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That was then . . .

. . . this is now.

Site of first store now boasts stalls, parking meters

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store from its original location at 10th and Q streets, a major one being the city government wanting the property for other uses. The old building was levelled and a metered parking lot is there now. But Bullerman said there were other reasons.

"It was partly the city and also the location. The one on 10th was out of the way and hard to get to because of the one-way street and the traffic, and there was not much parking. Plus the store was small for as big as Pickles was getting," he said.

The new store is bigger and closer to the university, specifically the residence halls and greek houses, Bullerman said.

Pickles now boasts six stores, three in Lincoln and three in Omaha. The business' founders, Rod Ferguson and Bill Hempel are still in charge of all six stores, Bullerman said.

Customers have responded well to the new location. Those customers that prefer the new Pickle's to other record stores in town cite two main reasons, Bullerman said.

"One, there's lots of parking, and two, they say that their main problem with Twister's is that they never talk to you, they never help.

"We're told from the day we start here until the day we leave the company, always greet the customer, ask them if they need any help," he said.

Bullerman said that the major complaint against the new location is the loss of the "atmosphere" that the old location had.

"The other store had an atmosphere, it almost made you almost kinda feel homey."

"It's like why you choose one bar over another. You just like the atmosphere," he said.

Contrary to spreading rumor, the downtown Pickles has no plans to relocate.

"I asked them when this place opened, is this permanent, and they said yes," he said.

Bullerman said that the massive renovation it took to open the new store was such an undertaking that he couldn't imagine them relocating anytime soon.

He said the only plans that may lie ahead involve expanding the Pickles at 237 S. 70th St.

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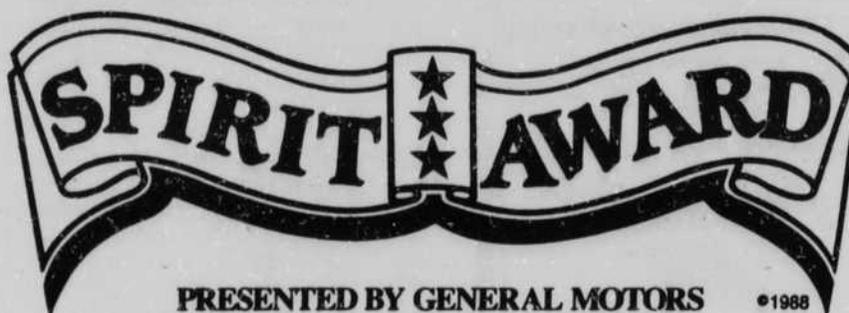
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