

Man takes route to retirement

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Staff Reporter

Ed Dorsey has met thousands of college students. But he's not a professor. He has ensured that thousands of students have reached home safely on weekends and breaks. But he's not a guardian angel.

Dorsey, 65, manages the Greyhound bus terminal in downtown Lincoln. He has been with Greyhound for 45 years, but on July 1 he's selling his last ticket.

Students who rush into the terminal at 3:30 to catch the 3:30 bus to Omaha probably don't notice the slightly-stooped over, gray-haired gentleman.

But Dorsey has quietly gotten the job done since he started working for the bus company as a part-time night janitor in 1940. When he took the job he was taking business classes at UNL. But he moved up fast at Greyhound and because of his marriage cut short his college plans.

Because of his patience and meticulousness, Dorsey has moved up fast in his business.

Jo Bergman, who has worked at Greyhound since February and whose father worked with Dorsey for 34 years, said, "He's a human computer. He knows how to get as close as possible to



Edwin Dorsey, Greyhound bus terminal manager for 45 years, will retire July 1.

Most of the students taking the bus are local, Dorsey said, traveling to places like Omaha, Grand Island and Kearney.

All of those short trips add up, he said. He estimated that student business amounts to 10 to 15 percent of Greyhound's yearly revenue.

Working in the terminal is "interesting," he said. "A kook getting kicked off a bus causes a little excitement, but most of the students are easy to deal with."

Dorsey said his duties do not allow him to personally get to know his customers. He knows some of the regulars by sight though. When Greyhound sold bus tours in the 1950s, Dorsey said contact was more personal.

He won't miss dealing with the "kooks" when he retires. He plans to use his woodworking skills and "do things around the house."

And he won't miss any more Big Red football games on Saturday afternoon. He's had tickets in the North stadium since 1966.

Dorsey is not making a big deal about retiring. Ms. Bergman said, "He's the kind to keep it quiet. But 45 years is too long to let it slip by quietly."

any town in the country. He has massive doses of patience. He'll stand there for half-an-hour and tell someone the schedule forward and backward."

Dorsey said that most students want the cheapest and quickest route home while elderly people have more time to travel.

Contracts approved

Two contracts with Digital Equipment Corporation to bring nearly half a million dollars of computer equipment to UNL were approved by the NU Board of Regents in a Friday morning telephone conference call.

One contract, for \$360,916, is designated for academic computing equipment for the UNL Computing Resource Center. The other will bring administrative computing equipment to the Printing and Duplicating Service and the Division of Continuing Studies for \$122,083.

The other contract will allow easier use of videodiscs for computer-assisted learning, improve computing tools for students and faculty

and provide a link between the center and other computers on campus, according to Center Director Douglas Gale in a Saturday Lincoln Star article.

The less expensive contract will provide two mini-computers to ease paperwork problems at both the Printing and Duplicating Service and the Division of Continuing Studies.

Action was delayed by the Regents to replace the telecommunication system at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The contract with American Telephone and Telegraph Information Systems would be for \$1.25 million.

Nitrates...

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Dr. Gary Keefer, assistant professor of civil engineering, has plans to research the process of chemical precipitation. But he has not done so because of a lack of funds. But, a UNL graduate student is planning to do some non-funded research this fall. Once he finds a proper catalyst for the chemical reaction and other background material, coordinators of the project will apply again for funding next year.

Chemical precipitation is a process where a form of iron is added to the water. This then becomes the solid iron hydroxide. The nitrates will then be

removed from the water.

This process was examined about twenty years ago, and it was determined that it was not economically feasible, Keefer said. "But that was before the pressure to remove the nitrates started," he said. "We want to modify the process."

Other project include one by Dr. Martha Gilliland, who has developed a computer model which simulates well fields along the Platte River south of Grand Island. The model simulates what happens to those fields in terms of nitrate contamination of different river levels.

Vet school...

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White said he "vaguely" knew what the four options were.

"They have to do with what state (to have the cooperative vet school with) and the extent of the clinical development," White said.

Fifty percent of the funds for capital construction of the cooperative vet-school, would be available from the federal government, White said, if the state supplied the other half.

The state legislature appropriated no funds for the cooperative vet-school concept, due to the recent budget cuts, White said.

"The budget crunch is the biggest drawback we have," White said.

There is some private support for the vet-school concept, he said.

The livestock industry is still very supportive of the cooperative vet-school despite no state aid, White said.

Nebraska Stock Grower's Association at its annual meeting earlier this month passed a resolution supporting this concept, and encourages the NU Board of Regents, the governor, and the state of Nebraska to help until it becomes a reality, White said.

"The need for a college of veterinary medicine has been recognized for over 50 years," White said.

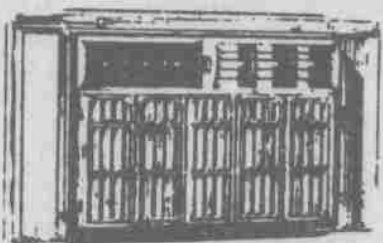
Nebraska has a \$4.2 billion livestock industry, the fourth largest in the nation, White said.

"Veterinary medicine is the forearm of the livestock industry," White said.

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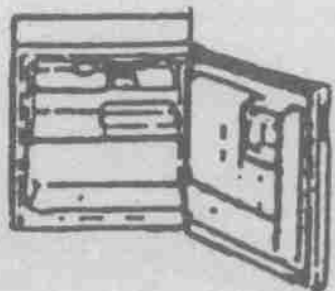
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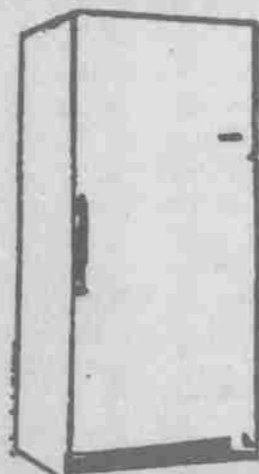
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