

## Krugerrands donation upsets blacks

By Kent Warneke

The donation of 1,300 South African Krugerrands to the NU Foundation has caused an uproar among UNL black students, according to the ASUN first vice president and the national and international coordinator of UNL African People's Union.

Hubert Brown, ASUN first vice president, said NU's acceptance of standard currency from a racist country like South Africa is an outrage and a slap in the face to the black students on the UNL campus.

The 1,300 Krugerrands, worth about \$1 million, were donated to the NU Foundation during the past week by 1923 graduate James Coe and his wife, Jessie, of Phoenix.

Hodari Sobabu, national and international coordinator of the African People's Union, said he is appalled at the lack of respect UNL has shown to black students and is calling for the immediate return of the gold.

### Understand need

"We understand the need for contributions and we have nothing against the donor personally," Brown said. "But the coins stand as a symbol of South Africa, which wealth is a result of the misuse of blacks."

Brown said the black population is the majority in South Africa, but lives on 13 percent of all the land in crowded townships.

The structure of the apartheid government in South Africa is aimed at the prevention of equality for blacks. Any act designed to change any social activity is defined as communist, he said.

Brown added that he would like to see UNL divest from corporations with holdings in South Africa.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha also has a resolution in the Legislature calling for the same thing. Chambers declined to comment on his resolution.

### African People's Union

Sobabu said the African People's Union will approach foundation Chairman Woody Varner, Monday to voice its opinion. Varner and foundation President Harold Haynie declined to comment.

Sobabu said if satisfactory results are not reached

## 'Student machine' helps fund Josh

The machine that powered Josh McDowell's Lincoln visit was not fueled by a slick Madison Avenue advertising agency, but by sheer student enthusiasm, according to McDowell.

All publicity is centrally printed and advertising ideas are shared in a promotion manual given to sponsoring organizations, but the fund-raising, legwork and advertising, are entirely done by students, McDowell said.

"Because I'm a Christian, they (students) can't use student funds, or university funds," he said.

Kirk Conger, a member of Campus Crusade for Christ and lecture series coordinator, said members of the four sponsoring religious organizations solicited all the funds for McDowell's visit.

"At least half of our money came from the students themselves," he said, referring to out-of-pocket contributions. The other half came from Christian businessmen and churches, he said.

Conger estimated that the entire cost of McDowell's three-day stay in Lincoln, including all advance publicity, totaled about \$5,500.

McDowell said that he was paid about \$350 for his three-day engagement.

"That doesn't begin to cover my expenses," he said. The rest of the money raised by the students pays for publicity and rental fees, he said. He added that all profits from his books and films go into a fund that pays for his office and travel expenses, as well as his staff.

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through Varner, they will approach NU President Ronald Roskens and the Legislature. Sobabu said if the university would not return the gold to the donor, then the organization probably would be satisfied with the immediate sale of the coins.

"This thing won't go away—it's an issue that has to be resolved," Sobabu said. "People don't realize it is our brothers and sisters that are being tortured by the racist

and barbarian government in South Africa."

Vice President Brown said black students have as strong feelings against South Africa as Jewish people would against a Nazi.

"If we are to hold true to ideals of equality for all, then the apartheid government of South Africa is against those ideals," Brown said. "And those coins are a symbol of the defiance of those ideals."

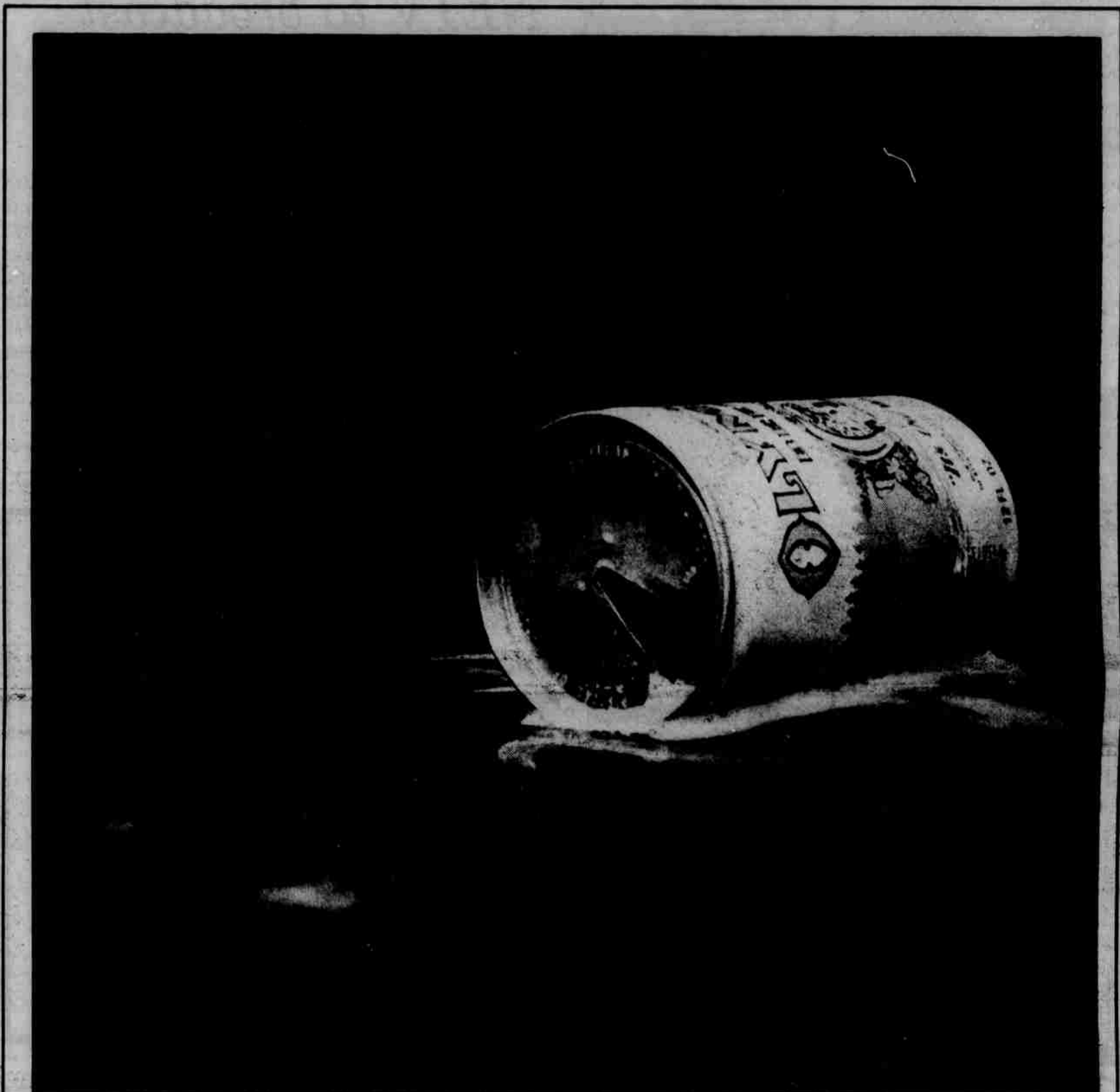


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"Into the 80s," a weekly Monday section addressing college student concerns, continues this week as the Daily Nebraskan takes a look at the controversial drinking age issue, LB221.

Will the bill pass? Will the age be raised to 20 or 21? What will campus life at UNL be like in the 1980s if the bill passes?

These questions and more are discussed in today's "Into the 80s" section on pages 7-10.

## Josh devoted to changing world

By Debora Hemminger  
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"I want to change the world," Josh McDowell said in an interview Thursday.

McDowell is a Christian activist who spoke Wednesday in the Nebraska Union and at Pershing Auditorium Thursday and Friday nights.

McDowell, whose home is in a Dallas suburb, has been traveling for 17 years speaking to audiences in 42 countries on topics such as the resurrection of Jesus Christ, sex and existentialism. He relates his topics to the Bible.

McDowell receives more than 1,000 invitations a year to communicate his message.

McDowell has a staff of 20 to coordinate his speeches. Three staff members research. To promote his speeches before he arrives, McDowell sends a packet to the students who are sponsoring him. McDowell said the rest is left up to the students.

The packet includes ideas that have been accumulated from students on campuses throughout the last 15 years. McDowell said that his advertising is the same as it was when he came to UNL five years ago.

McDowell told a story about a student who came up to him after one of his speeches and complained about the method of advertising that was used to promote his speeches. "He told me it turned him off," McDowell said.

However, he said he responded, "You're here aren't you?"

McDowell said he enjoys controversy. "I wish people were more affected with causes," he said.

McDowell said that when he came to UNL five years ago everyone was writing announcements and fighting for causes. He said that students no longer fight for causes.

Social problems were revealed throughout the 60s, McDowell said, but when no answers were found, the "zeal" decreased.

McDowell said there is a concern for the individual instead of social concerns today. He said he was asked many questions about social problems during the 1960s but now people ask him about themselves.

McDowell said that the crowds were receptive Wednesday night.

He added that the crowd, not all of whom agreed with him, listened attentively.

The modifications that McDowell was obligated to make in his speech here were atypical of his lecture experiences, he said.

"In 17 years this has happened only twice," McDowell said. The University of Texas told him he could not be persuasive, he said, and another university, which he declined to name, would not allow him to use the words "Jesus Christ."

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