

Union Board rejects food service company's proposal

By Barb Richardson

Despite an A/R/A Slater food service representative's expressed desire to be flexible to student and university needs in a food program, the Union voted unanimously to reject the company's offer.

A decision has not been made yet as to whether the vacated position of executive food service manager will be filled by a professional or whether a private food service firm will take over Union food.

If a private firm, such as A/R/A Slater does not take over the Union's food service, the manager position may be filled by Larry Brandt, a food service professional

who is being considered for the position.

A/R/A Slater was asked by the Union Board to attend Wednesday's meeting to formally present their proposal and answer questions.

Jack O'Hare, A/R/A Slater representative, said if A/R/A takes over the Union's food service, they will be responsible for employees, buying food, setting prices, and direct supplies. He added that under the A/R/A proposal, Food and Nutrition students will be able to work as interns in the A/R/A kitchens as they do now.

O'Hare also said A/R/A would continue the agreement that the Union has with housing officials to feed East Campus residence hall students.

Under the A/R/A proposal the Union will be responsible for utilities, building maintenance, repair and replacement of equipment, trash and garbage removal, pest control, cleaning of blinds, drapes, light fixtures, walls, windows, and exhaust system, floors, and the initial inventory of china, glassware, and silverware.

Daryl Swanson, associate director of the Union and the East Union manager, said the only thing A/R/A Slater would be providing would be "raw food production, human resources, direct supplies, and management skills." He said that the Union would be responsible for everything else.

Under the A/R/A proposal, O'Hare pointed out that the Union would receive 7

percent of all sales. O'Hare estimated the Union would receive approximately \$94,000, based on current selling levels for the Union.

Swanson said because the Union would be providing A/R/A with so many services, the Union would lose about \$50,000 of the \$94,000 to repairs and maintenance.

Swanson, at the board's Feb. 7 meeting, said the Union staff strongly opposes A/R/A Slater's proposal.

The final decision of whether A/R/A Slater will be contracted will rest with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Richard Armstrong who is expected to make his decision by the end of this week.

LES study planned

Predicting the electrical load of the Lincoln Electric System during summer days is the subject of a UNL College of Engineering and Technology study.

Suri Vemuri, electrical engineering professor, will study the effects of the weather on electrical demands for LES.

"We want to try to establish a relationship between the system demand and weather variables," Vemuri said.

LES is financing the study with a \$10,346 grant. The study follows work done last summer on the electrical load behavior and analysis of demand, Vemuri said.

"Our concern is more on the summer load than the winter load," he said. Most of the homes and businesses in Lincoln are gas heated but use electricity for air conditioning.

By finding a relationship between the weather variables—temperature, humidity, wind speed, cloud cover and others—and the amount of electricity used, LES could predict the demand for electricity for each day, Vemuri said.

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