# Hoops benefit hearts Nebraska versus Michigan: Battle of the blood drives

By ERIC RINEER Staff Reporter

Cornhusker football legends team of national champion football seniors Friday night.

But they left their footballs at home

High School gymnasium, the legends team and seniors team battled for baskets, and charity dollars -

not touchdowns. Tina Schneider, who helped organize Hoops for Hearts, said the event raised about \$30,000 for the American Heart Association.

from behind to defeat the Husker of birds with one stone." seniors' team 92-82 in Bryan

Memorial's eighth-annual Hoops for basketball game and two autograph Hearts charity basketball game, a fund-raiser for the American Heart Association.

Jamel Williams, former NU linereturned to Lincoln and took on a backer who plays for the Washington Redskins, said he thought supporting a good cause, such as fighting heart disease, was important.

Giving something back to the In a crowded Lincoln Southeast community was an added incentive to play, he said.

Damon Benning, voted most valuable player of the 1996 Orange Bowl, said players in the fund-raiser game wanted both to help an important cause and show appreciation for their fans.

"It's a heck of a way to make The Husker legends' team came money," Benning said. "We hit a lot

Hoops for Hearts featured the

sessions for children's organizations.

Scott Frost, senior quarterback, said the night helped youngsters realize the benefits of physical activ-

"It's good to let them come out and see us," Frost said. "The kids look up to you because you're the kind of person they want to be."

Vershan Jackson, senior tight end and football team captain, said playing for charity provided entertainment while sending a positive mes-

"It's fun to play for a cause," he said. "It's a great situation I've been looking forward to the last couple of

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The school that collects the most blood wins the challenge, Crouch said. The losers will have to wear an outfit representing the other school, he said.

"This is a competition, but it is a friendly competition," Crouch said. "Mainly the challenge is for bragging rights."

Kathy McGahn, donor recruitment coordinator for American Red Cross of Omaha, said everyone should consider donating because one pint of blood can save three people's lives.

"With little emergencies popping up all of the time, it's always good to have some extra blood stored on the shelves," McGahn said.

Fitzgerald agreed. "The whole idea of this blood drive challenge is to provide a steady source of blood," Fitzgerald said. "You never know when blood will be needed."

Demand for blood is high now because recent cold and flu cases prevented donations, White said.

Crouch said many people donate blood only occasionally, and he hoped the challenge would encourage many nonregular donors to come in.

Only 5 percent of Lincoln residents are regular donors, White said.

"This is a unique opportunity for Cornhusker fans to show their team spirit," Crouch said. "Not only are people who donate blood being good fans, they are being good Nebraskans.'

Individuals interested in donating blood are encouraged to do so at the following sites:

 Nebraska Union, Centennial Ballroom, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins welcome.

· Community Blood Bank of Lincoln, 2966 O St., Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and from 6:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

All first-time donors need to be at least 17 years old, at least 110 pounds, in general good health and have no symptoms of illness three days prior to donating blood. All donors should eat before they donate and must bring identification and proof of their social security number.

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have the opportunity to "Celebrate

Everybody at UNL this week will

## **UNL** prepares its annual drive

From Staff Reports

Volunteers are needed to help UNL Campus Red Cross "Save the world" Tuesday and Wednesday.

All it will cost is a little

University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Campus Red Cross is having its annual blood drive, hoping to "Save the world, one drop at a time," said April From, blood drive co-chairwoman.

"What we need are people who are committed to help others," From said. "Luckily, we have many students on this campus who are willing to help.'

From said this year's blood drive should be a success.

"We already have 400 appointments and will probably have many walk-ins," she said.

From said Campus Red Cross was able to help 1,350 lives with the help of 600 donors last year. She wants to match or beat that amount.

This year From hopes the blood drive challenge between UNL and the University of Michigan will entice more individuals to donate. The donor competition between greek houses and the residence halls also should increase donations, she said.

"Adding competition helps people donate," From said. "Not only does everyone show support for the respective campus communities, everyone is helping the Lincoln community.'

Those wishing to donate blood should come to the Centennial Ballroom in the Nebraska Union on Tuesday or Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All donors must bring a student ID or social security

## Maternity leave debated

### Legislative Notebook

Adoptive parents would receive the same maternity leave benefits as biological parents under a bill introduced by Omaha Sen. Dan Lynch Friday.

LB1220 would extend maternity leave to adoptive parents, a right that is already secured for biological parents under the federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Lynch said some Nebraska employers give time off to parents who have adopted a child, but many

"The typical six-week maternity leave is longer than necessary to recover from the birth, but that time is

needed to bond with the child," Lynch supporters, the committee took no said. "That same time is needed for action on the bill. adoptive children."

Patricia Koraleski of Lincoln said she and her husband were planning to adopt a child, but her employer would not giver her financial assistance nor maternity leave.

She said she was not eligible because she wouldn't have given birth to the baby, which would leave her unable to take care of the baby.

Koraleski and others said discrimination exists in the workplace that creates problems for parents wishing to adopt because they can't take care of their adoptive children.

"I am the future mother of one of the most important children in the world," Koraleski said.

After hearing testimony from six

#### Reuniting would be easier

LB1273, introduced to the Judiciary Committee by Lincoln Sen. LaVon Crosby, would allow separated couples to reinstate their marriage.

Under current statutes, Crosby said, separated couples wishing to reunite must file for a divorce and then remarry.

Lincoln attorney Steve Burt said couples would effectively waive the terms of the separation, including child support payments to the state.

He said the bill would also solve income tax and financial problems created by the terms of the separation.

The committee took no action on



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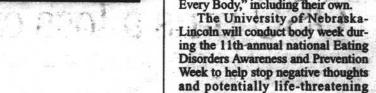
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behaviors. "We are more than our physical bodies," said Sue Bukacek, a psychologist at the University Health Center. "The purpose of the week is to encourage people to not weigh their self-esteem and realize that it's what's inside that really counts."

Bukacek said the week's eating disorders awareness and prevention programs focus on the root of eating disorders - social and psychological misconceptions about weight and body image.

Approximately 2,145 female students at UNL suffer from eating disorders, including anorexia nervosa, bulimia and binge eating, Bukacek

However, many more students, both male and female, suffer from the effects of a negative body image, she

of the Campus Recreation Center's wellness services, said it is important to get the education out about how eating disorders and the personal need for the perfect body both relate to exercise.

Body week begins

the point where it then becomes an obsession," Dodge said. "An obsession with exercise is commonly the result of having an eating disorder."

Dodge will present, "Taking Control of Your Exercise" Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in room 230 of the Campus Recreation Center.
She will discuss individual levels

of exercise and deal with healthy guidelines to exercising too little or too much.

Other "Celebrating Every Body" activities include:

"If I Had the Perfect Body," ight at 7 p.m. in the Lied Center's Johnny Carson Theater.

Accepting Our Bodies, Accepting Ourselves," Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 230 at the Campus Recreation Center.

"Dangerous Dieting,"
Wednesday, noon to 1 p.m. in the East
Campus Union.

"The Perfection Trap," Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the South Stadium football auditorium.

■ "Eating Disorders, How to Help a Friend," Thursday, noon to 1 Ashley Dodge, assistant director p.m. in the East Campus Union.