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\$265 RAISED FOR EPILEPSY FOUNDATION FROM MISSOULA 'KIDNAPPINGS' MONDAY

MISSOULA --

"Kidnapped!" The word itself can be a shocker until you learn that the kidnapping experience two Missoula men and a number of local women had Monday, April 5, was strictly for fun and charity's sake.

And for the two men--John Talbot, publisher of The Missoulian, and Dr. Richard C. Bowers, president of the University of Montana, who had a free lunch and enthusiastic conversation with some pretty University of Montana women students, the kidnappings just couldn't have been for real.

Talbot and Bowers were led from their respective offices Monday morning, taken to the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority house, 1020 Gerald Ave., by several sorority women and treated to free lunch before being "released" unharmed a couple of hours later.

By Monday afternoon, a total of about \$200 had been donated or pledged for the release of Talbot and Bowers. All the funds raised will be donated by Kappa Alpha Theta to the Epilepsy Foundation of America.

A. Dale Tomlinson, vice president for fiscal affairs at UM, pledged \$100 from nonstate funds for the release of Bowers.

Two other University fraternal organizations joined in the fund-raising effort for epilepsy Monday. Representatives of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity kidnapped the K.A.T. house mother, Mrs. Ruth Raff; the K.A.T. cook, Mrs. Betty Fanto, and cooks from several other Greek organizations. A total of \$65 for epilepsy was raised from the release of those kidnap "victims."

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Spearheading the epilepsy fund-raising effort for K.A.T. was Diane Marshall, Pocatello, Idaho, who is president of the K.A.T. chapter at UM.

The epilepsy benefit drive is in conjunction with the 52-hour dance marathon for epilepsy scheduled from 4 p.m. Friday, April 9, to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, in the University Men's Gymnasium.

Orville Erlenbush, <u>Bozeman</u>, formerly of <u>Baker</u>, who is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, is coordinator of the dance marathon. Prizes donated to couples who place high in the marathon competition will include a \$500 scholarship donated by Central Board, the student governing body of the Associated Students of UM, and a \$250 scholarship donated by the Miller Brewing Co.

The dance marathon is sponsored by Alpha Tau Omega. All interested persons including local high school students may enter the dance marathon.