

For The United States House of Representatives District 2

ELECTION



Daub concerned about budget, defense

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A balanced federal budget, a strong national defense and easy-to-get student loans will make "the long run" better for today's college students, District 2 Rep. Hal Daub says.

Daub, 43, is running for re-election against Democratic challenger Tom Cavanaugh of Omaha.

The congressman said he is "a strong supporter" of President Reagan and his policies, although he disagrees with the president that the federal budget needn't be balanced.

Daub said he is "optimistic" that the United States can run in the black, and he favors a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget. He also wants Congress to control government spending by giving the president a line-item veto that would allow him to cut unnecessary spending on bills that should otherwise pass.

Daub said the government also can save money by cutting cash aid to foreign countries and limiting spending increases

for defense and social programs to 5 percent.

The Reagan administration has "turned the corner on spending," allowing the U.S. gross national product to swell and bringing more job opportunities for future college graduates, Daub said.

World peace through cost-effective military strength is another of Daub's aims. He said he thinks military spending should be limited, but that United States should maintain "a strong defense." A nuclear freeze with the Soviet Union can come only if the nations have equal numbers of nuclear weapons, he said.

"They have no reason to sit down at the bargaining table if they think we've given up," he said.

Daub said he "strongly favors" student loan programs and that more loans should be made available. But he said students should not get lower interest rates than other borrowers.

Many times, students abuse low-interest loan money, spending it on cars, vacations and other things besides school

expenses, Daub said. Sometimes students fail to repay loans, he said, citing 66,000 doctors who have not paid their debts.

Daub said the student loan program has been helped by boosting interest rates on delinquent loans to 20 percent. He said loans should be more available to students from middle class families, not "Mr. and Mrs. Gotrocks who make \$100,000 a year."

In two terms in the House, Daub has served on the House Committee for Public Works and Transportation, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Water Resources Subcommittee, House Committee on Small Business, House Select Committee on Aging, and the Ranking Republican Task Force on Social Security and Women.

He received the Golden Bulldog Award from Watchdogs of the Treasury Inc., three leadership awards from the Coalition for Peace Through Strength and a Guardian of Small Business award from the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Lack of funds force hot issues to fuel Cavanaugh campaign

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A constitutional amendment for a balanced budget will only work once the federal deficit has been cleared, Democratic congressional candidate Tom Cavanaugh says.

Cavanaugh, 32, is running against two-term incumbent Hal Daub of Omaha for

the District 2 seat in the House of Representatives.

An Omaha native, Cavanaugh said he has been active in politics all of his life. He has worked since 1979 as a lobbyist and legislative consultant in the Nebraska Legislature. He has worked for several state and local campaigns, including Gov. Bob Kerrey's 1982 election campaign.

The federal deficit especially hurts

today's college students, Cavanaugh said. Interest on the deficit is the third largest government expenditure, he said. Paying the interest takes away from university funding and student loan and grant programs, he said.

In the long run, he said, the deficit will "diminish job opportunities because the private sector doesn't have the money."

Cavanaugh said he supports a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget, but not until a large part of the federal debt is paid.

If an amendment were passed now, Cavanaugh said, Congress would have to raise taxes or cut defense spending.

The candidate said he opposes both of these measures.

"I think the responsible route and the honest route is to elect congressmen who will vote 'no' on excess spending and tax loopholes," he said.

The Democratic candidate said Con-

gress should cut "waste and ripoffs" in government, especially in defense spending. Private corporations, such as General Electric, charge the military as much as \$112 an hour for work that would cost private customers \$35 an hour, he said.

Cavanaugh said the solution is to open government contracts to competitive bidding and to "put those people in jail where they belong."

Student aid is not as available as it should be, Cavanaugh said. Though he acknowledged that some students misuse low-interest loans, he said student interest rates should be lower than for regular loans.

"Education is an investment," he said. "It's in our best interest to encourage people to get the best education they can. If we can provide the best education — through low-interest loans, we'll see a return on that investment."

Cavanaugh said he supported Colo-

Nolte says 'time' main issue

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Time commitment should be a major consideration in this election, said Patricia Nolte, UNL instructor and candidate for the District 1 position on the state Board of Education.

During the board's last session, they were unable to vote on any issue because they did not have a quorum, Nolte said.

Nolte said she questions the amount of time Max Larsen, her opponent for the seat, could devote to the board.

Nolte has taught for 15 years, eight of which have been full-time. For four years she was chairman of the English department in a La Jolla, a California high school, and served on the San Diego curriculum development committee.

Nolte said an accusation by Larsen that she "inflated" her years of experience is "chauvinistic."

"The years I taught part-time I was raising a family and felt I could not afford to work full-time," she said.

Nolte favors mandatory approval for all schools and the use of certified teachers. The standards for approval should be higher, Nolte said.

While people cannot expect all of the high schools to meet the standards of accredited high schools, at present, standards for approval are about half that required for accreditation, Nolte said.

Higher standards for approval would bring about more uniform quality statewide, Nolte said.

While Nolte says she agrees with the nationwide concern over improving the quality of education, she stresses that the public schools must serve the whole range of students.

Competition is good for the gifted, Nolte said, but added she fears a higher drop-out rate if different types of classes are not designed for different ability levels.

Nolte placed strict conditions on her approval of lateral entry certification. Legislative Bill 994 does not specify under what conditions this would be allowed or what qualifications would be required, Nolte said. Clearer definitions need to be worked into the bill, she said.

The credential should be temporary and require the person to go back to school to take methods classes, classes Nolte said she suspects Larsen considers to be "mickey mouse."

Larsen backs certification

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The state Board of Education needs to take a more active role, rather than the reactive role it has taken in the past, said Max Larsen, executive vice president of SRI Research Center, Inc. and candidate for the District 1 seat on the education board.

"I always have ideas and want to get things done," Larsen said of his extensive community involvement.

"People see that, and then I get to be president," he said.

Larsen has been president of East-ridge Parent/Teacher Association and the Lincoln East Advisory Committee. He has served in an advisory capacity to Lincoln Public Schools on gifted student and curriculum committees.

Certification is a must, Larsen said. The compromise in the law this summer was a mistake, and I'll fight to reverse it, he said.

"If we believe teachers are important in quality education — and I believe they're the key — then we must believe better teachers bring better education," he said.

Money, not religion, is the issue behind parochial schools hiring non-certified teachers, Larsen said. Around the state, people have said they cannot afford to hire certified teachers, he said.

Larsen favors lateral entry certification. His main concern is that it allows people into the profession who are good teachers and have a concern for kids, but who may not have taken the traditional route to get there, he said. He said he thinks there should be a fairly long apprenticeship-type situation behind a certified teacher.

State support should be provided for staff development, Larsen said.

"No industry would spend so little maintaining its most valuable resources," Larsen said.

Larsen said he favors mandatory continued education in the liberal arts and specific majors as well as teaching workshops.

SRI has a slogan, "Measurement improves performance," and Larsen said he believes it is applicable in schools.

"Students are motivated by competition," Larsen said.

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