

Former MNSCU trustee bikes for students

Money raised would help those ineligible for aid

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NORTH MANKATO — The first time around he had oddity on his side.

Here was this guy, a former Minnesota State Colleges and Universities trustee, who was pedaling across the state to raise money for, and awareness of, part-time college students who in many cases are ineligible to receive financial aid.

Robert O. Erickson finished his ride uninjured and raised \$79,000 last year, including a one-time gift of \$50,000 from a generous donor.

How's it going this year? So far Erickson has been hit by a car near Anoka, and he won't have the generosity of a five-figure donation. But awareness, he said, is clearly growing...[Full story>>](#)



Robert O. Erickson, left, and Denny Dotson arrived in North Mankato Monday after biking from Faribault to South Central Technical College. For Erickson this was the second time he's biked across the state to raise money for, and awareness of, the need for changes in financial aid rules that adversely affect part-time students.
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