

Unions get new providers

By Jessica Curtis
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Food served in the unions is now being purchased from a major distributor instead of the University Food Stores.

The switch to Pegler-Sysco occurred about a month ago, and so far the program is going fine, said Richard Williams, director of food services at the Nebraska Union.

"Things have been going very well," he said. "We anticipate there will be no problems."

Changing to a single provider like Pegler-Sysco is a pilot project for Food Services. Cost and product consistency were the main reasons for the switch, Williams said.

"It will be, in my mind, a great direction for the university," he said.

In the past, food sold in the Nebraska Union and the East Campus Union was purchased mainly from the University Food Stores, Williams said. Food served in the food courts, such as Burger King and Amigos, are not included in the change.

About 24 percent of the University Food Stores' business came from the unions; 18 percent of that business will be overtaken by Pegler-Sysco, he said.

Bread, dairy milk and soft drinks still will be purchased from the University Food Stores.

But the lost business was not a shock to University Food Stores, said stores manager Ron Burke.

"We had been positioning ourselves for about a year now," he said.

Williams said the benefits the large distributor offered prompted the switch. Dissatisfaction with University Food Stores wasn't a factor.

"It's not that (University) Food Stores is scalping me. It is more cost efficient and more product consistent to work with this type of distributor," Williams said.

Pegler-Sysco distributes food throughout the Midwest and will be able to provide food for all UNL's needs, he said.

"Pegler-Sysco is a distributor, not a manufacturer," Williams said. "They buy directly from packers in California ... they get the food from literally around the world."

An advantage to working with Pegler-Sysco is that food can be ordered directly with use of a computer modem. Williams said computerized food service gave UNL immediate results.

"It's not the old days where a salesperson would come out and say an item is on special this week," Williams said. "This system advances us into the '90s and the future for distribution and orders."

The unions made the switch in September, but planning started about a year and a half ago. The process involved writing proposals and interviewing distributors.

Williams said the last six months had been the most intense part of preparation.

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for doing things simple.

"You have to have focus," he said. "Mrs. B (Rose Blumkin, who founded Nebraska Furniture Mart in Omaha) had focus. Mrs. B never went to school for a day in her life and ran rings around people."

Buffett had to hire a new CEO for a large financial institution he owned that faced major debt. He said he had only one day to make a character decision about 12 candidates and select one who could work under pressure.

The man he hired to head the company was the man he thought was the best person, not the smartest, Buffett said.

Buffett told the students he didn't look at business class grades and resumes when he hired people.

"You can relax," he said.

ASUN registers student voters

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Students have until Oct. 28 to register or re-register to vote in the November election.

A registration drive sponsored by the ASUN Government Liaison Committee will be held through Wednesday in the Nebraska Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Shawntell Hurtgen, GLC chairman, said she would like to register as many students to vote as possible.

"It seems like every vote counts, whether or not we get 50 people to vote or 100 people," she said.

Hurtgen said if more students voted in the November election,

Nebraska senators would realize they had obligations to students as their constituents.

"It seems like every year when GLC lobbies, senators say they don't have to be accountable to students since they don't vote," she said. "This year, we want to say that we got students to vote and that students do care about what the Unicameral does."

Students also can vote using absentee ballots.

Kelly Guenzel, chief deputy Lancaster County election commissioner, said students must request an absentee ballot in writing and send it to the commission.

The following items must be included in the request: the student's name, the address where they are registered to vote, the address to send the ballot to and an explanation of their request.

Students also can fill out requests

for absentee ballots at the election commission office, 555 S. Ninth St.

They may request absentee ballots until Nov. 4. Completed ballots must be sent to the election commission by Nov. 10.

Guenzel said 70 students had already registered during the drive, which was also held last week. She said she expected more students to register this week. During a 1992 voter registration drive before the general election, 152 students registered to vote.

Hurtgen said GLC members and senators of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska had volunteered to serve as registrars for the drive. She said the election commission also was assisting GLC with the registration drive, as well as members of Students for (Bob) Kerrey and Students for (Jan) Stoney.

Other registration sites:

- Lincoln Literacy Center, 1901 S. 70th St., today from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Hinky Dinky, 59th and Adams streets, Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon.
- East Park Plaza, 200 N. 66th St., Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- First Tier Bank, 13th and M streets, and NBC Bank, 1248 O St., Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Super Kmart, 3300 N. 27th St., Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- East Park Plaza, 200 N. 66th St., Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Super Saver, 56th and Highway 2 and 27th and Cornhusker streets, Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

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