



More than movies

Lincoln has much to offer in the way of entertainment besides bars and age-restricted clubs. For more information on any of these activities, call the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau at 434-5335.

Bowling Alleys

Gateway Bowl: 333 N. Cotner St. (464-5951)
 Hollywood Bowl: 920 N. 48th St. (466-1911)
 Madsen's Bowling and Billiards: 4700 Dudley St. (467-3249)
 Parkway Lanes: 2555 S. 48th St. (483-7763)
 Sun Valley Lanes: 321 Apple Creek Rd. (475-3469)

Coffee Shops

Coffee Culture: 1311 O St. (438-8456)
 The Coffee House: 1324 P St. (477-6611)
 The Mill: 800 P St. (475-5522)

Concert Venues and Dance Clubs

Guitars and Cadillacs: 5400 O St. (464-1100)
 Hangar 18: 1118 O St. (435-1818)
 Knickerbockers Bar and Grill: 901 O St. (476-6865)
 Pershing Municipal Auditorium: 226 Centennial Mall South (441-7500)
 Pla-Mor Ballroom: 6600 W. O St. (475-4030)
 The Q: 226 S. Ninth St. (475-2269)
 The Royal Grove Nite Club: 340 W. Cornhusker Hwy. (474-2332)
 Temptations: 1600 O St. (477-3888)
 UNL Culture Center: 333 N. 14th St.

Fine and Performing Arts

The Futz Theatre: 124 S. Ninth St. (435-6307)
 Lied Center For Performing Arts: 301 N. 12th St. (472-4747)
 Lincoln Community Playhouse: 2500 S. 56th (489-7529)
 Nebraska Repertory Theatre (Howell and Studio Theatres): 12th and R streets- Temple Bldg. (472-2073)
 The Star City Dinner Theatre and Comedy Cabaret: Eighth and Q St. (477-8277)
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Theatre Arts and Dance: 12th and R streets- Temple Bldg. (472-2073)
 The Wagon Train Project: 512 S. Seventh St. (435-7776)

Games and Other Amusement Places

Adventure Golf Center: 56th and Old Cheney Road (421-2254)
 Big John's Billiards: 399 Sun Valley Blvd. (474-3545)
 Champions Fun Center: 15th and Cornhuskers Hwy. (438-2769)
 CJ's Paintball Adventures: 1326 S. 33 St. (438-2769)
 Holiday Skate World and Family Fun Center: 710 Hill St. (474-3866)
 Lazer Quest: 6802 P St. (465-5522)
 W C Frank Family Amusement Center: 220 N. 66th St. (467-6289)



SCOTT MCCLURG/DN

CHAMPIONS FUN CENTER manager Scott Bethune practices his putting skills on the miniature golf course. Champions also offers go-carts, bumper boats as well as arcade games.

Minors seek out hot spots

Activities abound for students under 21

By JIM ZAVODNY
 Staff Reporter

It's another weekend in the Lincoln, and as your 21- and-over friends make plans to hit the bars for an evening of drunken idiocy, you're stuck with nothing to do.

Believe it or not, there are other things to do in Lincoln besides consuming gallons of alcohol and watching the Huskers kick butt in football.

Polly McMullen, president of the Downtown Lincoln Association, can tell you about the different things going on in the downtown area that don't involve drinking.

"I think that downtown Lincoln is becoming an entertainment center for the community. It has the largest concentration of restaurants and movie theaters and also a number of interesting arts and cultural activities," McMullen said.

For example, one could spend an evening at one of Lincoln's many performing arts theaters, McMullen said.

"The Wagon Train Project is one of the more cutting edge arts groups. They are very much focused on newer forms, like dance, drama and music, which have an appeal to a younger crowd," she said.

And don't forget the fossil exhibits at the University of Nebraska State Museum in Morrill Hall. In addition to owning the world's largest fossil elephant, Morrill Hall holds rock 'n' roll laser light shows and astronomical

demonstrations in the Ralph Mueller Planetarium.

The Royal Grove Nite Club and Guitars and Cadillacs are unique because they mix live entertainment with dancing. Guitars and Cadillacs allows a 19-and-over crowd in on Thursday for their "Retro Night" of dancing, and on Saturday nights for concerts, which on Saturday are not country bands.

At the Royal Grove, there is live rock n' roll music after 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, but most of their shows are either 19-or 21-and-over.

Hangar 18 may be the most under-appreciated dance club in Lincoln, though The Q may argue that they hold that title. Both promote all-night dance affairs for their patrons, but unfortunately, there is always a 19-and-over restriction at the Hangar 18, and Tuesday nights are usually the only day minors are allowed to enter The Q. Hangar 18's DJs are play old school hip-hop, techno and popular dance music and also help promote all-ages rave parties in local warehouses. The Q plays "progressive dance music," and can be described as the club for people with "alternative" lifestyles.

Perhaps the best all-ages concert and dance venue in Lincoln is the Pla-Mor Ballroom, located five miles west of downtown Lincoln on O street. Their shows are geared towards people who like country music, and almost all of their events are for all ages.

Even though Folsom's Children's

Zoo & Botanical Gardens has the word "Children's" included in the title, don't let the name fool you, said Sandi Witkowitz, deputy director of the Lincoln Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

"(The zoo) is still a very interesting place for people of all ages because of the beauty of the Botanical Gardens and its relaxing atmosphere," Witkowitz said.

"Over the last year they have expanded the total zoo area, and over a third of the more than 300 animals inside are on the threatened or endangered species list."

The kid inside all of us still likes to play games now and then, and you won't have any trouble finding this type of entertainment in Lincoln with five different bowling alleys and a number of other places that offer all-ages fun. Witkowitz said that the go-karts at Champions Fun Center and the laser tag at Lazer Quest are popular attractions. And there's always miniature golf at the Adventure Golf Center.

Witkowitz said activities are located close to campus, so even if students didn't own cars, they can still do things. These are both bonuses, but she gave an even better reason for wanting to live in the Lincoln.

"I think the fact that Lincoln is a family-oriented city and is safe is very important, and maybe a college student doesn't think about things like that," Witkowitz said. "But knowing that you can walk back from downtown to the campus without having to worry about being attacked is very reassuring."

Listeners find variety on local dial

By JEFF RANDALL
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It's on 24 hours a day. It's free. It's radio.

And even though most of the time, turning on the radio is like gambling with your recreational time, informed gamblers can find stations worthy of their ears.

Close to home, KRNU (90.3 FM) is run by students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Offering a virtual grab-bag of musical selections ranging from acapella glee clubs to lo-fi rock to hip-hop, KRNU is commercial-free radio that gives Lincoln listeners a chance to hear music they normally wouldn't hear on other stations.

Continuing in the realm of eclecticism, KZUM (89.3 FM) is a community-run station that features diverse shows covering jazz, R&B, world music, country and countless other genres. The station also features talk shows and news programs.

The remainder of Lincoln's radio stations is pretty much a genre-specific lineup.

Classic rock and country fans are in hog's heaven, as most of the dial is dominated by the two big C's of the music industry.

KIBZ (106.3 FM) is a staple of many Lincolnites' radio diet, offering up enough Aerosmith, Creedence Clearwater Revival and "get the Led out" nuggets to satisfy even the most ravenous rock appetite. Other such stations include The Eagle (92.9 FM) and the Fox (101.9 FM).

On the twangy side, country music is served up by Froggy (98.1 FM) and KZKX (96.1 FM).

The recent demise of the Edge (which was replaced by the Fox) left many local listeners lamenting the demise of "alternative rock" in Lincoln. To fill the void, stations such as KKNB (104.1 FM) and KFRX (102.7 FM) have picked up some of the scraps, playing occasional modern-rock numbers by artists such as Natalie Imbruglia and Smashing Pumpkins. KFRX also throws out the ear candy, with teen-rock hit-makers such as Hanson, Backstreet Boys and the Spice Girls.

And for fans of old-school rock and soul, the radio can be a user-friendly tool. KOOL (105.3 FM) and Omaha-based station KGOR (99.9 FM) give somewhat comparable mixes of Top 40 hits from the '70s on back. KOOL earns extra points for hitting on some lesser-played songs by artists such as Sam Cooke and Otis Redding, to name a few.