

'All-you-can-eat' Sunday suppers, activities to be offered at union

By Janis Lovitt
Staff Reporter

An "all you can eat" Sunday supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Union Square in the Nebraska Union.

The meal begins a service that will continue through late March on a trial basis, said Ron Pushcar, director of the Nebraska Union Food Service.

The Nebraska Union Food Service Committee of the Nebraska Union Board began planning the supper four months ago to draw students to the union on Sundays.

Bank beach boots city's downtown

By Jen Deselms
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A sandy beach... golden rays of sunshine... a sand volleyball game. It's not Daytona — it's the Havelock Bank Beach.

Updowntowners, a group that promotes downtown, will transform the new Havelock Bank drive-through, 14th and M streets, into a one-day beach vacationland for Lincoln residents.

The beach party will be Jan. 23 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carol Jess, executive director of the Downtown Lincoln Association, said sand will be trucked into the drive-through and beach music will be played to set the tone of the party. She said there will be volleyball and shuffleboard games. Casual clothing from Joy and Co. will be modeled.

The Updowntowners also have sponsored parties on the plaza at NBC Bank, a rooftop party on the Centrum Mall and a treasure hunt with the State Historical Society. The Updowntowners helped organize the Star City Holiday Parade on Dec. 7 in downtown Lincoln.

Updowntowners is a volunteer auxiliary group of the Downtown Lincoln Association. Jess said Updowntowners, modeled after downtown groups in Syracuse, N.Y., and Cincinnati was formed almost two years ago.

Jess said the group has had benefits for the Lincoln Food Bank, the Nebraska affiliate of the National Society to Prevent Blindness and the YMCA Child Care Program. This year, the group plans to help organize and have the second Star City Holiday Parade and the Flatwater Art Festival, she said. The group will plan the rest of the year's activities at their January meeting.

Janelle Schroff, a member of Updowntowners, said the group helps promote downtown by having social events to help make people aware of what Lincoln has to offer. She said many people don't realize all the low-cost entertainment available. Entertainment in the Haymarket area and on UNL campus is often overlooked, she said. Schroff said her volunteer work with the group takes three or four hours a month.

Schroff said the Updowntowners are dedicated to encouraging the social and cultural growth of Lincoln. She said she doesn't want to see Lincoln's downtown decay like Omaha's downtown.

Chuck Clifford, member of the Updowntowners Steering Committee, said he joined the group to help make Lincoln's downtown area the best. He said that after working in downtown Lincoln he needed to get involved in the downtown community. Clifford said the Updowntowners is a fun, spirit-oriented group. The group has a meeting and a social event each month. He said the social gatherings have no admission cost to the public.

Updowntowners has 250 members. The group is open to all, and yearly membership fees are \$15.

Heritage event set

The Nebraska Martin Luther King Holiday Commission will sponsor a Nebraska Heritage Celebration on Sunday. The event is set for 2 p.m. in the Rotunda of the State Capitol.

The day's agenda includes exhibitions by the Pilgrim Baptist Church Choir of Omaha and the Folklorico Dance Troupe from the Hispanic Community Center of Lincoln.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Union, said something had to be made it feasible to keep the union open on weekends. A Sunday supper, which students and staff suggested, seemed to be the best solution, he said.

Residence hall food services don't serve a Sunday evening meal, so the supper is aimed at students living on campus, Pushcar said. The supper, which won't cost more than \$3, will give students an inexpensive meal on campus, he said.

Besides the suppers, the union will provide other activities.

For example, Pushcar said, this Sunday students can eat chili, nachos and desserts while watching "60 Minutes."

Special suppers for the Super Bowl and a folk singer are planned as are a pancake feed and spaghetti supper,

Pushcar said.

If the Sunday suppers succeed, Pushcar said, they will continue.

Success means serving 500 people each Sunday, he said.

I might take a couple of months to reach that number," Pushcar said. "But we're just experimenting."

Tony Coe, Abel Hall president, said the meal may be a good idea, but many students haven't heard about it. Nonetheless, Coe said, the meal should be popular for residence hall students.

However, Pete Castellano, RHA vice-president, said he isn't sure students will go to the suppers.

"Students enjoy the chance to get downtown," he said.

Information about each Sunday supper will be posted before the meal in the union and published in the Daily Nebraskan.

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