

Tempe preparing for NU

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Matthew Schroll, kitchen manager at Bilo's Café and Underground Bar, said people can "stumble in" there until 1 a.m.

"This place will be kickin'," Schroll said. "The game gets out, and this place gets flooded."

Schroll said live jazz starts around 8:30 p.m. every night, and that the place is always crowded.

"It's a party here every night regardless," he said.

Bilo's is two blocks from the Stadium at 501 S. Mill Ave.

Other restaurants and bars will be offering special promotions for the Fiesta Bowl.

Jeff Pittman, general manager of Macayo's Depot Cantina, said he wasn't sure what his promotion would be yet, but that it would probably involve Killian's Red beer and Cuervo Gold tequila.

Pittman said Macayo's is a popular hang-out spot after Arizona State University football games.

"On Friday nights, this is the hottest happy hour in Tempe," he said.

"We've got a huge patio with a bar, two beer tubs, two fireplaces and heaters outside."

Patty St. Vincent, owner of Kasey

Moore's Oyster House, said her bar is rated number one among college students.

St. Vincent said she always has special promotions for the Fiesta Bowl, but doesn't know exactly what she will do this year yet.

Kasey Moore's has 28 beers on tap, St. Vincent said, and it usually has girls from different liquor companies come to the bar to promote the Fiesta Bowl.

The festivities start in the morning and last all day, she said.

In fact, a lot of fans park at Kasey Moore's, eat lunch there and then walk to the stadium.

The Oyster House is located at 850 S. Ash Ave., and has been around since 1910.

St. Vincent said she remembers what it was like the last time Nebraska came to the Fiesta Bowl in 1996.

"It was just crazy," she said. "There's a lot of support for Nebraska in this town. They kind of have their own following, and they definitely do this year, too."

The local restaurant owners aren't the only people preparing specials for Fiesta Bowl fans.

John Junker, the Fiesta Bowl's chief director, said Husker fans can expect to ring in the new millennium in style.

"We're going to have a huge block party in downtown Tempe on New Year's Eve," he said. "Sugar Ray and Billy Idol will be there. If people are coming all the way to see our bowl game, we need to reward them with a first-rate millennium party."

Junker said fans can expect temperatures to be in the 70s and 80s in the day, but a jacket would be handy in the evening.

"People can sit around the fire at night and the pool in the day," he said.

Aside from the temperatures, Junker said, the Valley of the Sun lights up particularly brightly when Husker fans roll into town.

"Nebraska fans just bring a certain aura with them," he said. "They love their teams, and it shows. They really travel well, and we love to see them come here."

In the mid-1970s, Nebraska accepted an invitation to play in the Fiesta Bowl, which was a rather insignificant bowl at the time, Junker said. Their appearance that year helped propel the Fiesta Bowl to become one of the elite bowls in the country.

"We owe an awful lot to Nebraska," Junker said. "So each time they come, we feel like we need to pull out all the stops and put out the red carpet to welcome the Big Red."

East O vote faces delay

By SARAH FOX
Staff writer

City Council

Christmas shoppers only have to battle holiday traffic at Gateway Mall once a year.

But in 10 to 15 years, normal traffic on East O Street could be like holiday traffic every day, according to supporters of a measure that would widen the main thoroughfare.

The City Council could have authorized plans today that would have widened East O Street to three lanes each way from 52nd Street to Wedgewood Drive.

The council will probably delay a vote on the plans until January, said Coleen Seng, council chairwoman.

"There's a lot of controversy right now, and I think the director of public works wants to work with some of the businesses," Seng said.

The East O Street project is controversial because some businesses along the 1.3 miles of East O Street have said they would lose accessibility.

East O Street would lose left-turn lanes from Cotner Boulevard to 56th Street, and 19 driveways onto East O Street would be closed.

Construction of the \$15.2 million project would start in 2002 and last for two years. It would be paid for by Gateway Mall, the city of Lincoln and federal funds.

"I would be highly against it," said Don Pleas, manager of Amigos near 56th and O streets. "The accessibility would be extremely bad."

Amigos is near 56th Street, which would become one-way only going south in the plan. Cotner Boulevard would be one-way going north.

Pleas said the one-way streets would make entering his restaurant difficult.

"People will come to your establishment if they like (it), but if it's too much work, they won't come," Pleas said. "The world is based on convenience. That's why drive-thrus are so popular."

Pleas said he would also lose five parking spaces.

Making Cotner Boulevard and 56th Street one-way was the best solution because the intersections are too close together for good left-turn lanes, said

Linda Weaver Beacham, deputy vice president of The Schemmer Associates Inc. Schemmer was hired by the city of Lincoln to design the project.

The construction is needed because East O Street is used by more cars than it was designed for, Beacham said.

East O Street was designed in 1971 for 24,000 vehicles a day, Beacham said. By 2022, about 44,000 cars and trucks would use East O Street each day.

"It would look like Christmas traffic," Beacham said. "People will start seeing (using O Street) as a negative."

Charlie Coloñ lives in the Eastridge neighborhood south of East O Street.

"If we wait five or 10 years, the congestion will be horrible," Coloñ said. "There are a lot of people who don't drive on O Street right now because of the congestion."

Coloñ works for The Gallup Organization and has collected data for businesses.

He said O Street businesses may worry about losing sales because of the construction, but good customer service

"To say we could build something that wouldn't affect anyone adversely can't be done."

ALLAN ABBOTT
director of public works and utilities

was more important than accessibility.

"I can have access all day to your business, but if you don't provide good customer service, I will never go there," he said.

The city will keep trying to work with the O Street businesses, said Allan Abbott, director of public works and utilities for the city of Lincoln.


Abbott said whatever plan is used will upset some people.

However, he said he thought most O Street businesses would be OK.

"I don't see this project putting businesses out of business because they are very viable," he said.


CORRECTION

It has come to the attention of the Daily Nebraskan that portions of Thursday's column by Josh Moenning were plagiarized from The Associated Press. Moenning was fired Friday, in accordance with Daily Nebraskan Editorial Policy.



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