

## Bar opens near stadium

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-flow crowd will have a place to go, and customers won't have to stand in line any longer, she said.

Barry's owner Mike Webb said he was confident the bar would retain its reputation as the "place to be" before football games.

"I don't think that will change," he said. "No, we're happy guys."

Smith said she has done business before with the owner of the Denny's building. Their brainstorming for a way to turn the empty building into a profit-maker blossomed into the idea for a beer garden.

On Saturday, Smith said, Lincoln radio station KKNB-FM, (104.1) will broadcast live from the site. There will be a food court with Runzas, hamburgers, corn dogs and nachos. And, of course, they'll have beer, Bloody Marys and mixed drinks both indoors and outside.

Some may question whether the ambiance of an old Denny's will get fans pumped up before a game.

Smith said they doctored up the building and the parking lot, which seats about 450 people. Beer companies have donated football paraphernalia and signs, an outdoor-seating section has been fenced off, and a coat of red paint has been slapped on. But the thing that will attract people to the 50 Yard Bar is probably the location, Smith said.

"We can provide a real safe passage to the stadium, because they can walk under the viaduct instead of having to cross 10th Street," Smith said.

Iguana's owners aren't worried about keeping crazed fans from getting drunk and disorderly, Smith said.

"We don't have a problem shutting people off because we've owned Iguana's for so long," Smith said.

## Memorial Stadium goes smoke free

BY DARREN IVY  
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Fans heading to Memorial Stadium to watch the Cornhuskers strive for a third consecutive national championship will have cleaner air to breathe and a clearer enforcement of the same rules that have been established in the past.

Old rules that will be more strictly enforced include the bans on alcoholic beverages on all campus property and on umbrellas, coolers and backpacks in the stadium.

A new interpretation of the no-smoking rule and additional medical help outside the stadium also will be noticeable changes in and around Memorial Stadium this year.

"We had a number of complaints about people who were smoking in non-smoking areas so we decided it was time to change our policy," said Butch Hug, director of events.

The new smoking policy states that smoking will be prohibited inside Memorial Stadium. Previously, the stadium had designated smoking areas. People who smoke outside of the stadium will be allowed readmission as long as they have their ticket stubs.

Hug said people who disobeyed this rule would be reminded of the rule and then asked to smoke outside the stadium.

And where there's smoke this year, there also will be the Lincoln Fire Department.

Outside the stadium, the Lincoln Fire Department will be testing out their new Medi-bike patrols. A paramedic and an emergency medical technician will patrol the campus and downtown areas near the stadium Saturday on bikes equipped with medical supplies.

Jim Bopp, fire department paramedic, said the department started the Medi-bike patrol because it would be too difficult to get a fire engine through the crowds on game days.

## Rally aims to motivate, inspire women voters

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More than 20 Nebraska women's groups will come together this weekend to motivate women voters for the Nov. 5 election, which they fear could mark record-low showings at the polls.

Only 45 percent of eligible women voters turned out for the 1992 presidential election, and 16 million fewer women voted in 1994 mid-term elections.

In response to the dwindling turnout, the Nebraska Women Vote '96 Coalition will kick off its statewide campaign "Women — Take Charge of Your Power — Vote!" at 9 a.m. Saturday on the north steps of the State Capitol.

Scheduled speakers include Lt. Gov. Kim Robak, former Lincoln Mayor Helen Boosalis, Lincoln City Councilwoman Coleen Seng, Omaha City Councilwoman Brenda Council and Lincoln activist Pat Lahr Smith.

Bonnie Coffey, executive director of the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, which helps sponsor the event, said Saturday's campaign was an important effort to improve poor voter turnout.

"My goal is to have every woman of voting age in Lancaster county and the state of Nebraska register and vote," Coffey said.

Statistics from the Vote '96 national headquarters in Washington estimate 54 million American women did not vote in 1994.

Nebraska ranked a distant 27th among states in the percentage of women voters over the last three presidential elections, she said.

"Women are fed up with politics and are convinced that their votes don't count," Coffey said. "Women have no idea they have the power to make a difference between an election's winners and losers."

Participants in Saturday's rally said they intend to reverse the fallacy of the powerless woman voter.

This year marks the 76th anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States. On Aug. 2, 1919, Nebraska was the 14th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote.

State Sen. LaVon Crosby of Lincoln, who is scheduled to speak at the kick off, said voting was a "precious privilege."

"It doesn't seem intelligent to me not to vote," she said.

Crosby's mother-in-law received a bachelor's degree from UNL in 1908 and had two children before she was given the right to vote, Crosby said.

"Women could do anything (in 1908), but they could not say who was elected," she said.

Women today must seize the power to vote and thank the women who left the legacy of the right to vote, she said.

Joni Gray, executive director of the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women, said current statistics show that neither men nor women are seizing the voting power and overall voting participation is declining nationwide.

In 1968, 63 percent of the eligible population voted in the presidential election, opposed to 55 percent in the 1992 election.

Women ages 18 to 24 historically have the lowest voter turnout, Gray said. Only 22 percent of those eligible actually vote.

Gray said women need to be aware of the statistics if they want them to improve.

The Nebraska campaign also coordinates with a nationwide Women's Vote Project '96.

Both projects are nonprofit, nonpartisan, noncandidate efforts that include media message and voter registration campaigns.



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