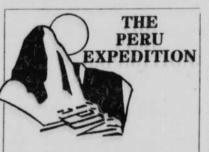


Co-owner Jim Higgins at the bar of the Skylight Bistro.

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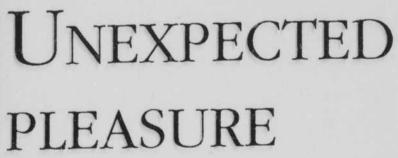


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By Kelly Anders

Staff Reporter

Although The Skylight Bistro, 235 N. 11th St., will soon have to relocate because of the downtown redevelopment project, Jim Hig-gins, co-owner, said the restaurant will remain unique no matter what the address.

Higgins calls The Bistro an "unexpected pleasure" because of its style, menu and service.

Outside, the restaurant looks like most others downtown. Inside is another story altogether. A com-bination of Julio's and The Coffee House, the walls are red brick, and are complemented with huge hanging plants and paintings. The furniture is wooden, the lighting is dim and jazz breathes smoothly in the background. A lot of classical music is played, too, Higgins said.

The menu changes monthly, Higgins said, "so people don't get tired of the same-old-same-old." Examples of menu choices are trout almondine, veal parmesan, quiche and gourmet burgers. Almost 30 wines, foreign and domestic, are offered by the glass or half

Excellent service is the most important quality a good restaurant should have, Higgins said. Cus-tomer input is "highly valued," he

We cater to the customer in all aspects," he said.

Higgins said The Bistro's supporters will continue to patronize the restaurant at its new address. He said he's not sure when or where the restaurant will move. At what time The Bistro will move depends on what the city decides to do with the property. The place will depend on what area of town he and co-owner Doug Nabity decide is best, Higgins said. If possible, Higgins said, he'd like The Bistro to move to another downtown location.

Higgins said he's not against downtown redevelopment because he wants the area to im-

"As a long-time Lincoln resident, I'd like to see Lincoln succeed," he said.

Although he's in favor of improvement, Higgins said he's not sure it should be done on such a grand scale. Lincoln, a university town, should cater more to its residents by concentrating on making the area an entertainment center instead of a shopping area, he said. Higgins said he'd like to see the

on which the Bistro sits turned into a row of restaurants.

"If we knew we were going to stay, we'd invest in and expand the Bistro," Higgins said.
Higgins said he's not bitter about the redevelopment project, and that it's worth the hassle if the project is successful.

"For the betterment of the city, the disappointment won't be bad to take," he said.



