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MD fund-raiser leaves former Husker unemployed

By Mary Jo Pitzl

It was definitely a different drum that caused a former Nebraska football player to spend the better part of a Friday walking between Omaha and Lincoln, losing his job in the process.

The "drummer" was Deke Drum of Elkhorn, a member of the Husker football squad from 1963-65. Drum made the walk to raise money for a 10-year-old Ashland boy's. brain operation, soliciting donations from Omaha and Elkhorn residents.

However, while Drum was absent from work to make the walk, his employers assumed that he had quit and refused to let him come back to work.

Drum, a route delivery man for the Tombstone Pizza

Corporation of West Point, said his employers thought he had quit his job when he took several days off to fly to Ft. Worth, Tex., on some personal business.

While in Ft. Worth, Drum said he contacted several taverns to see if they would contribute to muscular dystrophy (MD). Drum said he has worked for MD fund raising projects before and was doing this out of a personal concern.

55 mile walk

When he returned to Nebraska, Drum decided to lend his efforts to raise money for 10-year-old Richie Styskal of Ashland, who had brain surgery last week. Styskal has cerebral palsy and his operation at Chicago's Rush Presbyterian Hospital is expected to cost \$16,000.

Drum said he made the 55-mile walk in 13 hours,

Two city councilmen air differences, Robinson ignores Hampton's apology

By Mary Jo Pitzl

Discussion on making the downtown loop of the Lincoln Transportation System's bus route a permanent feature ran in circles before the City Council approved the loop on a 5-2 vote.

Also at Monday's meeting, two council members aired their differences stemming from a name-calling incident between them at last week's council meeting.

Councilman John Robinson said he would not accept councilman Joe Hampton's apology for calling him a "nigger" at last Monday's meeting. Robinson said the apology, made in private, was "not in order'. and "does not take care of the affront made on all black citizens of this community."

Following last Monday night's council meeting, which stretched until almost midnight, Hampton approached

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Robinson, and said, "John, I always heard people use the term 'He acts like a nigger,' and tonight you demonstrated what people mean when they use that term," according to Hampton.

The comment came after an extended council meeting where public testimony largely disapproved of Hampton's proposed ordinance to tighten Lincoln's anti-discrimination laws. Hampton and Robinson, the only black council member, traded sharp comments during the testimony.

Called him a nigger

Later, in the County-City Building lobby, Robinson said he almost hit Hampton when he approached him and called him a nigger.

At the Monday afternoon meeting, Hampton said he had apologized to Robinson in private for his actions.

Robinson, however, refused the apology, saying that "any private approach will be regarded as an aggressive action.'

Hampton replied that he "did apologize at noon for a poor choice of words. If Robinson wants to cry . .

He was interrupted by Robinson, who demanded, "How can you apologize for a poor attitude?"

The debate between the two councilmen was cut short by chairman Richard Baker, who said the council meeting was not the proper place for such discussions. He recommended that the councilmen hold their fire until the anti-discrimination ordinance is brought up for third reading and public hearing Nov. 21.

Vote taken

The council then proceeded to vote on the loop issue, after defeating 5-2 a motion by councilman Bob Jeambey that the loop be placed on another six-month trial basis. Jeambey contended that members of the Lincoln Transportation System (LTS) advisory board had ignored an earlier council charge to investigate all possible alternatives to the temporary loop system.

15 minutes and two seconds, soliciting donations from Omaha and Elkhorn residents. All proceeds went to the Farmer's and Merchant's National Bank in Ashland, Drum said, adding he did not know how much money his walk raised.

Another purpose of Drum's trek was to present a football autographed by the Cornhusker football team to Assistant Athletic Director Paul Schneider. Schneider met Drum at the Lincoln city limits and relayed the football to Richie's family.

Not pushing matter

Drum said although he is unhappy about losing his job he is not going to push the matter. He said he wrote the owner of Tombstone a letter describing his situation, but since the district manager handles hiring and firing, it was to no avail.

"I guess it was in the best interest of both parties," Drum said, explaining that he is currently unemployed and looking for a job.

The proceeds from Drum's walk are part of the more than \$6,000 raised by Ashland residents to finance Richie's operation.

Lois Crist, owner of Granny's Cafe in Ashland, said what started out as a bake sale has expanded into a major campaign for Richie.

"It just bloomed," she said, adding that "everybody wants to help."

Richie is expected to return home from Chicago by the end of the month, according to his grandmother, Ruth Ketelhut.



The Alpha Zeta fraternity will hold interviews from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday at the Nebraska East Union.

The Slavic and East European Studies Committee will meet to discuss "The Soviet Union Today" in Burnett 330 at 3:30 p.m.

* * * The UNL Meds will meet at 7 p.m. in the Union. Room number will be posted.

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The Consumer Affair Professional organization will meet at 7 p.m. in Home Economics 17. Allen Justus will speak on "Health Mained. tenance Organization." * * *

The UNL Rodeo Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the East Union.

The UNL Wildlife Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the East Union.

The UNL Insurance Club will meet Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Jerry Solomon's home, 2752 Manse St.

The UNL Actuarial Club will meet at 3:30 p.m. in Burnett 309.

Phi Chi Theta will meet at 6:15 p.m. Thursday in the Union. Room number will be posted. *

The UNL Agronomy Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in Keim 244. *

The Prospective Law Students will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Union. Room number will be post-

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Advisory board members said they think the temporary loop is the most efficient and useful, since it worked well during its 15-month trial basis.

The loop, approved by the council, runs between 11th and 14th streets and Q and J streets, according to R. K. Ghormley, chairman of the advisory board. The loop has been used under temporary status since August, 1976.

Ghormley said that now that the loop is a permanent part of the bus route, LTS will install shelters at eight locations on the loop. He said LTS hopes to have the shelters delivered in early January.

The UNL Pre-Vets will meet at 7 p.m. in Hamilton 112.

The UNL Young Republicans will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Union. Room number will be posted.

