

## Bercy, Pals both want to take incumbent's seat

Both Democratic senatorial candidates Donald Bercy and Marlin Pals are funding their own campaigns, and they both want to replace Congressman Douglas Bereuter. But for different reasons.

Describing himself as the "populist candidate," Bercy, 55, said because the Reagan administration's philosophy of economic recovery benefits big business, "the little guy is not properly represented by the man in congress."

Besides the lack of representation by Bereuter and the rest of congress, he said there are three major problems the government needs to solve. First, the fear the "little guy" has about losing his house or job must be eliminated.

Second, the government and banks need to decrease spending and borrowing they do to end high interest rates. Third, the government needs to quit "putting on a show for the rest of the world," in order to retain a superpower image which gives the U.S. citizens a "false pride."

Bercy, a used car salesman, said he has been involved in political activity in three states, including Wisconsin, New York and Connecticut, where he was a delegate to the state convention. In Nebraska, Bercy ran for mayor last year, receiving nine votes.

"Non-policies" in agriculture such as the Payment-In-Kind or a "real" full employment policy need to be developed, Pals said, "but Reagan has made it a travesty by cutting back on those programs." Because his name is widely recognized in Lincoln, Pals said he doesn't need to spend any money publicizing his campaign. Aside from various civil rights organizations, Pals was involved with Justice Inc. in the early 1970s, a service that provided legal assistance to indigents and also Housing Help Inc. in which he helped collect funds for an apartment complex for minorities at 23rd and Y street.

"I would be more respondent to the needs and desires of everyday people because I am one of them," Bercy said.

Pals, however, felt Bereuter is "treating Nebraska like a dog, throwing the people bones to keep them happy" by making claims that he would "make sure Nebraska gets its share," of government money.

Pals said one of the reasons he decided to run involved the emphasis Reagan is giving his warmaking policies. "The Reagan camp wants to undo 200 years of work to make this country a success," he said. "I didn't want to sit back and watch."

## Bauer challenges Bereuter

By Terry Hyland

Preserving the family farm and representing the farmer as a concerned advocate are the main goals of Monica Bauer, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Nebraska's 1st District seat in the House of Representatives. The winner will face Rep. Douglas Bereuter, a Republican, in the November general election.

Bauer, a 30-year-old ordained minister from Crete, said she is running for the congressional post because the farmer and the small agricultural business man "need someone to stand up for them."

"Mr. Bereuter has done very little," she said. "The Republican Party has nothing to offer them (the farmers) except more bankruptcies. They have no coherent farm policy that's geared to the family-sized producer."

She said change will not occur

while the Republicans allow small farms to collapse and corporate takeovers of farmland to continue. However, Bauer said, the people of Nebraska are ready for a candidate that will halt that trend.

One of Bauer's plans for farm aid involves financial support for new farmers. If elected, she said she would propose a national direct new farmers loan program modeled after present student loan programs. Under the plan, money would be loaned to young people so they could enter the farming industry.

Bauer, an Omaha native, has a bachelor's degree in history from Brown University and master's degree in divinity from Yale University. She was ordained a minister of the United Church of Christ in 1982 and is now the pastor at the Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ in Crete.

## Residence directors...

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"Many of the applicants are people who were active in student government or were student assistants," Zatechka said.

He said most applicants have completed their master's degree in behavioral science and have held some semi-professional positions such as graduate assistants or assistant residence directors. "The master's is nice, but the work experience is equally important," Zatechka said.

Though she did not have her master's degree, Michele Cole, Smith Hall residence director, said her degree in social services and her experience as a student assistant helped her meet the criteria to be hired as an RD three years ago. Cole said it took more than 12 hours to complete her interviews, but described the day-long process as "a lot of fun" and "interesting" because of the staff members and student government representatives she met.

"It offered an opportunity to meet with everyone," she said.

Because she lives in the residence halls, Cole said the only disadvantages of her job is that she is on-call 24 hours a day and her personal life is so visible to the students that

they "know everything." Cole said she likes to watch the students progress.

"I get to grow with 500 students," she said.

Though she described her job as a "positive experience," Cole said she

will pursue her master's degree in gerontology, rather than return as residence director.

Cole said she still will work closely with students, however, as the new manager of contracts and financial services.

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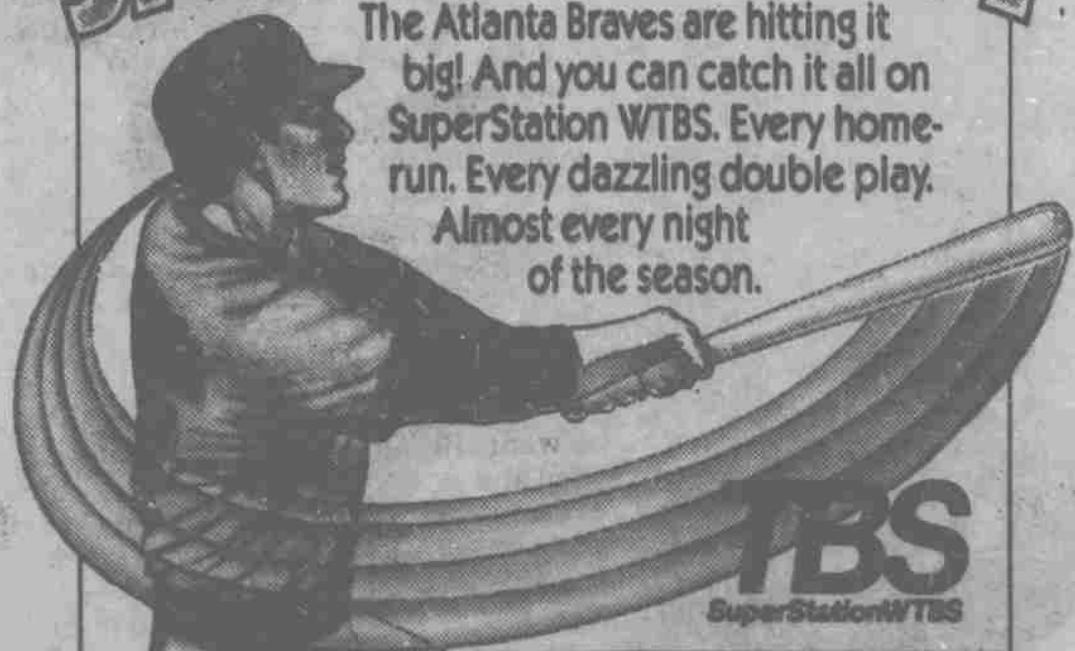
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