

# Director says restaurant will revive union budget

By Ward W. Triplett III

The Union Square, a unique college fast food operation, is set to open Jan. 6, said the Nebraska Union's food service director.

"The project has run under our budget, and we're very excited about its opening up," Ron Pushear, said. Pushear said the Union Square is a new concept in college food services, adding he would not be surprised to see many colleges coming in to see how the Union Square operates.

The Union Square is a renovation of what use to be the Crib, an alternative food service that served a variety of foods but tended to make little money. As part

of a plan to change service in the union, the Crib was closed last spring, and plans for the Union Square were given the go-ahead.

Seven months later, the Square looks as though much still needs to be done, but Pushear said the square should open close to the scheduled date. The iron that will be used to create an outside gate along the entrance hasn't arrived yet.

"We've run into a problem with the steel so we're telling people early January now," Pushear said. "We'd still like to say the sixth, but now we're kind of having to hold that off."

The concept behind the Union Square is to quicken the service, something the Crib ne-

ver did, Pushear said.

The square plans to serve the normal fast food fare, such as hamburgers and french fries, and will include the current menu of the Taco Crib as well.

Pushear said it will have a modern appearance.

Part of that appearance will be the false skylights inside, and the lighted menuboard behind the counter. The chairs will be similar in design to those owned by McDonald's so students will "not feel uncomfortable" with a totally new surrounding, Pushear said.

The square's construction will cost about \$106,000, including a new conveyor belt that will cost about \$40,160. The cost

of the food service equipment will be about \$81,000, including \$7,348 for a broiler. The broiler cooks both sides of a hamburger patty simultaneously, which will make for a more consistent hamburger and save time, Pushear said. Burger King is the only other Lincoln fast food service that uses the broiler, Pushear said.

Pushear, who came to UNL just last fall, guesses that the Union Square will make back the money spent on it within three years.

The Union Square will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. an increase of the Crib's working hours which were 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# Law grads placed despite hard times

By Susan MacDonald

Although the job outlook for UNL College of Law graduates is generally good, the impact of Reaganomics on job searches remains to be seen, according to an acting assistant dean of the college.

Janet Krause, placement coordinator for the law college, said that out of 143 graduates in last spring's class, 125 are now employed in the legal field.

Of that 125, Krause said 29 went into federal, state or local government work. With all of the government cut-backs now taking place, Krause said many government departments aren't adding on. This creates an uncertain future for those law students who wish to go into governmental work.

Private practice seems to attract more graduates. Fifty-six of last spring's graduates are in private practices, Krause said. She said students are not interested so much in the money that firms offer, as in the chance to practice law in a general sense.

Krause said starting salaries for lawyers are generally \$28,000 to \$32,000, although the figures vary depending on the region of the country. In New York, she said, the average starting salary is \$40,000, while in Lincoln it ranges from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Metropolitan areas pay more than rural areas, she said, but rural areas are in need of lawyers.

While it's been said that there is a glut of lawyers on the market, and the number of law school graduates is expected to be high throughout the 1980s, Krause said she doesn't hear that students are worried about finding a job.

"If anything, they worry about how to keep their grades up while going through the job hunt," she said. "Some aren't even looking yet."

UNL law school alumni can be important contacts for graduates who wish to practice in a certain region. If a student wishes to work in a particular city, Krause said, he or she is given a list of alumni who are practicing there. There may be an open position in the firm the alumnus is with, or they may know of a firm that does have an opening, Krause said.

Krause said UNL law students are competitive and achievement oriented, and she is confident the majority of them will succeed in getting a job.

"They will find employment, although it may not be exactly what they want. If times are hard for everyone these people will do as well as most," she said.


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