Bercey announces candidacy

Don Bercey on Thursday announced his candidacy for the 1st District congressional seat now held by Rep. Doug Bereuter.

Bercey, a self-employed consultant and recruiter who finds employees for corporations, said he wants to bring a "humanistic approach" to the

He said he wants to run for the angry people who don't believe that elected officials represent them. He said Bereuter is running "for the few."

"He (Bereuter) doesn't represent me," Bercey said. "That's why I'm running."

Bercey said people are angry because they are afraid - afraid that they'll lose everything, that their children won't be healthy, that they can't afford college or that they will lose their jobs, he

Bercey said his son is stationed in Lebanon, and that he supports the decision to pull the troops out of the country.

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By Milli King

Of the 47 million unregistered voters in the United States, 14 million are between the ages of 18 and 24. In 1980, 16 million eligible 18- to 24-year-olds did

Heidi Burklund, UNL voter registration chairperson, attended the National Student Conference on Voter Registration, sponsored by the U.S. Student Association and Student Public Interest Research

More than 1,600 student leaders from 48 states attended the three-day conference Feb. 10-12 at Harvard College, Boston, Mass.

Burklund said the conference spread the organizing efforts for voter registration to new campuses throughout the country. The conference also helped students learn the skills to conduct voter registration drives and organize students, she said.

Finally, the conference used workshops to share strategies to maximize the impact of campus registration drives and urge students to vote, Burklund said.

Burklund said the workshop stressed the fact that students can affect the outcome of elections.

Democratic presidential candidates Jesse Jackson and George McGovern were guest speakers at the conference.

Jackson said special interest groups such as blacks, women and Hispanics should not re-elect President Reagan because he has not done anything for them, Burklund said.

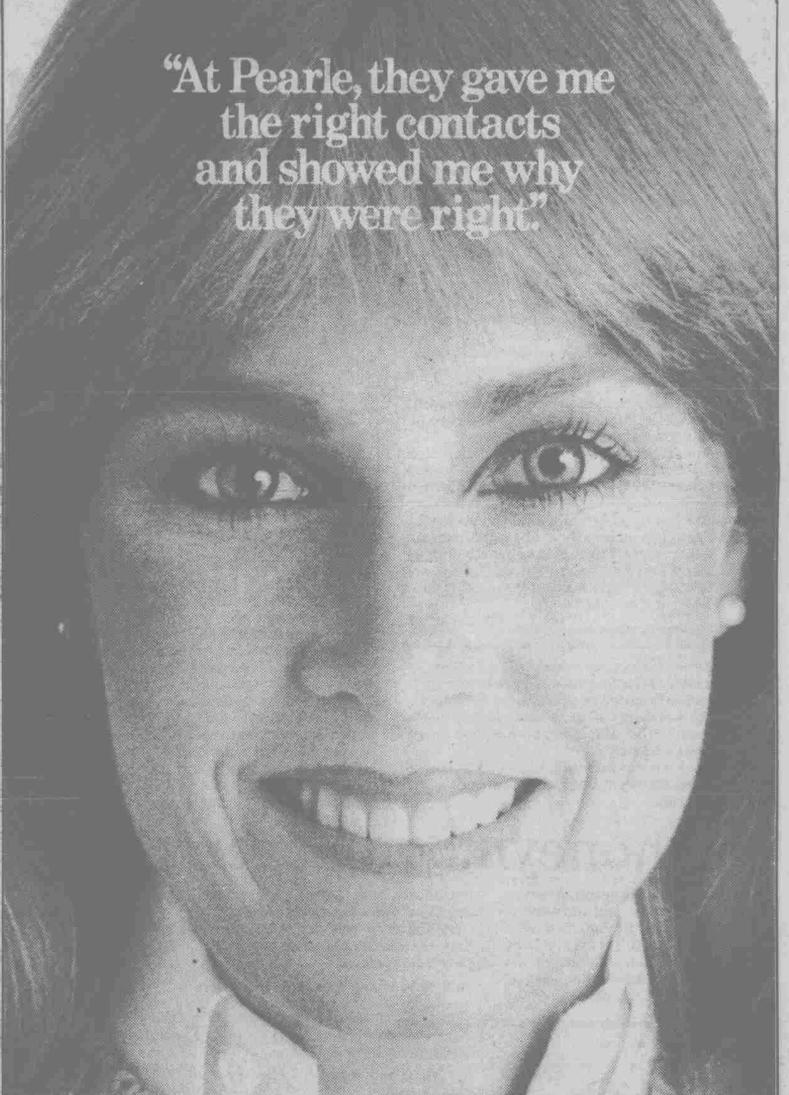
"Jackson said it should be as easy to register to vote as it is to register for the draft," Burklund said.

Burklund said she hopes to double the number of students registering to vote by having campus groups help with the drive.

Voter registration at UNL will be March 20 through 22 in the Nebraska Union from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and East Union from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Registration requests from home towns also will be available, Burklund said.

A student must be at least 18 years old and an American citizen to register to vote. Students also may register at the Election Commissioner's office in the City-County building, 555 S. 10th St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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