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CBS, crusaders follow 'Chip' on campaign trail

By Larry Lutz

Campaigning for his father and trailed by an assemblage of campaign aides, reporters and religious crusaders, one of the first political nomads of the semester continued his swing through Nebraska and the Midwest Thursday.

James Earl (Chip) Carter III, who has visited 41 states since beginning his campaign odyssey in June 1975, travels alone except for the variety of people connected with his appearance.

Although he is not protected by Secret Service men, no one could say Carter is not being watched. Five members of Columbia Broadcasting System's "60 Minutes" news magazine program have been filming Carter for a segment of their program comparing his campaign techniques and experiences with Jack Ford's.

Especially noticeable was CBS newsman Dan Rather heading the CBS crew. Rather said he was especially interested in pursuing questions Carter had trouble answering. Rather said the broadcast on the candidates' sons will be aired some time in October, possibly with a segment on Carter's appearance in Lincoln.

Off-camera joking

They have been following Carter for several months. Carter's previous stop was in Lawrence, Kan. The occasional traveling companions have become well-acquainted and joke with each other off-camera. While in Lincoln, Carter and the CBS crew went to a bar together and "heard a great jazz band," Carter said.

Carter said he is used to the bright television lights interrupting interviews, but said he doesn't feel he deserves the attention. Despite this attention, Carter told the Daily Nebraskan Thursday he enjoys campaigning even though he has not had much chance to stop at home in Plains, Ga.

He said he was home only six times during the first year of campaigning, but will continue to campaign until the November election.

Carter said his main purpose in campaigning is to "meet the people and get ideas for my father while on the road."

Carter doesn't just walk up to people on the street and ask them their ideas, though. Two advance people for the Carter campaign precede him, scheduling appearances, making contacts with local Democratic leaders, and arranging food, travel, and lodging.

Full schedule planned

For his Nebraska junket, the Carter people planned a full schedule with a variety of public exposure. While Carter

concerned himself with questions about domestic and foreign policy, those campaign aides worried about who's car was parked where and which streets ran one-way.

The aides said they scheduled Carter to appear at a variety of places "so he could get the maximum exposure to the maximum number of people." Included in his schedule were six political rallies, a drought-stricken farm, a senior citizens' dance, an appearance at the State Fair and "lots and lots of hand shakin'," an aide added.

The aides said their main problem was "keeping Chip on schedule, including all the arrangements." Chip, however, said he did not share their concern, which contributed to his habit of tardiness.

One problem the aides said they did not have was deciding when to eat. Forty five minutes were scheduled for each meal, they said, but if that didn't work out "we'd just stop when we were hungry."

That's one part of the campaigning Car-

ter said he wouldn't miss because he likes home-cooked meals. He said he and his wife Caron have a "shared marriage" and both do cooking and cleaning at home.

Keep in touch by phone

Carter said Caron and the rest of the Carter family are campaigning in different parts of the country. He said they seldom get together to discuss campaign strategy, but keep in contact by telephone.

Carter said other family members also travel alone, and that only his mother and father have secret service protection. He said he probably has the largest group of people traveling with him that aren't associated with the campaign.

One such group calling itself "the Children of God," distributes pamphlets by Moses David proclaiming Jimmy Carter as "America's last Chance" and soliciting donations to "help our youth."

One pamphlet handed out at UNL depicted Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan as the "anti-Christ forces" and a smiling Jimmy Carter holding up the Bible. The three

men were posed on a scale with the balance in Carter's favor.

Amidst this crowd, Carter remained calm, saying he was used to all the things that go along with campaigning.

Carter effort launched

One reason Carter said he came to Nebraska was to launch "the Carter effort in Nebraska, which we are sure will win the state for us."

Carter denied that he was sent to Nebraska to persuade Gov. J. James Exon to head the state's Carter campaign. Exon supported Sen. Henry Jackson until the Democratic convention this summer.

Chip stressed that he came to Nebraska to "get people talking about the campaign and answer any and all questions."

He answered questions from UNL students for about a half an hour Thursday in front of Broyhill Fountain. During the session he also displayed his sense of humor, which he described as "good . . . just like Daddy's, but not as dry."

When asked about his father's views on marijuana laws, Carter said his father was in favor of decriminalization, but jokingly added "my brothers and I have been pushing for decriminalization by amount and we've been pushing for five pounds."

Rare personality display

That rare display of personality is one Carter tries to suppress, continually saying he wants to retain his private life.

In an interview Tuesday, he said the only thing he wanted to do after the campaign was "to go home and farm." However, an Omaha World-Herald story quoted him Wednesday as saying, "If Dad asks me to come up there, I'd go," in reference to any job offers in Washington, D. C.

Carter clarified that statement somewhat for the Daily Nebraskan Thursday by saying the "idea of working in Washington really appealed" to him and he would like to go, but couldn't work for the government if his father was President.

His voice is steady and booms over the microphone, although he said he prefers to talk to "folks on a one-to-one basis, because that's the way I'm used to."

He said he felt his trip to Nebraska was very successful because he was a farmer and could talk to Nebraska's farmers and understand their problems.

From Nebraska, Carter will go to South Dakota, Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota and North Dakota.



Photo by Scott Svoboda

Stumping for 'daddy' . . . Chip Carter, surrounded by newsmen and political groupies, made the rounds Wednesday on the UNL city campus to drum up some grass roots support.

Groups asked to overcome data system obstacles

By Tom Eaton

"I don't see why we little peons at \$4,800 a year should have to tell people making \$30,000 a year that they should get together and iron out their differences," said State Sen. Robert Clark of Sidney.

But that is what the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee decided to do. In a session Thursday, the legislators agreed to send letters to the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the NU administration. The letters will ask the two groups to meet and discuss differences concerning a state information system.

In 1974, the Legislature asked DAS to form a "comprehensive employe information system." The system, called the Nebraska Employe Information System (NEIS), was to be created by July 1975 and include all state agencies, according to Appropriations Bill 1054. Later, the Legislature asked the university to create its own data system, the Management Information System. The university system was outlined in LB610, passed in 1975.

But the university has been hesitant about providing all of the information from its system to the state system, and of collecting additional information needed by the state system.

Varnier outlined several concerns about the state system. One area is control of the university:

" . . . NEIS, as currently envisioned, would require that all bits of data, including every job description and every change of assignment, be processed through the Department of Administrative Services. It is a short step from that point to requiring that all job descriptions and changes in assignment be approved by the Department of Administrative Services. If this should occur, the (NU) Board of Regents will have lost a significant portion of the

responsibility which rests solely with the Board of Regents — the control of the employes of the university . . ."

Varnier also summarized a July meeting about the computer systems between university administrators and the chancellors. At that meeting, five concerns were cited, Varnier said. They are:

—The state plan would call for 70 to 100 new pieces of information, in addition to the 30 pieces of data the university already provides.

—All work on the university's information system would be brought to a halt to meet the state Jan. 1 deadline.

—It would cost \$250,000 to implement the state's system.

—Administrative loads would increase.

—Faculty groups have raised "serious questions" about privacy.

Varnier said one concern was because someone "leaked" information about faculty income and additional earnings to a local newspaper.

Stanley Matzke, DAS director, said the information wasn't leaked.

"That is specifically public information," Matzke said. "I checked with the (state) attorney general before the information was released."

Matzke argued that both systems collect the same information, and it would be expensive to operate two separate payroll systems.

"The longer we defer implementing NEIS, the more difficult it will be to continue our payroll system as it now is," Matzke said.

State Sen. Glenn Goodrich of Omaha said he believed the major problem is control—that the regents fear the

state system would weaken their control of the university.

Because of this, the committee decided to ask the regents to meet with them to discuss state and university information systems.

Clark said, "I would like to meet with the regents to see how much they really know about the university."

However, the committee's approach to the regents will be a request, not a command.

Shovers denies probation report

Steven Shovers, University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) student body president and student regent, denied Thursday knowing anything about being placed on disciplinary probation at UNO and called any such reports gossip and rumors.

"I don't know anything about it," Shovers said. "This is the first I've heard about it."

Ronald Beer, UNO vice-chancellor for educational and student services, said Thursday he "didn't know how that can be" and restated that Shovers had been placed on probation for an incident that allegedly occurred last July.

Beer again refused to discuss details of the alleged incident.

Shovers said he could not understand why Beer had said he was on disciplinary probation.