

## Donaldson . . .

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His experiences campaigning have led Donaldson to propose a candidates' union "to guarantee minimum wages and working conditions and to prevent candidates from working each other to the point of becoming walking zombies." Donaldson said he has found that "the political process exhausts clever young men who want to make changes in the American system. It is set up for incredible political stability."

Donaldson graduated from UNL in 1970 with a major in political science. While at UNL, he participated in the planning for Centennial College and helped organized the eighth floor of Harper Hall as a residence for Regents scholars. Donaldson has served as a citizen volunteer in the planning and streamlining of electrical usage for the Lincoln Electrical System. He also has served on the Lincoln Goals and Policies Committee and as a worker in political campaigns.

## Nebraska author wins literary award

Wright Morris, a Nebraska-born novelist, has been named the winner of the annual Commonwealth Award for Distinguished Service in Literature.

Morris is the most distinguished Nebraska novelist now writing, said Robert Knoll, a UNL English professor. Knoll said Morris is among the top four novelists from Nebraska, a list that includes Willa Cather, Marie Sandoz and John Neihardt.

"He has produced one first-class book after another,"

## NSO is still looking for '83 student hosts

Applications for New Student Orientation hosts will be accepted until Dec. 3. The hosts introduce new students and their parents to campus life through tours of the campus and programs on university life.

Fifteen students are chosen out of about 100 applicants through a careful screening process, Sandi Rhoten, NSO coordinator said.

Applicants must enjoy working with people, Rhoten said, be undergraduate students and have leadership skills.

Mark Davidson, a UNL junior and a former NSO host, represented the College of Engineering and Technology.

He said being a host was an excellent experience for him because he learned communication skills and idea projection, and developed a sense of pride for UNL.

Hosts are chosen to represent both UNL as a whole and the colleges within it, Rhoten said. She said NSO hopes to pick hosts from each college. If there are no qualified applicants from a college, however, a student from another college will be chosen.

"Our first criteria is to get the best student hosts for NSO," she said.

New hosts are to begin their training next semester, meeting every Thursday. They learn about UNL, and the university's separate colleges, financial aid and public speaking. Faculty members help to train the hosts, she said.

The training takes a lot of time, Davidson said, but is worth it. He said he would recommend the job to anyone who has the time to offer NSO. The pay probably isn't as good as some jobs, he said, but it's worth the time to develop communication skills and to help new students.

Summer orientation is the major job of the hosts. It occurs during the first five week summer session. Students receive \$650 plus room and board for being hosts. A week before summer orientation begins, the hosts undergo an intense training session.

The hosts are not trying to sell UNL to the students, Rhoten said, since they have already decided to attend UNL. Rather, the hosts try to help the new students understand the university system.

New students are receptive to student hosts, Rhoten said, because the hosts have experience as UNL students. She said that NSO believes the student hosts are the best way to help new students.

## Doug Bereuter . . .

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Bereuter said the lowered prime interest rate (from 21 percent in January of 1981 to 12 percent last week) and inflation (from 11½ percent to 12½ percent in January 1981, to less than 5 percent currently) are part of a "tremendous turnaround" the economy has experienced in the last 21 months.

"Now we are at the point where young couples are able to think realistically about a home mortgage," Bereuter said in

a telephone interview earlier this week. Bereuter is completing his second term as congressman from the 1st District.

Bereuter serves on the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee — the major water subcommittee of the House — and the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee. He said he has also been a co-sponsor of most major pieces of farm legislation in the House.

He currently lives in Arlington, Va., with his wife, Louise and two sons.

said Wayne Booth, a member of the jury of literary scholars who chose the winner.

Morris has never had a best seller or the attention he deserves, Booth said.

"I think Morris holds a place of permanent importance and unquestionable stature in the literary world," Booth said.

Morris, now in his late 60s, has produced first-rate novels since 1940, Knoll said, achieving a remarkable example of sustained work lasting more than 40 years.

Morris has written 20 novels, two volumes of short stories and four collections of essays. Recently he wrote "Plains Song" (1980), a novel that won an American Book Award, and "Will's Boy" (1981), the first volume about his childhood days in Nebraska. Both were published by Harper & Row.

Several years ago the University of Nebraska Press began to reissue in paperback all of Morris's books not in print elsewhere, including "The Field of Vision," which won the National Book Award in 1957.

The Commonwealth award includes a stipend of \$14,000, and was established by the Commonwealth trust. It was founded by Ralph Hayes, a prominent Delaware businessman who died in 1977.

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