



## No ordinary joe

### The jive on java in Lincoln

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The answer is: One of the most popular places for college students to congregate.

What is a coffee house?

Actually, coffee houses appeal to all ages—from high-school kids to retired folks, espressos, lattes and mochas have become the beverages of choice in recent years.

It's important to know where to catch an iced latte and a biscotti while cramming for a mid-term, so we present a brief guide to the various coffee houses in Lincoln, and their magnificent mochas, luscious lattes or exquisite espressos.

#### Bagels and Joe

1339 O St. and 4701 Old Cheney

HOURS: (Old Cheney location) 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends. (Downtown location) 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends.

PRICES: 69 to 99 cents for a cup of joe, \$1.29 for an espresso.

VARIETY: About a dozen beans (four brewed and ready), four kinds of tea.

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE: Up to 20 kinds of bagels, kid-sized bagels, bagel sandwiches.

OTHER STUFF: Downtown location located inside Twisters for music shopping, while Old Cheney location is near a laundromat, decor makes one think of 1950s.

#### The Bakery

located inside the Nebraska Union

HOURS: Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., closed on weekends.

PRICES: 65 to 79 cents for coffee (refill cups are available); and 99 cents for an espresso (70 cents extra for a double espresso).

VARIETY: Only one flavor of gourmet coffee

available daily, and is available in either regular or decaf, five kinds of tea.

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE: Sandwiches, bakery items, bottled Coke and Pepsi products, Pepsi on tap, popcorn, Snapple.

OTHER STUFF: Until it moves back into its renovated corner spot, the center-of-the-Union location makes it very handy.

#### The Cafe

located in Barnes and Noble, 5140 O St.  
HOURS: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., the same as Barnes and Noble

PRICES: A buck for coffee (first refill free), \$1.25 for an espresso (double pull).

VARIETY: Just the house blend, both decaf and regular, but also around 20 varieties of flavored syrups to add for flavor; several kinds of tea available as well.

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE: Tasty treats brought in by Molan Bakery, Brownbaggers and The Cookie Company; sandwiches and soups.

OTHER STUFF: Games (Scrabble, Uno, chess and checkers), daily newspapers available within The Cafe, you can bring in something from the shelves while you sip your espresso, or carry your cappuccino to the stacks.

#### the cafe

located in Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery  
HOURS: Tuesday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PRICES: \$1.25 to \$2.00 for an espresso, 80 cents for coffee.

VARIETY: Six kinds of tea, Columbian coffee (hot or iced).

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE: Salads, quiche, homemade bagels and biscotti.

OTHER STUFF: Indoor and outdoor seating.

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## Meatless meals delight patrons of Milford cafe

By **Albert Schmid**  
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When people think about opening a restaurant, they take many things into consideration, the three most important being location, location and location.

So, with that in mind, who would choose to open a vegetarian place in a small Nebraska farm town?

That's exactly what Terry Torrez, a vegetarian of 13 years, did at the Flamingo Cafe, 518 First St., in Milford, the town's only table-service restaurant.

Even though more than a few eyebrows were raised, Torrez insists that Milford is the most logical place for a non-meat eatery. In her window hangs a sign: "Support your local soybean farmer, eat vegetarian."

Torrez does admit however that 50 percent of her business comes from

outside Milford.

"Even though I am surrounded by soybean farmers, they can't fathom eating them," she says.

As the name suggests, the 50-seat cafe has a 1950s theme with pictures of Elvis, Roy Rogers and James Dean on the walls. The tables, chairs and plates are also from the same era making the customers' flashback complete.

The menu reads like one from any, soda shop, offering hamburgers, hot dogs, chili dogs, grilled cheese, Rubeen, chicken sandwiches, a club sandwich and several variations, all, of course, without meat—just meat substitutes. The menu also features several vegan (pronounced VEE-gon) items for the truly strict vegetarian. Other menu items include nachos, assorted pies and non-dairy ice cream.

No sandwich item is more than \$3.50.

The cafe also features a full line of shakes, malts and sodas, made with or without dairy products, for the customers' delight.

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## Network buyouts cause concerns

By **Jeff Randall**  
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First of all, don't panic — Dave Letterman isn't going anywhere.

But with the recent corporate buyouts of both ABC (purchased by Disney) and CBS (purchased by Westinghouse), people across the country have been wondering what the new network ownership will mean to their favorite television shows.

And in Lincoln and Omaha, affiliates of these networks have been left to wonder what the future will hold, as well.

Paul Tranisi, director of marketing and promotion for ABC affiliate KETV in Omaha, said the buyout announcement came as a bit of a surprise.

"There are always rumors about that sort of thing. Who really knows what's going on in the upper levels of the business world?" Tranisi said. "But we've always waited for an actual confirmation or event to believe any of the rumors."

### Local affiliates left to adjust, look to future

Howard Kennedy, general manager for KMTV in Omaha, had a bit of inside information on the pending buyout because of his membership on the CBS affiliate advisory panel. But Kennedy said he had suspected something would happen before any actual confirmation was made by the network.

"If you're in a business and you're paying attention, you can usually get some indications that something is about to go down," Kennedy said.

At KOLN-TV (Channels 10/11) in Lincoln, general manager Frank Jonas said reaction to the CBS buyout was minimal.

"It hasn't made any waves," Jonas said.

Although the exact effects of the buyouts will not be known for a considerable amount of time, representatives at all of the affiliates felt confident about their futures.

Disney's ownership of ABC most likely will provide a number of potential sources of entertainment and information for both the network and viewers, Tranisi said.

That increased selection hopefully would increase the quality, variety and availability of entertainment and make it available to larger audiences, Kennedy said.

Kennedy said he foresaw no plans for programming changes or expansion, but he is certain the network's buyout will be positive for all involved.

"Westinghouse has historically been a fine broadcasting corporation," he said, "and we see no reason why that tradition won't continue to get even better."

That sentiment was echoed by Jonas, who said changes at Lincoln's affiliate were not likely.

"I've worked at stations where buyouts of networks have happened before," he said, "and there really have never been any major changes in my past experiences."