

Pepsi set to unveil newest soft drink

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Though UNL's choice of soft drink brand is limited, it has one more drink to choose from the palette of Pepsi beverages sold on campus.

Pepsi One, the company's newest product, will be on store shelves across the nation today. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where Pepsi has exclusive beverage rights, will sell it at the QwiKick store and some vending machines late today, Lincoln Pepsi Company President Steve Ford said.

Pepsi introduces the one-calorie soda, which is supposed to taste like regular Pepsi, hoping to revolutionize the diet cola market.

Starting next week, free samples will be given at the Campus Recreation Center every other week, said Carl Hutchison, contract administrator of the Pepsi contract at UNL.

The difference between Pepsi One and other diet soft drinks such as Diet Pepsi is the use of an artificial sweetener, acesulfame potassium, called ace K, Ford said. Pepsi is the first company to use the sweetener in soft drinks.

Some news reports have said studies show ace K can cause cancer.

However, Marilyn Schnepf, chairwoman of UNL's nutritional science department, said ace K is safe in soft drinks.

An excess of any additive could cause cancer, she said, but the amount used in food products is harmless. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved ace K, and it would not cause cancer in the FDA recommended levels for soft drinks, she said.

"Additives have to go through a rigorous approval," Schnepf said.

Ace K is not a new sweetener, said Karen Miller, a nutritionist at the University Health Center. It has been used in products such as chewing gum and gelatin for years, she said.

Through the use of the souped-up sweetener, Pepsi One has set out to prove that one calorie does not mean zero taste.

Ford said regular Pepsi drinkers "have found it easier to make a conversion (to a lower calorie soft drink) with Pepsi One." Those who want fewer calories still can get the same sweet taste in Pepsi One as in regular Pepsi and Coca-Cola, he said.

Despite the success Pepsi officials hope for the new drink, Ford said it will be Pepsi drinkers who will determine if it is the One for them.

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was planning to do so. She plans to sue the university based on sexual harassment and hostile environment allegations, he said.

Brown said the ad hoc committee members were biased because before they started their investigation they had written letters arguing that the ARRC's procedures were wrong.

Those letters mainly disputed that the ARRC's professional conduct com-

mittee should not have investigated anything beyond Forsythe because Schwebach's charges were solely against him. The letters argued that other faculty members in the department did not get to respond to the committee's allegations against the entire department.

Brown said the chancellor's committee was not necessarily "shady," but the chancellor could have appointed faculty members who had expressed no opinion on the case.

"Why not get three fresh people?"

UNL declines new inventory

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Grew said an exit inventory would be one way of keeping the repatriation process moving. Tribes have indicated they would like it done before winter.

After the inventories are submitted to the National Park Service and accepted, they are published in the federal register for 30 days to allow tribes to challenge the inventories or parts of the repatriation process. That is when Thomas can file an objection.

Grew said the inventories had not been published yet but would be when the service thinks the inventory listings were clear.

NAGPRA, signed into law in 1990, required museums, federal agencies and institutions, such as

UNL, to inventory human remains and associated funerary objects to the National Park Service by November 1995. Remains could be returned and reburied at the tribes' request.

Other tribes that were in Lincoln Monday through Wednesday for a NAGPRA training session were split on whether they supported the Southern Poncas' request.

If the university has to do another inventory, the repatriation of about 1,700 of the remains will be stalled.

But Thomas told the tribes at the meetings this week that the Southern Ponca Tribe didn't care if the repatriation was stopped temporarily.

He said he wanted the remains of his relatives home "where they're supposed to be."

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