

Board plans Crib changes

Survey supports a need for Crib

By Janet Fix

The North Crib in the Nebraska Union provides an important service for many students and should continue to operate but some changes need to be made, according to many of the 695 persons who responded to a North Crib Customer Survey.

The survey was conducted by the Nebraska Union Advisory Board, seeking input on possible improvements in the North Crib's operation.

The survey committee presented some recommendations on Crib changes or improvement to the Union Board at its 6:30 Wednesday meeting.

The Crib's future has been the subject of some controversy for the Union Board. During the past three or four years sales volume in the Crib has decreased, according to Al Bennett, union director.

"The present volume in the Crib is about \$100,000 and that is considerably less than the \$200,000 volume the Crib had five years ago," Bennett added.

Burke Hinds, in charge of the survey, said the results of the survey indicate the Crib will undoubtedly continue to operate but some long range changes will probably be made.

Option

Bennett said closing the Crib had appeared to be one option "but now it does not seem to be a viable option."

Bennett agreed the Crib will probably continue to operate "something akin to what it is presently operating for about one year."

The survey was distributed to Crib users and reported that the largest number of students (53 per cent) responding to the survey were juniors and seniors. Eighty-five per cent of the Crib users also live off campus.

Hinds cited the Crib's lack of visibility for students as one reason for the decreasing volume. If students cannot see the Crib and what it offers, they are unlikely to use its service, he said.

The greatest number of responding students said they were satisfied with the Crib's service. Students responded that the Crib was in a convenient location and its service is reasonably fast. One quarter of the students said the

Crib's prices are comparative to other food service operations while 12 said prices were too high.

Hours same

Hinds said there will "most definitely be no change in operation hours for the Crib." The survey indicated that the Crib is used by many students during present operation hours.

Hinds said students offered many suggestions for improvement. Besides structural changes relating to room decor and increasing the Crib's visibility, students said the soft drink line needs to be redesigned to provide faster service during peak service hours. Students also said the Crib is not designed to accommodate the traffic and allow fast service through the exits by the cash registers.

Only 17 per cent of the respondents credited the Crib's "good food" as their reason for eating in the Crib. Hinds said this shows some discontent among many of the students with the quality and type of food offered in the Crib.

Students suggested that the Crib's menu be expanded to include more fresh fruits and diet foods. Hinds said there seems to be student interest for foods other than hamburgers and fries.

Two students also suggested the Crib not accept checks. They said students who write checks hold up lines at the cash registers. Several students also suggested that the Crib have both smoking and non-smoking areas designated as a convenience for students.

The Nebraska Union North Crib probably will be minus one juke box, a few walls but will have faster service sometime this summer as a result of recommendations made Wednesday night by the Union Advisory Board.

The recommendations are in response to student complaints and suggestions about the Crib's operation, obtained from a recent Union Board survey.

According to Dave Roehr, Union Board president, many students complained about the music and noise level of the Crib's juke box. Roehr said the Board plans to remove the juke box and replace it with an FM music system.

Another possibility, Roehr said, would be the addition of a theatre TV in the Crib's lounge. The theatre TV has not yet been approved by the Union Board or Union Director Al Bennett, Roehr said.

The Crib's lack of visibility to students contributes to its lack of business, he said. The Board recommended that the walls separating the Crib from the main lounge be removed. Glass partitions might replace the walls, he said. This would allow the Crib to be more visible to students, he added.

Recommendations also were made which would speed up service in the Crib and specifically the drink line. The drink line will be changed so that service will be faster during peak hours of use, according to Roehr.

The Board also recommended that the Crib adopt a no-check policy to increase speed in the check-out line.

As a response to student suggestions, a clock also will be placed in a prominent area in the Crib.

The recommendations will be presented to Bennett for approval and final recommendations and Crib changes will be subject to review and the approval of the summer Union Board.

Commencement to be 'traditional'

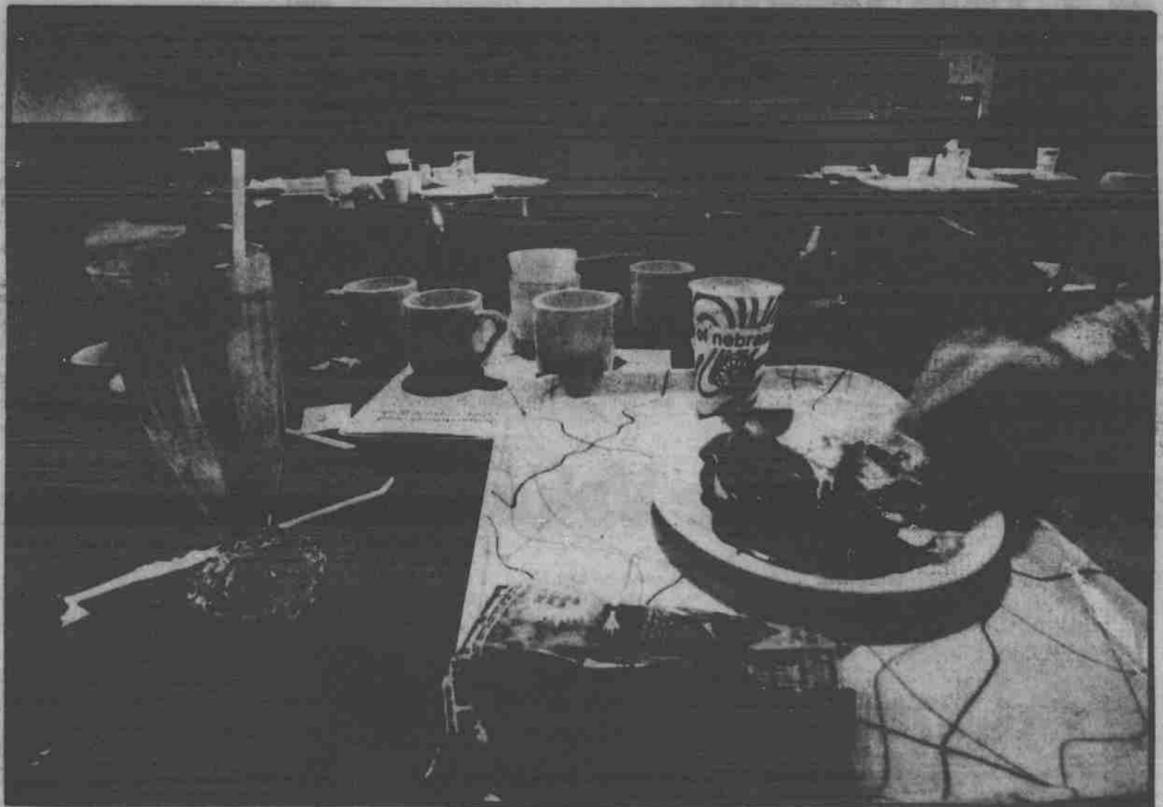
The UNL commencement ceremonies will be in the traditional form, according to Bob Sheldon, assistant director of University Information.

Commencement, which will be at 10 a.m. May 14 in the UNL sports complex, will honor 2,000 to 2,200 students receiving bachelor, masters and doctorate degrees.

Sheldon said 12,000 people are expected to attend the ceremony.

Three Nebraskans will receive Builders Awards. These awards, given since 1946, honor persons whose services have contributed to the building of Nebraska.

This year's recipients include Herbert Behlen, co-founder and long-time president of Behlen Manufacturing and Behlen-Wickes, Inc., of Canada, Gladys Forsyth, chairman of the board of First Federal Savings and Loan Association; and Maurice Hevelone, lawyer and past president of First Federal Savings and Loan Association.



A customer survey has indicated that the Crib in Nebraska Union is needed.

Photo by Ted Kirk

Parking fee objectors say Duve's figures conflict

By Scott Whitcomb

Various statements by UNL's parking and traffic coordinator about UNL's parking revenue seem to conflict according to some students objecting to next year's proposed \$40 to \$45 parking permit fee.

Ken Marienau, Selleck Residence Hall resident, said Wednesday that coordinator John Duve told Residence Hall Association (RHA) students and ASUN representatives April 14 that he suggested a \$40 to \$45 parking fee based on a 15 per cent annual inflation trend.

Marienau said Duve justified the price hike because of an expected \$403,000 needed next year to provide the same level of services as this year on a \$350,000 budget.

However, Duve told the *Daily Nebraskan* Wednesday that actual parking expenditures and revenue were \$385,000 last year.

Duve said although he cannot predict this year's revenue, it already has reached \$362,000.

"There are no items in his (Duve's) budget that come anywhere close to 15 per cent inflation," Marienau said. "He told us April 14 that \$350,000 was his maximum proposal. A \$385,000 revenue may be right, but that is not what he told us before."

The budget hike from \$385,000 to \$403,000 is 5.5 per cent—an inflationary rate the Nebraska Legislature suggested UNL plan for.

Duve said, "Our necessities will be based on a \$350,000 budget, because we don't know what our revenue from parking violations will be. Our budget last year was \$35,000 down from our actual expenditures.

"Our budget is open-ended. We can only spend what we take in. If we take in less than our budget then we will spend less," he said.

Duve said he has not submitted a formal budget to UNL Chancellor Roy Young, adding that many costs are "too variable to pin down."

RHA and ASUN representatives have filed complaints about the procedures surrounding the Chancellor's Parking Advisory Board meeting April 21, at which a \$35 parking fee was suggested for 1977-78, a \$10 increase from this year.

The appeal, led by Marienau and RHA members Bill Skoneki and Mike Gibson, concerns, among other complaints, the legality of a closed session meeting which Duve was allowed to attend although he is not a board member.

The Council on Student Life (CSL), which oversees student out-of-classroom activities, will hear the appeal tonight at its 7:30 meeting.

Marienau said he, Skoneki and Gibson have asked to see a formal parking budget several times but have been denied access to it.

He said he thinks that based on 5.5 per cent inflation, parking permits should only be raised to \$30.

Duve said although \$30 would "possibly provide less services" it would not be a significant decrease.

"Addressing the problems of energy, space and our budget, \$40 would be the safest level to increase fees to," Duve said.

He said with permit prices at \$30 or \$35, "we cannot provide anything more than existing services. If that is what people want, without money for additional parking spaces, then my job is easy.

"But if they turn around next year and complain to me about no place to park I will just tell them that it wasn't my decision," Duve said.

Duve said he would like to add 500 parking stalls a year to the existing 7,500 stalls. He said 10,000 permits were issued this year and as many as 15,000 cars are on campus at one time.

"It's just a matter of economics," Duve said. "The demand is greater than the supply. The economics is that if you raise the rates, your fighting chance will be better to find a parking space."

He said that in order to add 500 stalls a year, permit prices would have to be \$60, but he added that he realizes most students are not willing to pay that.

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