

# Students' dollars bring businesses downtown

By Ann Stack  
Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students don't have very far to look for a good time. It's looking for them.

Several new clubs, restaurants and stores have opened up downtown, most within walking distance of campus. Other places that have been in Lincoln for several years have been renovated or relocated to cater to Lincoln's college community.

Neil Powell, business recruiter of the Downtown Lincoln Association, said he'd seen a renewed interest in downtown activity.

"I think some of those businesses certainly want to be aware of the college market; they want to cater to the university," Powell said. "A new breed of retailers are looking at the downtown area."

Easy Street opened last May. The nightclub, which plays hip-hop and top-40 dance music, has enjoyed considerable success with the college crowd, Easy Street employee Raymond Abdallah said.

"Mario (Abdallah, Easy Street manager) opened close to the college because 80 percent of the crowd we



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get are college kids," Raymond Abdallah said.

Easy Street offers college nights every Thursday and Sunday, when those 18 and over are admitted.

Another nightclub, The Edge, moved recently. Previously located on 9th and P streets, the club "outgrew itself" and moved to a new location, 227 N. 9th St., Manager Steve Pope said.

"We went from a 150-person dance floor to one that could hold 200-400 people," Pope said. "We have a bigger stage so we can hold national bands now, a bigger bar, a better light show and better sound."

The Edge is geared primarily toward young people, Pope said. This accounts for the variety of all-ages events, such as performances by national bands and after-hours dancing every Friday and Saturday from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m.

While nightclubs and bars are popular attractions, local entrepreneurs are trying their luck with other types of enjoyment.

The Centrum Plaza, which has been open for 11 years, is becoming popular again, partly because of new shops.

Jack Irons, Centrum owner, said because of a drastic pick-up in the economy, the Centrum lowered its

rent, which has made a significant difference in business.

Some of the new attractions in the Centrum are Carmel Corn; the Burger Barn; So.o.o Gute, a German restaurant; and Hot Hot Hot, a Mexican specialty store.

Irons said another reason the Centrum has rediscovered success was partly because of downtown revitalization.

"Businesses want to be downtown — Lincoln is downtown now. The college crowd helps with that a lot," he said. "The college students are the lifeline of the downtown."

Another new shop is The Caffe

Caper, which opened Sept. 9 at 245 N. 13th St. in the Gunny's building.

The new coffeehouse was opened by co-owners Jan Havranek and Becky Nelson.

"We wanted to open a more West Coast-style espresso shop that featured specialty coffees," Havranek said. "We did a lot of research and reading, and studied shops in Boulder, (Colo.), Seattle and Portland (Ore.), before we opened."

Havranek said she'd seen a revitalization in the specialty shops opening downtown, helped in part by the number of college students the town attracts. But she said Caffe Caper did not cater especially to college students; instead, they catered to a wide spectrum of ages.

Becky Smith, co-owner of Iguanas, said the bar would be expanding to include an indoor beer garden, more pool tables and a window into Lazzari's, a new pizza eatery that opened Sept. 20.

Lazzari's co-owners, University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduates Doug Henningsen and D.J. Rezac, said they picked the location because of its access to campus.

## General education requirement implementation to be discussed

By Matthew Waite  
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A bill supporting general education requirements is slated for debate at the ASUN meeting Wednesday.



Association of Students of the University of Nebraska President Keith Benes said he expected the bill to take a long time to debate.

Benes said the University General Education Planning Committee made recommendations for general education requirements, but any proposed requirements would have to be ap-

proved by individual colleges.

"(The committee doesn't) have the power to just dictate," Benes said.

Benes said the proposed bill supported implementing the general education curriculum, including courses in integrative studies and information discovery and retrieval.

Such courses would teach writing, oral expression and critical thinking skills.

Benes said the general requirements would not create new classes or add to the number of hours needed to graduate.

"It will just be a matter of just changing the way a class is set up or identifying the classes that fulfill the general education requirements."

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calling two FBI special agents to the witness stand.

Richard Buechele, a laboratory agent from Virginia, said pieces of nylon found in soil samples matched the kind of fabric in the green B.U.M. Equipment jacket Harms was believed

to be wearing when she disappeared.

Prosecutors have alleged Scott Barney, also charged in the case, and Bjorklund burned Harms' clothing.

Buechele said charred greenish-blue debris was found in ash sent to the FBI by the Lincoln police.

Many women's clothing items also were found in the soil samples, Buechele said.

"I found numerous hooks, snaps,

eyelets that I felt may have originated from articles of clothing," he said.

District Judge Donald Endacott accepted evidence including zippers, rivets, shoe eyelets, thread and closure-type hooks.

Buechele said although the clothing items found in the debris matched the prosecutor's description of Harms' clothing, the items could have come from any kind of clothing.

## Open

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ings, she said.

"We're damned if we do and damned if we don't," Skrupa said. "They're making a eunuch out of the board of regents."

In addition, Skrupa said this presidential selection process was different from when Martin Massengale was chosen as NU president in 1990.

The board knew what to expect from Massengale because he served as chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln before Graham Spanier, Skrupa said.

"We don't know these people," Skrupa said. "That is why these decision are important."

Skrupa said she thought the public's interest in the proceedings gave it the right to be informed about them.

"I think (the public) has the right because they are paying the bills," she

said.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln said he agreed the meetings should be as open as possible. But regents should still consider the candidates' rights to privacy and confidentiality, he said.

"We are all committed to as open a process as possible," Wilson said.

Milliken said the decision to have open interviews would not affect the interviews.

"I don't know if it will change that much, whether it was open or closed," he said.

## Recycle

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However, handling all of the different recycling materials that go to many different places can become complex.

Another complex part of recycling is its economic impact, he said.

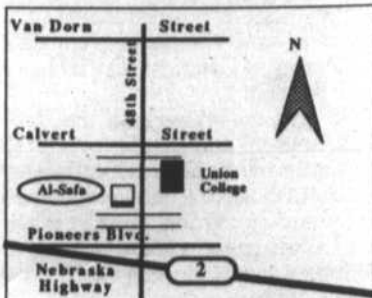
Recycling could save the university money, he said, because it would decrease the amount of garbage picked up daily.

In the short term, however, recycling can be costly because of the initial capital expenditures of trash cans and equipment for moving recycled goods.

Neither Ekart nor Jack Goebel, vice chancellor for business and finance, could estimate the cost of the recycling changes, but Goebel said the university would do its best to fund the recycling program.

"It does not have to cost more for recycling," he said. "Over the long haul, you may even be able to save a few dollars."

"At some point in time, it is very probable recycling will be cheaper than taking something to the landfill because garbage fees keep going up."



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