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Tough defense earns fans runzas

By Patty Pryor

All those cheering basketball fans aren't looking for just a Big Eight championship from their Huskers — they also want to cash in on a free runza offer printed on the back of the tickets.

In an agreement with UNL, the Lincoln Runza Drive Inns of America is offering a free runza if the Huskers hold their opponents to 50 points or less, or free onion rings if it's 60 points or less.

"There's been a tremendous response," said Linda Dennis, supervisor with the Runza general office. "Customers like the idea. They seem very excited and thrilled when they come in."

Dennis said the Runza management is just as pleased with the deal. Even though no exact figures were available on the number of giveaways so far, the offer no doubt has a positive effect on business, she said.

"Even if they're getting something free," Dennis said, "they're not going to drive all the way across town just for that."

Customer orders usually include more than just the free item, she explained.

In exchange for this additional business and advertising, Runza Drive Inns agreed to pay the costs of ticket makeup and printing, which were set in a bid put out by the university's business service

before the start of the season.

"Each year, we go out and prepare a bid and send it out to various places, mostly restaurants and businesses," said Ron Bromley, UNL buyer for purchasing in business services. "Surprisingly, we get very few replies."

Of 30 inquiries sent out this basketball season, only two bids were received, Bromley said.

In addition to Runza's winning bid, the university also received a bid from Commerce Savings of Lincoln, which has offered blue stamps on the back of university football tickets four out of the last five years, Bromley said.

With 18 home games and the playoffs, the ticket offer potentially reached 170,000 people, Bromley said. All 20 Runza locations in Nebraska participate in the deal.

Bromley said it was difficult to determine why more businesses don't reply.

"I don't know if the information is not getting into the right hands, or if they just don't think it's worth it," he said. "We're trying to follow that up."

Even with the success of the basketball ticket offer, Dennis said, it is doubtful that Runza Drive Inns will bid for the football season.

"The cost for that is out of our reach," Dennis said. "For that, we'd need more than just our Lincoln stores in on it."

UNL students pay more for meals

By Mike Weibel

UNL residence hall students pay \$1050 each year for 20 meals a week. Yet, students at Kearney State College only pay \$772, \$818 or \$852 for 10, 15 or 20 meals, respectively.

Gary Partridge, UNL assistant housing director, said UNL's plan takes the absentee factor into account. The average student does not eat all three meals a day, he said.

According to the absentee factor, Partridge said, students currently miss about 40 percent of their meals.

Thus the average residence hall student last year ate about 1.7 meals a day and 11.3 meals a week. Partridge said students are charged for that average, not the 20 meals a week.

Although some schools try to save students money by offering three-meal plans, Partridge said, the fewer number of meals in each plan lowers the absentee factor. Thus, stu-

dents will miss fewer meals, and prices will increase, he said.

Wayne State College offers three different meal plans to its residents: 10 meals a week for \$876 a year, 15 for \$978 and 19 for \$1014.

Although these prices

are less than UNL's, Partridge said, students are paying nearly 90 percent of the 20-meal price for only one-half of the meals. Partridge said he doesn't believe students worry too much about missing meals.

Of 360 residence hall student responses last

year, Partridge said, no more than four students said missing meals was a concern.

Partridge said the housing department tries to offer as much quantity and quality as it can to please as many people as possible.

Colloquia series diverse

Guest professors from universities throughout the United States, as well as overseas, are scheduled to speak during the chemistry department's colloquia series this semester. The series will cover diverse topics, ranging from physical chemistry and geochemistry to the topic for today, "Stereochemical Aspects of Enzymatic Phosphoryl Transfer Reactions." Perry Frey, a professor from the University of Wisconsin, will deliver today's speech.

UNL professor Sheldon Schuster, an enzymologist, said this week's topic is fairly specialized. The last colloquium will be May 4, with about one per week until then.

Other lectures will cover topics that apply not only to chemistry majors, but to engineers and physics majors also, Schuster said.

Stuart Staley, a coordinator for next year's colloquia, said that although talks pertain mainly to chemistry students, they can tie in with agriculture, computers or many other scientific fields. Also, students and teachers from Nebraska Wesleyan University and Omaha colleges and people working in commercial laboratories often attend, he said.

Possible speakers are chosen through faculty suggestions, but an appointed committee makes the final selections. Also, a student organization chooses one lecturer, so that everyone helps determine who speaks in the colloquia,

Staley said.

"Our program is not a unique one, but we try to do it with a little more class," Staley said. "Our location is a disadvantage. Some research chemistry departments have a speaker in every department every week. However, we think we have a very active program, a public resource, and we encourage others to take advantage of it."

Scheduled speakers —
February 3: Jacob Schaffer from the Monsanto Company

February 17: Professor Robert J. Madix from Stanford University

February 24: Dr. Forrest L. Carter from the Naval Research Laboratory.

March 2: Ari Aviram from IBM Research Laboratory.

March 9: Professor Peter B. Dervan from California Institute of Technology.

March 16: Professor John M. Hayes from Indiana University.

March 23: Professor Tadeusz Luty from the Technical University of Wroclaw, Poland.

April 6: Isco Award Lecture by Professor Harden M. McConnell from Stanford University.

April 20: Professor Michael J. Henchman from Brandeis University.

April 27: Georgi-Militzer Award Lecture by Professor Konrad Bloch from Harvard University.

May 4: Professor Martin F. Semmlhack from Princeton University.

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