

Bereuter berates political corruption, inflation

By Robin Lynch

Doug Bereuter, Republican incumbent for the 1st District congressional seat, said Tuesday that he is in Congress because he is interested in how government actions affect the public, and he has the experience and the understanding to provide good representation for the people in his district.

Bereuter, who spoke to about 50 students in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union, said he was not there in response to his Democratic opponent Rex Story's appearance last week in the UPC sponsored Talks and Topics forum. He said he wanted to point out the major campaign issue: his experience.

Bereuter said his experience includes four years in the Legislature, two years in Congress and training he received in urban development.

"It is important to listen to my constituents and focus on their comments and questions," Bereuter said, as he opened the forum for questions that ranged from voter apathy to corruption.

"The American voter is apathetic about the elections more this year than in the past," Bereuter said. He said he was visiting with high school students and college students to generate interest and he is getting youth involved in his campaign.

Some other causes of apathy, Bereuter said, were the drawn-out election process, lack of party response and corruption in public offices.

Bereuter suggested regional primaries, a cut in funding and changing the convention process for picking presidential candidates to better the electoral system.

He also said Congress needs more citizen members and advocated a 12-year-term limit for Congress and a six-year term for the President.

Bereuter said corruption in Congress could be the product of on-party machines who place corrupt people in office, so people should demand dignity in political candidates. He added "convicted felons do not belong in Congress unless they have served their term."

Bereuter said he felt the major flaw in the Carter administration was that he brought people with him to Washington that didn't know much about public policy. He also said Carter did not know how to work with Congress to get his policies passed.

He said he thinks Congress wasn't sufficiently overseeing program operations which leads to a bureaucracy that over-regulates the public.

"I feel we should use grain in forming our foreign policy," Bereuter said. He said more even trade regulations internationally would help the small farmer as well as the nation.

Bereuter, who served on the Agriculture Committee in Congress, said he opposes the Windfall Profit Tax as passed because it only allows 7 to 10 percent of the revenues to go into energy research. It also would pass the tax burden onto the consumer, he said.

"I do not accept 8 to 10 percent inflation," Bereuter said. He added that a federal spending level should be set in order to limit spending and help cut inflation instead of trying to meet a set budget because taxes would be increased to help meet deficiencies.

"A tax cut is not the number one priority," said Bereuter. "We need a more productive society."

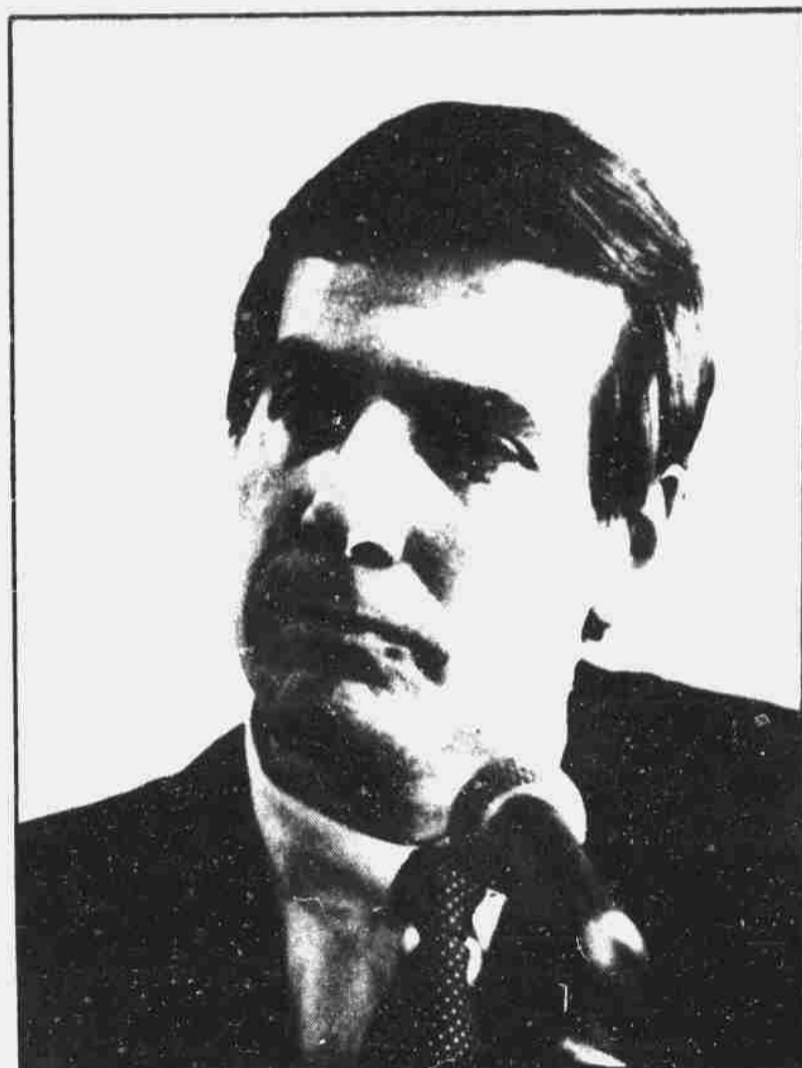


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Douglas Bereuter

'Most needed the money'

Manager: 220 students given Fund A refund

By Patti Gallagher

About \$670 was granted to 220 students through refunds for the Fund A portion of student fees, according to Randy McIntyre, accounting manager of the Student Activities Finance and Services Office.

Fund A consists of \$3.33 of the total \$72.50 student fees paid by each student, and is allocated to ASUN, the Daily Nebraskan and the University Program Council.

Fund B constitutes the remaining \$69.17 of the fees, divided between the debt service, University Health Center, Nebraska Unions, recreation programs and facilities, and a contingency fund.

According to an NU Board of Regents policy adopted May 17, any student is eligible to apply for a Fund A refund. The policy will continue next semester.

The policy states that the majority of a referendum vote must be obtained by the three organizations to continue receiving student fees, McIntyre said if a majority vote is not received in the ASUN spring election, the organizations no longer will receive the fees.

McIntyre said the application period for refunding was from Aug. 25 to Sept. 26, and the refund period was from Sept. 22 to Oct. 10.

He said 533 students picked up applications for the refund, but only 233 returned them.

Of that, 13 students did not pick up refund checks.

Although the reasons students requested the refund seemed varied, McIntyre said the majority of students indicated they needed the money.

According to 122 questionnaires returned to the ASUN office, about one-third of the students requesting the refund said they didn't want the services offered by ASUN. Although the number of questionnaires represents only about one-half of the total who requested the ASUN portion of Fund A, ASUN treasurer Jim May said that apparently not all students are being served equally by ASUN.

A demographic analysis of the questionnaires will help pinpoint who can be served better and how best to reach students, May said.

A breakdown of the refund totals show that the ASUN amount was requested by 207 students, the Daily Nebraskan amount was requested by 208 and the UPC amount by 196, McIntyre said.

The dollar breakdown indicated that ASUN, which is allocated 88 cents for each student from Fund A, had a refund total of \$178.02; the Daily Nebraskan, receiving 76 cents from Fund A, had \$158.08 refunded; and UPC, with \$1.71 of Fund A, had \$335.16 refunded.

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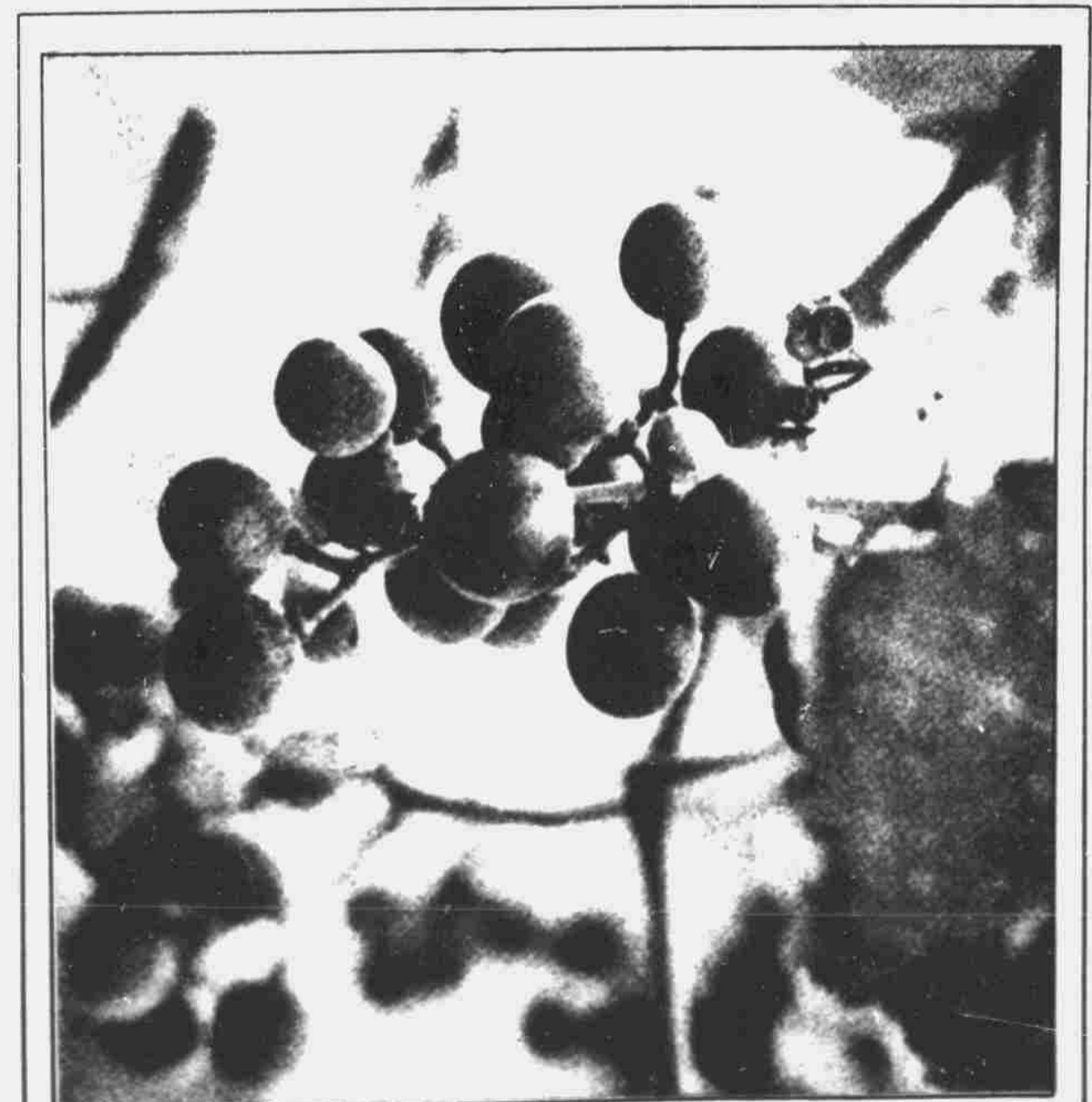


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Great grapes! Destined for raisin bran or a wineskin, these grapes can only hope that the wine remembers them well.

Absentee ballots can be requested by postcard through Oct. 31

By Mary Louise Knapp

Students who need absentee ballots for the Nov. 4 election can send a postcard requesting a ballot to the election commissioner in the county in which they wish to vote.

The postcards, printed by the Nebraska Council of Youth, are available until Oct. 31 at the City and East unions and at all residence hall desks.

Mark Larson, Youth Voting Committee Chairman for the Nebraska Council of Youth, said the organization is printing the postcards in an effort to encourage more students to vote.

Elaine Usher, Lancaster County election commissioner, said students who are already registered to vote should fill in their name, date, election date, the name and zip code of the county seat in which they wish to vote, and their campus address.

Students who are not registered to vote can request a registration form by mail, she said.

Students who are not yet 18, but will be on or before Nov. 4, can also request an absentee ballot.

Registration deadline is Oct. 24, Usher said, but election officials in every county will send registration forms in the mail after the deadline.

Absentee ballots should be received in the election commissioner's office of the county in which the student is voting by 10 p.m. Nov. 6, but the ballot must be filled out by election day.

Absentee voters who have obtained their ballots can vote immediately and send them in, Usher said.

The Nebraska Council on Youth is an affiliate of the Nebraska Committee for Children and Youth, Larson said. The group is designed to help young people and has worked with several educational programs, such as Youth Government Day. The group has also lobbied for bills in the state legislature.

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