

Students crave fast food

food REVIEW

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Finding a quality meal for University of Nebraska-Lincoln students isn't an adventure — it's a job.

Whether it's between classes, at lunchtime or Sunday night at a residence hall, fast food is everywhere at UNL. It forces its way into the cars, bedrooms and classes of students as they search for food at a good price.

The search can be perilous, however, so here is a guide to help you on your way:

Amigos: A favorite for Mexican food, this restaurant offers a condiment selection unparalleled in Lincoln. Mild and hot sauce, ranch dressing, hot nacho cheese and fresh salsa are offered. Mexifries — like tater tots — are terrific with ranch dip.

Taco Bell: A favorite for Mexican meals, with good tasting food and low prices. The soft taco supreme is highly recommended.

Popeye's: Meals at Popeye's consist of meaty pieces of chicken with a butter-soaked biscuit and a choice of side dishes. Whether one decides on the seasoned fries, mashed potatoes or red beans and rice, it's a delicious meal at a reasonable price. Unfortunately, Popeye's has one drawback — location. The two outlets in Lincoln are located on West O St. and 48th and Vine streets — both a long walk for students without a car.

Imperial Palace Express: Conveniently located in the Nebraska Union, the Imperial Palace Express offers Chinese food fast. The cuisine is good, but more expensive than other food offered in the union.

Golden Wok: This restaurant offers Chinese and Vietnamese din-

ing. It also ranks high for convenience — located at 27th and Y, it's only about a mile from campus. The Golden Wok also features a drive thru for motorists and a delivery service in the evenings.

DaVinci's: The pizza is spicy with the right balance of sauce and toppings. Sandwiches are also offered, and anything on the menu can be ordered with confidence.

Little King: Although Little King offers delicious sandwiches, their prices are a little steep. Still, Little King offers some combinations not found in any other restaurant in Lincoln, and they do accept checks on deliveries.

Subway: For sandwiches, Subway gives a good deal for the money. Although this restaurant doesn't deliver, it is located close to campus, at 13th and P streets, and makes a good pre-movie pit stop.

Runza: Runza offers high quality, but you pay for it. This can pose a problem when one is trying to buy a meal with the change found in the cushions of the couch. Still, Runza offers hamburgers that taste like home cooking.

Plump Tomato Pizza Co.: Located in the Reunion, the Plump Tomato Pizza Co. features cheese rolls and pizza by the slice. The pizza is passable, but heavy on the sauce.

Vending machines: Most UNL students will find themselves at a point in their academic career when they will have back-to-back classes at lunchtime. Taking into account the time it takes to walk between buildings, students are usually left with two minutes and one choice — the vending machines.

Judging by selection and atmosphere, the areas on the main floors of Oldfather and Henzlik Halls are the best choices. In addition to the usual candy, they offer coffee, change machines, microwaves and several tables and chairs for stops between classes.

Lincoln shopping provides variety

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Tuition, room and board, parking and your wardrobe can threaten to kill a student's bank account. Fortunately, Lincoln provides a variety of places to shop, making blowing your remaining \$50 less painful.

For the big spender:
The Post & Nickel: Located on 144 N. 14th St., The Post & Nickel provides some of the most high quality and fashionable clothing in Lincoln. Carrying brand names like Pepe and Guess, shopping here can take a huge bite out of a student budget — jeans run an average of \$65.

Most of the time though, the quality is worth the price. The Post & Nickel often has sales, so look out for them. Just don't expect much for your \$10.

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Lawlors: Located in the Gateway Shopping Center, 6100 O St., Lawlors stocks some of the best sportswear in Lincoln. There are sports shoes for every occasion — baseball, basketball, tennis, basketball, golf and badminton — but the costs of the shoes are high.

Once again, quality is Lawlors chief selling point. A great variety of winter wear, ski equipment and all around sporting wear make Lawlors one of the best sports stores in Lincoln. Like the Post & Nickel, don't expect much from your \$10.

If you don't want to blow an entire paycheck on clothes, but still want want something good to wear, the following stores offer clothes that are mostly causal. The best bargains:

Dillard's and Younkers: Both are located in Gateway Shopping Center, and have a variety of men and women's casual wear. There are usually deals if you look for them. The stores can be busy on the weekends when most of their sales occur.

Both Dillard's and Younkers offer the same quality as the Post & Nickel, but slightly lower prices gives Dillard's and Younkers the edge. The two stores are also connected to each other, making shopping there less of a pain.

Nebraska Spirit: Located on 1120 P St., Nebraska Spirit is basically divided into two stores. One half of the store is dedicated to UNL sporting wear. Nearly every tank top, stocking and sweatshirt features a team from Nebraska.

The other half of the store features



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clothing, drinking glasses, key chains hats and outer apparel for fraternities and sororities. Nebraska Spirit has an embroidery shop that will embroider Greek letters on basically any clothing.

Nebraska Bookstore: Located at 13th and Q streets, Nebraska Bookstore offers a bigger extension of Nebraska Spirit, minus the Greek section. Nebraska Bookstore has UNL designs in abundance for male and female sporting and casual wear. It also features a variety of offbeat shirts that you can't find in most other stores in Lincoln.

The County Seat: Located in the Gateway Shopping Center, the County Seat is less expensive than the Post & Nickel, but doesn't carry the variety of the Post & Nickel. But, the County Seat is still a good place to find a bargain on clothing.

Financial disaster will usually come to a student some time during his or her career at UNL. During these times, you can turn to the budget stores. Most offer clothing that looks like an early throwback of the 1980s. In most of these stores though, you can find a good outfit for practically nothing.

The budget crowd: The four best places to buy a wardrobe for under \$50.

TJ Maxx: Located on 400 N. 48th St., TJ Maxx is a hidden gem. There

are aisles of clothes that are drastically reduced and there is usually a good pair of jeans or a good shirt within a pile of outdated clothes.

The Goodwill and Salvation Army: Don't expect miracles at these places, but don't rule them out. There's usually a \$125 Polo shirt, a \$75 Gucci purse or a \$300 business suit waiting to be sold for around \$10. Like TJ Maxx, you do more than your share of probing, but the rewards are well worth the labor.

Wal-Mart: Recently opened, Wal-Mart, located on 4700 N. 27 St., has literally acres of shopping land to look through. Wal-Mart may not be the best place to shop for clothes, it is a good place to pick up a microwave or toaster at a good price.

If you are interested in shopping for items besides clothes and you want to stay close to campus, there are many stores downtown such as the Centrum Mall that will meet your needs.

The Centrum: Located on 11th and Q streets, the Centrum is looking to make a comeback. About a year ago, the Centrum was basically a vacant building. Now, under new ownership, it is 70 to 75 percent occupied.

The Centrum now has 22 stores featuring antique shops, jewelry stores and a Country Western bar — the Cactus Club.

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