

# Store owner doubts metric conversion profitable

Despite claims to the contrary, a Lincoln liquor store owner said she believes liquor distillers will not make a large profit

when bottle sizes are converted to the metric system. Ann Scott, owner of the Husker Bottle

Shop, 330 N. 48th St., said distillers may, in fact, lose money because of the conversion.

It has been reported that the consumer loses money because the new metric measure bottles are smaller, but cost the same as the equivalent size bottles currently sold.

Scott said she didn't have any concrete figures to back her, but speculated that distillers will not make a heavy profit because of the costs incurred by changing the system to metrics.

New bottles, labels and equipment are needed for the conversion, she said.

"It's going to cost them a bundle to change over," she added.

Scott agreed with reports that retailers will not make any extra profit from the change. She said if distillers raise the prices for bottles which contain more, the retailers have to raise their prices to stay in business.

She emphasized that she had not sold any metric bottle liquor, so she was just speculating about the costs and profits.

Six standardized sizes will be on sale after the Jan. 1 changeover, Scott said.

They are: a 50 milliliter bottle, equal to 1.7 fluid ounces, closest to the 1.6 ounce miniatures sold on airplanes; a 200 milliliter bottle, equal to 6.8 ounces which is closest to the 8-ounce half-pint; a 500 milliliter bottle, equal to 16.9 ounces and closest to the 16-ounce pint, a 750 milliliter bottle, which is 25.4 ounces, closest to a fifth, which is 25.6 ounces; a one liter bottle, equal to 33.8 ounces, closest to a 32-ounce quart; and a 1.75 liter bottle, equal to 59.2 ounces, closest to a 64-ounce one-half gallon.

Five Lincoln liquor stores said they have not received any metric system bottles.

A clerk at the 27th and "O" Liquor Store said he expected a shipment of metric bottle liquor next week.

Scott said she did not know when she would sell the metric bottles, but there is a Jan. 1 deadline when all stores must be selling the metric bottles.

However, Scott said, store owners will be able to sell out their present stock without penalty.

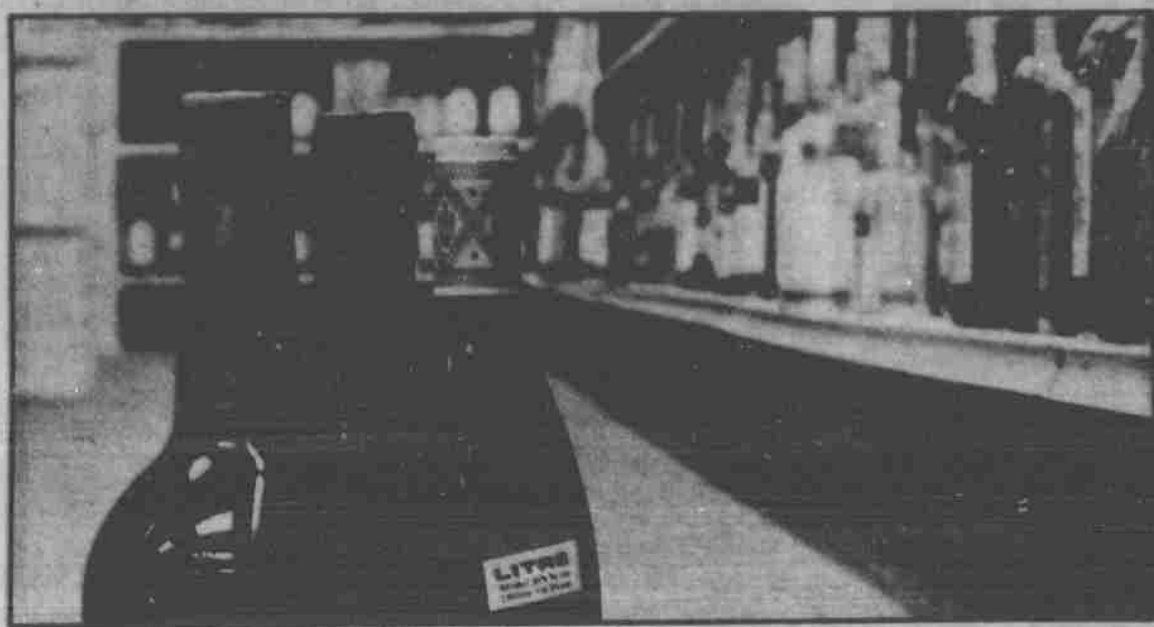


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Metric conversion is just around the corner for liquor bottles as a changeover is scheduled for Jan. 1.

# Development office out to solve student problems

By Deb Bockhahn

This is the last of a three-part series on the student affairs office. This article deals with the offices of student development and multi-cultural affairs. Other offices within student affairs are housing, academic services, unions and the University Health Center.

Dean of Student Development Jack Baier has advice for students who have gone to many UNL offices "in search of the persons to talk to to solve their problems."

"Somewhere in the university there is a person or agency that can help students with any problems they might have, and we'll see to it that they're referred to the right place," Baier said.

"Some students only know of student development because we block their registration if they owe the university money," Baier added. "But we do a lot more for them, too."

The student development office contacts about 4,000 students each semester who have delinquent library fines and tuition. If the students have financial problems, student development helps them find ways to pay their debts, Baier said.

Student development also heads the scholarships and financial aids office. It provides students with work-study programs, off-campus jobs and student assistant positions.

More students each year apply for loans through the financial aids office. Baier said he is working on alternative financial aids services for students such as a food stamp program and more grants.

The student development services office suffers from a lack of students, according to Baier.

"None of our offices are overburdened and most of our problems are a lack of students," he said. "We have a lot of services that are available to any student."

Career planning and placement is another department of the student development office. The placement center, Nebraska Union 230, provides students with information and services to secure placement. Credential files and a resource center also are available in the office.

Student development also operated the Counseling Center, Seaton Hall, 1316, which provides students with psychological advising and life planning workshops.

For students who are confused about what vocation they should choose, the center gives vocational interest and personality tests.

### Jobs sponsored

Student development also controls the Center for Students and Organizations, Union 200. The center sponsors volunteer and community-related jobs for about 400 students a semester.

International Educational Services (IES) also are offered through student development. IES provides orientation programs and helps foreign students with immigration requirements before coming to UNL.

"But students aren't forgotten once they get here," Baier said. "First we try to break the language barrier and then get students involved with clubs and organizations."

A newsletter is published and banquets and confer-

ences are offered for all foreign students to become acquainted with university procedures.

The multi-cultural affairs office is another department of the student development office.

Multi-cultural affairs provides services to students experiencing cultural, educational or financial difficulties. Cultural affairs gives financial aid to low-income white and ethnic minority students.

### Action taken

"We want to give these students a positive learning experience," said Jimmie Smith, multi-cultural affairs director. "We take direct action if students don't receive the same services as other students."

Multi-cultural affairs also promotes interest in ethnic curriculum, according to Smith. The staff occasionally meets with college deans and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ron Gierhan in the Minority Roundtable. This group reviews problems of minority students in various colleges.

Although the office is aimed at helping the ethnic minority students, "we will work with any student as long as they show the need," he said.

Smith said the number of ethnic students who are employed at UNL has been increasing.

"I would like to see every department in the university employ ethnic minority persons, and it has not occurred to my knowledge," Smith added. "There are a lot of minority persons employed in our office, and I'd like other offices to realize our goal."

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