

Dairy Store offers variety on menu

In recent months, the UNL Dairy Store has added more items to its menu selection, according to manager Jill Gifford.

Gifford said several new items are being sold at the dairy store to add a little more variety to the menu.

"We now have nachos, floats, malts and shakes," she said. "We just recently started selling those."

She said that although business generally has been good, this September was a little slow.

"This has been an unusual September," she said. "Our business depends on the weather and the weather has been a little unusual this month."

Gifford said some of the products sold in the dairy store are made by students.

"We make all cheeses, ice cream and sour cream," she said. "Food science majors work on these. Sometimes we have classes making the items, but we don't have any in here right now."

The dairy store is part of the department of food science and technology in the Agriculture College. It is a non-profit business for the students' benefit, Gifford said.

"All the money made from sales goes back into the store," she said. "They money is used to run the store, in research education and other things."

Although there are no specialities made by the food science classes, one type of cheese was developed by the food science department.

"The Husker cheese was developed here," Gifford said. "It sells pretty well. It is the most popular."

As a gift idea, boxes of cheese are available to the public on a year-round basis, Gifford said the sale of the gift boxes is higher at Christmas time.

"We have nine sizes of cheese boxes available," she said. "They are varied in size and the selection of cheeses."

The boxes range in price from \$4.99 and \$15.49, she said, but the price and selection of cheese gift boxes are not yet definite for Christmas.

"We might have more than nine available," Gifford said, "and the prices may be a little higher."

Gifford said most of the customers are students, but the general public is responsible for most of the cheese sales.

"We do sell a good amount of cheese to students," she said, "but most of it is sold to the general public."

The hours of the dairy store, located in the south part of Filley Hall on East Campus, are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.



Staff Photo by Dave Bantz

Larry Summers, a senior food science major, weighs curds of Colby cheese before pressing them into bricks. Summers is employed at the UNL Dairy Store on East Campus.

Athletic programs stress academics

By Linda Liekhus

Some universities and colleges are not preparing athletes adequately in the area of academics, but at UNL only a very small percentage of athletes don't graduate, said the academic consultant for the athletic department.

Ursula Walsh said there is no excuse for athletes not to finish their degree while at UNL. The university provides programs that supply some structure to the academic life of the athlete, she said. These programs attempt to combine the structure and independence important for academic success.

Walsh supervises the athletes, study table, organizes their tutoring programs and also checks their progress in classes. The study table is mandatory for freshmen, who also must participate in a study-skills workshop before classes start, Walsh said. The workshop provides freshmen with information about taking tests, writing papers, taking notes and organizing their time to be prepared for scholastic demands.

"UNL prepares (athletes) academically to face the real world," UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney said.

Devaney encourages athletes to finish their degree because "education is worth more than money," he said. He stresses academics because "college is helpful in life."

Women's gymnastics Coach Judy Schalk said gymnasts are "here to be students first" and athletes second. Schalk emphasized good grades and studying for tests, and she disapproves of skipping classes.

"Gymnasts are good students overall because the discipline of the sport carries into (the athlete's) personal life," Schalk said.

UNL athletes, like their coaches, seem to recognize the importance of academic success.

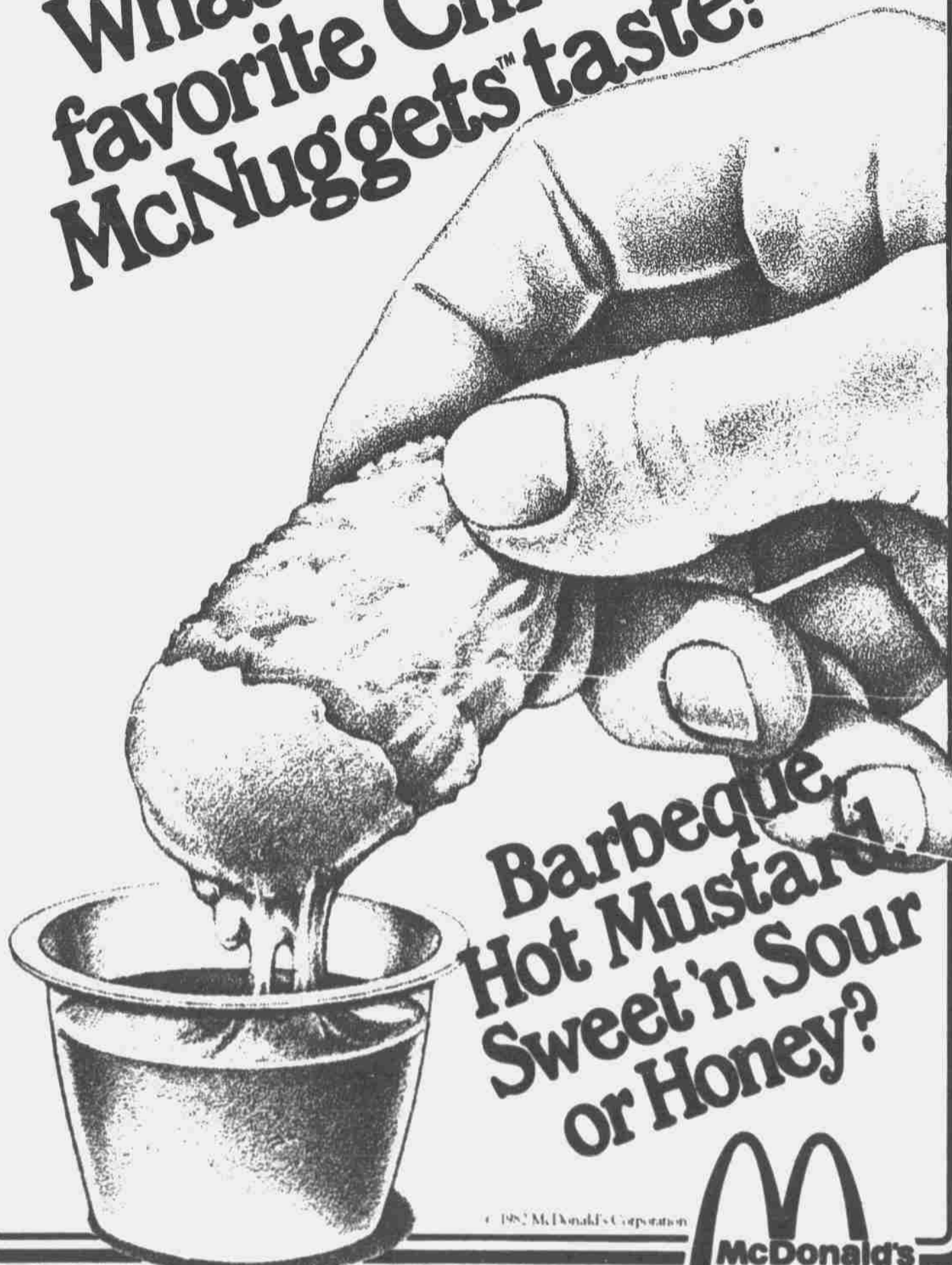
Sophomore gymnast Anita Brezenski said both athletics and academics are important.

"But looking in the future, academics would be ranked higher than sports," Brezenski said.

Football player Kevin Biggers, a junior, said it is the athlete's "responsibility and duty to do well in class." Most athletes choose to get their degrees because then both the school and the player are satisfied, Biggers said.

Freshman football player Doug DuBose also agrees that school should come first. If athletes "do good in class," they will "do good on the field," DuBose said.

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