

Residence halls give students 'no breakfast' option

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New plan saves UNL students \$55 a year, gives choice

A new meal plan at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's residence halls will benefit late sleepers, breakfast haters and residents' checking accounts, said Housing Director Doug Zatechka.

A 13-meal plan offers residents lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday and lunch on Sundays — and it saves residents \$55 a year.

"What we have established here is a 13-meal-a-week option which is basically all lunches and dinners, no breakfasts," Zatechka said.

The traditional 20-meal plan remains for students who wish to pay for breakfasts.

After conducting surveys, conferring with ASUN and other Big Eight univer-

sities, one of the most common complaints among students was that they were paying for uneaten meals, especially breakfast, Zatechka said.

"This (paying for missed meals) is not necessarily true," Zatechka said. "We base our rates on a noverall average."

The studies indicate that UNL students and other university students eat between 1.75 and 1.8 meals per day, Zatechka said.

"In order to alleviate some of the complaints, we're offering residents the element of choice," Zatechka said.

Residents who opted for the 13-meal plan will pay \$2,115 for room and board for the academic year. Residents who

chose the 20-meal plan will pay \$2,170

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Forty percent of residents (about 2,000) signed up for the 13-meal option. Residents may switch meal plans at the end of the semester. The housing department does not foresee any monetary gain from the meal plans.

"We're offering less food, but in the same regard, we're offering less room and board," Zatechka said.

The plan had been on the drawing board for a few years, he said. About two years ago the housing department decided not to establish the plan because of inflation, Zatechka said.

"Oklahoma State has had the multiple meal option for a while now," he said, "and some schools in the Big Eight, like Iowa State and Missouri, are

toying with the idea." Residents on the 13-meal plan can still eat breakfast for \$2. Prices for lunch and dinner are \$3.10 and \$4.25.

The multiple meal plan adds little to the entire budget, Zatechka said.

"We remain one of the lowest (in overall costs) in the Big Eight," Zatechka said.

Occupancy levels in the residence halls are about the same as previous years, he said. By the time classes began, the residence halls were 98 percent full, he said.

"With the addition of the multiple meal plan and the installation of Cablevision, I look for it to be a successful year," Zatechka said.

"Anytime you offer someone the element of choice, it seems to bring positive results."

Colleges continue to lose teachers

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Lewis said, and until then, many instructors will not be able to get tenure. Inability to get tenure has been one reason why many teachers leave the university.

Karen Craig, dean of the College of Home Economics, said her college is focusing on other problems. She said there isn't enough money for research and travel. About half of the teachers who leave the college go to other colleges, she said, while the others join businesses or leave for personal reasons.

Craig is trying to change that by soliciting funds from alumni and corporations.

Most UNL colleges are trying to add extra benefits by eliminating some positions left open by retiring teachers. This will mean more research for professors, but fewer course sections will be offered to students and classes will have more difficult prerequisites, Lewis said.

The best chance UNL has of keeping its faculty here is to "carry the message to the state" and lobby the Legislature for increased support, Lewis said.

On June 20, the NU Board of Regents approved a supplemental pay raise of \$590,000 to be distributed to the top 50 percent of UNL instructors based on merit.

John G. Peters, associate to the chancellor, said this was done to encourage senior professors to stay and to give junior instructors something to work toward.

Although the additional money is helpful, Peters said, it is nowhere near enough. He said UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale and NU President Ronald Roskens have listed salary increases as this year's highest priority.

Corporate Challenge \$10,000 competition

The Corporate Challenge, a \$10,000 competition sponsored by Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc., was announced by Robert A. G. Monks, president of ISS. Contestants will prepare an answer of up to 5,000 words to a case study describing a fictional company's responses to the challenges it faces throughout the 20th century. A \$10,000 prize will be awarded to the best entry submitted by a student or group of students.

Contestants must be undergraduate or graduate students at accredited U.S. schools. Copies of the case study will be available after Sept. 1, from ISS, 3050 K Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20007. Entries must be received by Nov. 1, 1987.

Committee lobbies for poet stamp

OMAHA (AP) — The Niehardt Stamp Committee is renewing its efforts to get the postal service to issue a stamp honoring John G. Niehardt, late Nebraska poet-laureate.

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