritchie contacted the mayor's office, and with the help of the Lincoln Police Department he shut down traffic.

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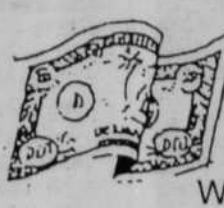
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