

# Separate check policies vary among local restaurants

By Denice Smee

Lincoln restaurant managers prefer one check for large parties, but most will separate checks if the customer requests it.

It usually does not matter to the restaurant managers or waitresses as long as you let them know while you are ordering.

Bill Beebout, day manager of Valentino's Pizza North, 3457 Holdrege St., said, "There is no reason not to give separate checks in the dining room. You just ask for it when you come in. However, we would like just one check for customers using the party room."

Linda Neal, a waitress at The Harvester Restaurant, 1501 Center Park Road, said she always asks for separate checks.

"It gets to be a hassle once in a while but we always do it," she said.

Paul Wilcoxon, manager of Lee's Restaurant, 1940 W. Van Dom St., said his customers are usually not asked if they want

separate checks unless it is a large party. **'Prefer one check'**

"We prefer one check if it's a large party because it takes a lot of time at the register, but otherwise, we will separate it," he said.

Barb Hull, hostess at Scott's Pancake Shoppe, 13th and L Streets, said their policy is to ask customers if they want separate checks.

Judy Westphalen, manager of Scott's, said, "If they want separate checks and it's put on one, it's really a mess."

Large parties create problems for restaurants if they want separate checks, according to several restaurant owners.

Pete Blankevoort, manager of Chestersfield Bottomsley & Potts Ltd., 245 N 13th St., said checks normally are separated at the register and "the only problems are when it is a large party like 21 people."

Mark Read, manager of The Boar's

Head, 200 N. 70th St., said, "If it is a large party, we ask if it can be put on one check to simplify it."

**Waitresses ask**

Joe Giesenhagen, manager of The Country Kitchen, 1603 W. O St., said his waitresses should ask how the customers want to pay when they order.

Carol McCants, a waitress at Perkins Cake & Steak, 2900 N.W. 12th St., said, "If it's a couple, we don't ask. But if it's like two men, then we would ask."

The manager of Denny's Restaurant No. 819, Bruce Fanshew, said his waitresses ask if separate checks are needed when there is a large party, but they will separate checks "any time the customer requests it."

University students do not seem to agree which is better—separate checks or one.

Pat Shurtliff, an electrical engineering major from Bellevue, said he usually asks

for separate checks or at least for his own bill to be put on a separate check.

**'Appropriate way'**

"A lot of people think it's kind of silly or don't know what to ask, but it's really the appropriate way to do it. I don't think it's any more work for the waitress to make separate checks," Shurtliff said.

A general agriculture major from McCook, Barb Meyers, agrees with Shurtliff.

"That way you don't have to argue over who had what. I think it's easier that way—though the waitress might want to kill you," Meyers said.

Steve Thomas, a civil engineering major from Omaha said, "We usually divide it up ourselves if it's my close friends."

"If I go out with someone I don't know too well, which wouldn't happen very often, then I want to get separate checks," Thomas said.

# Credit union may be open before tuition bills arrive

By Pat Gentzler

So your rent was due last week. And your car is in the shop. The electric company has threatened to turn off your lights, and the promise of upcoming tuition bills haunts you in your dreams. Help may be on the way.

A university credit union, sponsored by ASUN, should be in operation by the end of the month, said ASUN President Ken Marienau.

The emphasis of the credit union will be on small, short-term loans for students who often find themselves in a financial pinch. However, anyone associated with the university, including faculty members, staff, alumni or regents is eligible to join. An initial deposit of \$5 will be required for union membership.

"Our goal is to be operational before tuition is due," Marienau said.

"We're pretty well set up now," said John Kreuscher, ASUN treasurer. "We have

our own corporate charter."

**Insurance assured**

"Bonding will be coming through," Marienau said. The National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund has confirmed insurance for the credit union, according to Kreuscher.

A surprising amount of interest has been shown in the credit union, Kreuscher said, although there has been very little advertisement.

Some deposits already have been made, and several have requested loans, Marienau said. But before loans can be made, enough money has to be deposited with the union to cover the loans.

Marienau said money for loans might become available through the Office of Student Activities Finance Services, which holds the money for all student organizations. Miles Tommeraasen, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance, will make the final decision about taking money from student activities savings accounts and depositing it with the credit union.

"We're pretty confident that that will come through," Marienau said.

**Volunteers found**

ASUN advertised for part-time volunteers to operate the union in the College of Business Administration's *Update* newsletter. There have been plenty of volunteers so far, Marienau said, and many have experience with credit unions.

One volunteer has worked in a state employees' credit union and one in a teacher's credit union, Kreuscher said. Others with experience in banks and other financial establishments have volunteered, he said, as well as people wanting the experience.

All of the facilities necessary to operate the credit union out of the ASUN office have been donated by the Nebraska Union, Bursar and the Nebraska Credit Union League, Kreuscher said.

# UMHE hosting study on hunger

Food and world hunger will be the topic of study at a five-week program sponsored by Students in Community Action and the campus ministry of Commonplace.

The study, "Food, The World and You!", runs from Sept. 10-Oct. 8 at the Commonplace, 333 N. 14th St.

Although the study already has started, students, faculty, and the community still are welcome to join, according to Larry Doerr, campus minister of Commonplace.

The program, running every Sunday, starts with a light supper at 6 p.m. and the program follows at 6:45. The supper costs \$1.

According to Doerr, some students are conducting the study as part of an internship.

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