

Drinking age . . .

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"Raising the legal drinking age is not going to impact the behavior of those who are driving and drinking," Sterner said. "We are putting the responsibility back on the individual driver."

Sterner, who worked closely with Branstad, said the proposal is based on recommendations from an Iowa task force on drunken driving.

The report released last

November by President Reagan's Commission on Drunken Driving also suggested provisional licensing as well as raising the drinking age.

Beutler said his amendment goes beyond the existing LB56 in its ability to penalize only those who drink and drive.

Beutler said he thinks his proposal is more fair to 20-year-olds than the existing bill, because the amendment would affect

the entire 16-20 age group. A bill similar to LB56 was defeated last year in the Legislature but this proposal is receiving a warmer reception this session.

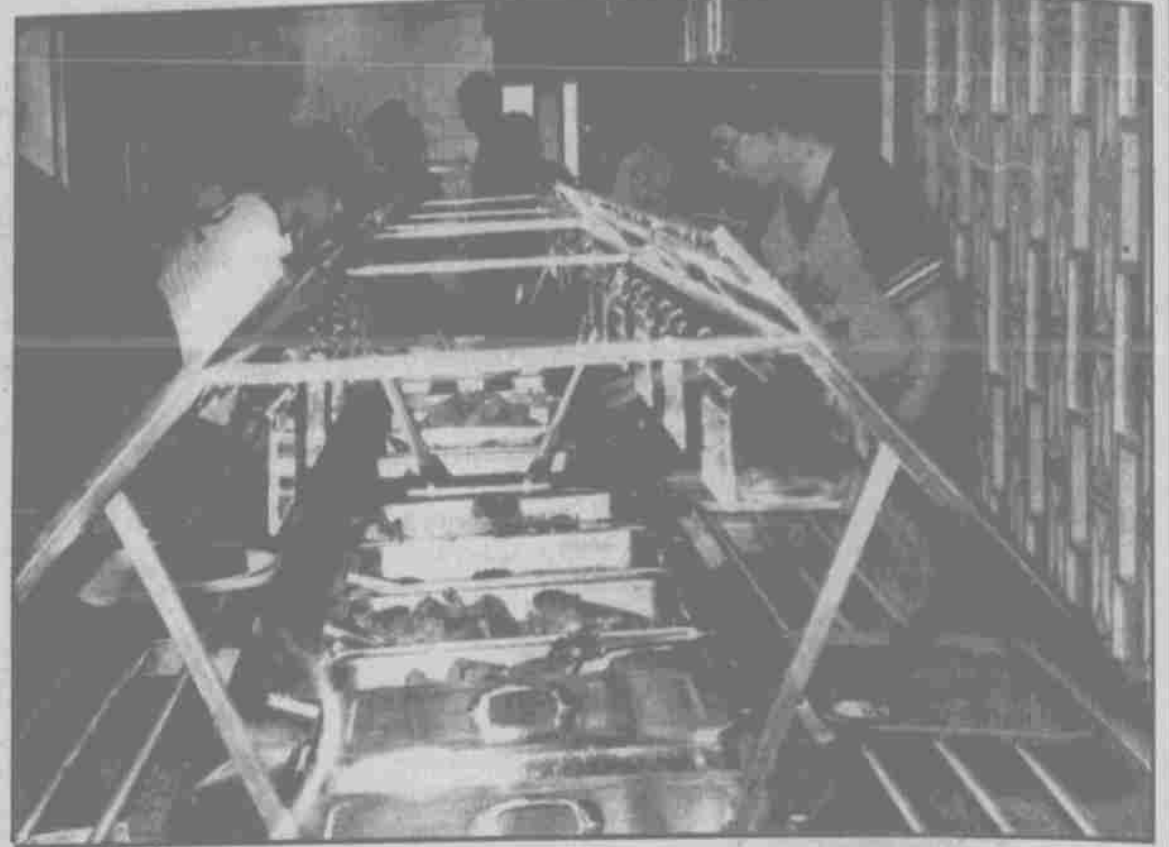
Legislatures throughout the Midwest also are facing drinking-age bills.

Colorado, where the current drinking age is 21 with a provision allowing persons older than 18 to drink 3.2 beer, has a bill in the Legislature that would eliminate the 3.2 clause. Colorado legislators also are considering a bill establishing a curfew prohibiting 16, 17 and 18-year-olds from driving between midnight and 5 a.m.

Wyoming's drinking age is 19. Last year, a bill to raise the legal drinking age to 21 failed, but officials say it probably will be introduced again this year.

In Kansas, the drinking age is 21 for all alcoholic beverages except 3.2 beer.

Missouri already has its drinking age set at 21.



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Students at Cather-Pound-Neihardt sample the food and stuff at the new CPN food service.

CPN students eat more

By Deb Pederson

Cather-Pound-Neihardt residence hall food service is the experimental guinea pig for a new food service system, said Douglas Zatechka, director of housing. Zatechka said the new food plan experiment features unlimited entrees, with the exception of fresh fruit and yogurt.

"The question is, will students eat more than the budget allows?" Zatechka said.

Currently, the food service is spending more because students are eating more, Zatechka said. Excessive food waste is a concern, he said.

"There's always an immediate, steep increase because it's new," Zatechka said. "But what we're watching for is a decline or increase after the newness has worn off."

One benefit of the system is that it allows students to serve themselves at a buffet line. New equipment has improved serving temperatures of the food. Instead of preparing a large amount of food, the staff prepares several smaller amounts so the food stays fresh.

"I think it's a good, efficient system,"

Zatechka said. "People like the self-service system. It tends to let people make their own choices."

Planning for the new food system began late last summer, Zatechka said. The goal was to add additional items without dramatically increasing the cost of housing.

"We want to supply a slightly larger variation without eliminating any current items," Zatechka said.

Part of the experimental system's appeal is the change of routine.

"Psychology is extremely important in food," Zatechka said. "Most people eat with their eyes and feelings rather than their mouths. Variation is important to avoid boredom and routine."

Zatechka said he would watch consumption levels until early March, then decide whether to eliminate the system or expand it to other residence halls.

"I want to hope eating habits come back to normal levels," Zatechka said. "If it doesn't go down, we won't be able to keep it."

The outcome of the unlimited entree experiment, Zatechka said, lies in the hands of the residents of the Cather-Pound-Neihardt Complex.

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