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Pepsi gets beverage contract

To become official, deal still must receive regents' approval in Saturday meeting

By TERRA CHAPEK
Staff Reporter

Pepsi products will be the only choice for University of Nebraska-Lincoln students this fall if the NU Board of Regents approves a contract Saturday awarding Pepsi the exclusive right to sell its products on UNL's campuses.

Pepsi will have the exclusive right to sell or provide its products through their local franchise bottler, the LinPepCo Partnership, in exchange for awarding the university \$1 million a year for 12 years. Pepsi also will donate \$100,000 a year for 12 years in a charitable agreement. In a separate contract, Pepsi will give \$11 million to the University of Nebraska Foundation for a quasi-endowment fund.

Melvin W. Jones, vice chancellor for business and financial affairs, said the money would be used for enhancement of academic and student life programs, scholarships, diversity commitments and community service. Jones said information regarding which programs will receive contract money would be announced in the fall.

Although there was some opposition among the students, Jones said, the alliance would be a huge advantage to the university. Pepsi's offer will allow the university to make

some needed advancements in academic and student services without going to the taxpayers, he said.

"This alliance will help the university to compete more effectively for students and faculty," Jones said.

Jones said Pepsi was awarded the contract because of its reputation and the popularity of its products among students. Pepsi-Cola Co. brand names include Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Lipton Brisk Iced Tea and All Sport.

Jones said Pepsi was very responsive to the university's proposal.

"We agreed that the students are our most cherished asset," Jones said.

Keith Hughes, the manager of public relations for Pepsi, said the UNL contract is "certainly the most significant that has ever been signed." Hughes said Pepsi chose UNL because it is a powerful force in Nebraska and the Midwest. He said Pepsi is highly enthusiastic about being at UNL in the fall.

"There's no equal to the intense loyalty shared by Nebraska students for the university," Hughes said. "Pepsi is thrilled to become a part of that loyalty."

A celebration to commemorate the alliance between Pepsi and UNL is being planned for the fall, Hughes said.

"We are looking to make a big first impression and really add some fizz to campus life in the fall."

Seminar to help students find careers

From Staff Reports

Nebraska teens will be able to get a sampling of career opportunities on the UNL campus July 9-11 at ExpoVisions, a program where students can attend presentations and seminars about more than 27 different careers.

Programs on paleontology, World Wide Web programming and martial arts are just a few of the career presentations being held. The event costs \$130 for three days, room and board on the UNL campus, a trip to Omaha's Old Market and a moonlight dinner and dance aboard a Bellevue riverboat.

The program is open to students ages 13-19, and registration is going on now. Interested parties may call 472-2175 or e-mail <dscreg@unl.edu>.

On the Cover

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While waiting for the burgers and hot dogs to get done cooking at Sunday's Juneteenth Community Picnic, Michael Tejada, 12, of Lincoln, practices his above-the-rim skills on Trago Park's adjustable basketball hoop.

Women's basketball team still waiting for new coach

By MIKE KLUCK
Staff Reporter

A new week has not brought any new answers for the Nebraska women's basketball team.

Last week, it was expected that Western Kentucky University coach Paul Sanderford would be announced as the new Nebraska women's basketball coach.

NU officials late last Thursday had announced a press conference for June 13 and Sanderford arrived in Lincoln late Thursday afternoon.

Sanderford said he was in town to have a meeting with Nebraska Athletic Director Bill Byrne but could not discuss any of the details of the situation.

"It's (Lincoln) a great place to visit and I hope to live here some day," Sanderford said when he first arrived in Lincoln.

However, instead of announcing a new coach on Friday, NU officials cancelled the press conference when a scheduling conflict arrived because Chancellor James Moeser was out of town and couldn't be present to sign the contract.

Sanderford left Lincoln and

Beverage alliance, UNMC merger on table for regents

From Staff Reports

The NU Regents will meet Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in Varner Hall to discuss, among other things, UNL's proposed beverage alliance with Pepsi-Cola and a merger with the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure.

Director of Public Affairs Joe Rowson said the Board of Regents would be asked to approve a contract with Pepsi, effective July 1.

Another item on the agenda is the agreement between UNMC and the Department of Health and Human Services. UNMC would be providing lab services for the department.

"The medical center has specialists and equipment that would serve the needs of the state," Rowson said.

Also on the agenda will be a progress report on the improvements to Memorial Stadium, a proposal to add more desktop computers to UNL computer labs and approval of tuition rates.

returned home to Bowling Green, Ken., on Saturday.

Sources close to the situation have said Sanderford, Byrne and Moeser have reached an agreement to the contract and Sanderford should be back in Lincoln by the end of the week. As of 5 p.m. Wednesday a press conference had not been scheduled by the Nebraska Athletic Department.

The delay in the hiring of Sanderford has been especially difficult for the Nebraska players, who have been waiting since April 22, to learn who their coach would be for next season. On April 22, former Husker coach Angela Beck announced she was leaving Nebraska to accept a position with the San Jose Lasers of the ABL.

"I know I am looking forward to finding out who our coach is going to be," said Nebraska sophomore Cisco Gilmore. "We are pretty anxious. It's the 17th of June."

Gilmore is just one member of a talented sophomore class returning this season for the Huskers. Other sophomores include Nicole Kubik, Charlie Rogers and Brooke

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