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**Annual holiday dinners  
have become tradition  
in dormitory cafeterias**

UNL students living in residence halls were served a bit of Christmas Tuesday night when they had their annual Holiday dinner.

The dinners have become a tradition at UNL because of student demand, according to Doug Rix, the food manager for all residence halls.

"It is something that serves as a change of pace," Rix said. "The end of the semester is a time when students are under a lot of pressure. The dinner helps them to relax for a little while."

Steak and shrimp were served as the entree for the holiday meal this year. That, plus the dessert, were standard items in all residence halls. But variations were made in the other dishes at each hall.

Each residence hall decorates the eating areas according to a theme students in that hall have chosen, Rix said. He said this makes the meal more special for the students in each complex.

Dorothy Welchoff, food manager at Harper Hall, said Harper made its meal formal, including tablecloths and eating by candlelight.

Rix said Selleck Hall's tradition over the years has been to serve the meal buffet style, much like it is served in England.

"There will be waiters and waitresses and entertainment. Students volunteer time to do this, so it doesn't add to the costs of the meal," Rix said.

About 5,000 meals were prepared for the Tuesday night feast, according to Rix. He said that is a little more than is prepared for most meals.

"There is usually a 10 to 12 percent absenteeism rate at dinnertime," he said. "But there are people who will come to this meal because it is a special occasion but wouldn't have come under normal circumstances."

**Happy holidays**

This is the magic time of year. Even with the pressure of finals, bleak economic news and world tension Christmas is still able to warm the hearts of people everywhere.

We at the Daily Nebraskan hope that this Christmas will be a time for friends and family, a time for joy and some much-needed relaxation. God Bless you all and Merry Christmas.



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