

Students question food service delay in residence halls

By Sandy Mohr

It was a double whammy. Freshman Dory DeVall of Presque Isle, Maine moved into Neidhardt Resident Center Wednesday and found out food service wouldn't start until Monday.

Then she had problems cashing an out-of-state check to pay for meals.

Although DeVall's case may not be typical, some students wish the residence halls would start serving meals the Wednesday before classes start, the day they open.

DeVall came to school early to go through general registration, which also started Wednesday.

Two freshmen in Selleck Quadrangle, Jeff Thurman and Randy Cherry, had to arrive early for track practice. The men's swim, wrestling and gymnastics teams also were scheduled to practice before the start of classes. The men's basketball team practiced throughout vacation.

The women's basketball and gymnastics teams also had vacation practices.

About seven years ago, meals were served in residence halls as soon as they opened, said Doug Rix, assistant director of housing and food service. But attendance was so low that the policy was discontinued, he said.

If the halls furnished meals those few days before school, it would "save money in my pocketbook," freshman Anne Albin said. Two other freshmen hunting for vending machines in Neidhardt said they thought the additional meals might raise their housing bills.

If the residence halls served meals it likely would be at straight guest meal prices, Rix said, which are \$1.35 for breakfast, \$2 for lunch and \$2.50 for dinner.



Photo by Teresa Delich

Vending machines in the basement of Smith Hall on Friday fed hungry students because the residence hall's food service did not begin operations until today.

In fall, the Selleck cafeteria opens the same time as the residence halls, but students are charged guest meal prices because many freshmen arrive early.

He added that the Nebraska Union is open during this period, and prices are comparable to what would be charged in the residence halls.

Some student housing remains open throughout vacation. The four campus cooperatives do not close, but there may be an extra charge to stay.

Students who move into the Cornhusker Coop before

Sunday are charged \$1 per day, according to Al Demmel, Cornhusker Coop president. No meals are served before Monday, he said.

The Greek houses on campus have no set policy about vacation opening and closing.

"Openings are established by each house on the basis of the budgetary process for the entire year," Jayne Anderson, coordinator of sororities, fraternities and cooperatives, said.

Student's trial slated for today

UNL student Ronnie (Ship) Smith will be tried today on charges stemming from his alleged involvement in an Oct. 15 incident in Nebraska Union.

Smith allegedly interfered with Campus Police Officer Ronald Lundy's arrest of UNL student Regina Edington during a scuffle.

Edington, who is charged with two misdemeanor counts of assault and battery, will be tried Wednesday, according to Jeanne Thorough, Edington's attorney.

A hearing occurred last Friday to determine if charges against Smith were a violation of his probation, which states Smith may not be involved in any illegal acts.

Lundy and fellow Officer Jeff Sneller both testified that Smith hit Lundy on the back of his right shoulder and tried to pull him away from Edington.

District Court Judge Dale Fahrbruch delayed a decision on the probation hearing until the outcome of today's trial. Fahrbruch said a guilty verdict would mean revocation of Smith's probation. If Smith is found innocent, another probation hearing will be set, he said.

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