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Sullivan sings

Actor and author Tom Sullivan provided comedy and music for his audience Thursday night during a show in the Nebraska Union. Sullivan, who has been blind most of his life, was in Lincoln as part of his October tour of college campuses around the United States. Story on Page 6.

Funds in Commonwealth foreign students concern

By Janet Chu

The most immediate priority of the International Students Organization is working to get international students' money out of Lincoln's Commonwealth Savings Co., said Saeed Bahramzad, who was elected ISO president Friday.

Bahramzad, a senior from Iran studying industrial engineering, said several international students have told him they have money in the industrial bank, which was declared insolvent and closed Nov. 1 by the state Department of Banking.

Gov. Bob Kerrey has said no one will be given special consideration in withdrawing money from the bank. But Bahramzad said he believes international students should have priority because of certain risks they face.

"If they don't have money to pay the bills, they will be deported," Bahramzad said. "But no American will be deported for not paying his bills."

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Kerrey to Democrats: Stay true to ideals

By Jeff Goodwin

Nebraska Democrats were in a festive mood Saturday night as they celebrated the first anniversary of Bob Kerrey's election as governor.

To mark the occasion, the Democrats sponsored a fund-raising dinner at the Southwest Civic Center, 2608 Park Blvd. In addition to Kerrey, Democratic luminaries present at the dinner included U.S. Sen. J. James Exon, former Nebraska Gov. Frank Morrison and the national chairman of the Democratic Party, Charles Manatt.

Exon warned the Democrats against being overconfident in next year's elections.

"We've got to organize," he said. "We've got to keep on a steady course. If we don't, we could find ourselves in the same perilous position the Republicans found themselves in not too many years ago."

Kerrey called upon Democrats to remain true to their ideals and to keep the Democratic party the party of the people.

Noting that corporations and busi-

nesses can hire lobbyists to make their views known to legislators, Kerrey said, "It is you and I that need representation in government."

He said government should help the poor and disadvantaged members of society.

"We have enough problems without elected politicians standing up in front of us and telling us we are a weak nation because we care," Kerrey said. "This nation has been made strong by giving weak people an opportunity to be strong."

Manatt called on party members to work hard in next year's elections.

"This is the best opportunity we have ever had to build the party, to elect state legislators and to elect congressmen," he said.

Manatt also called on the Democratic Party to respond to the needs of blacks, Hispanics and other minorities.

"We must appeal to all groups," he said.

The dinner also included the induction of William Jennings Bryan, famous orator and politician, into the Nebraska Democratic Party Hall of Fame.



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James Warner, Lincoln's new budget officer.

Warner balances people and figures

By Jim Rasmussen

A new job can be an enjoyable challenge that takes time to get used to. James Warner, Lincoln's new budget officer, can attest to that. Warner, who began his job a month ago, said he is still learning the ropes.

"It's been interesting," Warner said. "I've definitely got a lot to learn. It's going to take some time before I really know what's going on."

The 29-year-old Warner, a 1976 UNL graduate, brings three years of city budget experience to the job. He was in charge of the budget for the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department from 1980 until he accepted his new post.

Warner said his job is to coordinate the fiscal budgets of both the mayor and the city council, do performance audits on the various city departments and forecast future revenue and expenses for the city. He said forecasting revenue has been

"quite an experience" for him.

"I've never had to do it before using economic formulas," Warner said. "The staff here has been a great help in that area."

Warner was reared in Lincoln and his family later moved to Waverly. He said he still prefers Lincoln.

"I think in some ways, Lincoln's ahead of its time," he said. "I think the effort to maintain the downtown area has been remarkable. You go to some cities, and the downtown is just an old smell. The people migrated long ago. But Lincoln has kept its downtown beautified, and I think a lot of people deserve credit for that. This city has a lot to offer."

Warner got a degree in business administration from UNL, with an emphasis on marketing. Three days after he graduated in December of 1976, he began working for the A.C. Nielsen Co. in Lincoln. He worked there for two years, supervising the company's data entry department. He said he learned a lot about working with people while there.

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