

# 1st District House race picks up speed

## Congressional hopefuls debate economic plans

By Andy Raun  
Staff Reporter

Both candidates for Nebraska's 1st District congressional seat said Thursday that their top priority was reducing the federal deficit.

Doug Bereuter, the seven-term Republican incumbent, and his challenger, Lincoln businessman Gerry Finnegan, agreed that economic growth was the key to solving the nation's fiscal woes, and that almost nothing in the federal budget could be spared from consideration for budget cuts.

The candidates made their remarks during an hour-long debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters. The debate was at the studios of the Nebraska Educational Television Network in Lincoln and broadcast live statewide on public television stations.

Finnegan said he opposed increasing tax rates because doing so would stifle economic growth.

"We need to grow the tax base" to increase federal revenues, he said.

A coherent national economic policy and simplification of the federal tax code are needed to solve the country's economic problems, Finnegan said.

Bereuter said Congress needed to "attack directly" the deficit by implementing a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget.

Bereuter also said the president should be given line-item veto power so that members of Congress would be more accountable for their spending choices.

Even legislation granting the line-item veto for a 10-year trial period would be acceptable if that were the only way to get line-item veto power approved, Bereuter said.

In light of changes in the international arena, Congress should not fund new B-2 bombers or Seawolf submarines, Bereuter said. Additional cuts of U.S. troop strength in western Europe could also be made, he said.

"We ought to place our dollars where we can be most effective," Bereuter said.

Both candidates said Social Security payments should not be subject to cuts. But Finnegan said savings in the Social Security program could be achieved by raising the retirement age to 70 or 72 over a number of years.

Bereuter said he opposed such a move because it would not give lower-

income citizens enough time to make changes in their retirement savings plans.

Both candidates said reforming national health care policy would be critical in the next congressional session. And both said they were not ready to accept a nationalized health care system, but changes in the status quo were needed and wanted badly by constituents.

Finnegan said he supported federal funding of genetic research, and other areas in which the United States was superior, to jump-start the economy.

Bereuter said he would support speeding up the timetable for paying federal public works development grants. He also said he supported reviving tax credits to spur economic growth.

Bereuter said the United States needed to expand domestic uses of agricultural products, aggressively pursue foreign markets for agricultural goods and make sure foreign import regulations were fair to the United States.

Finnegan said the United States needed to change its policy of flooding the world market with grain in an attempt to gain an upper hand in the export trade.

Bereuter said U. S. export policy did not provide for flooding world markets.

## Bereuter wants election to end Democratic rule

By Todd Burger  
Staff Reporter

U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter said Wednesday that the best change for the country in the upcoming election would be the narrowing of the Democratic majority in Congress.

A Republican from Nebraska's 1st District running for his eighth term, Bereuter spoke to about 250 people at Union College's Academic Convocation about why the Republican Party would serve the country better than the Democrats would.

"This is the most politically extreme Congress I've served in," he said.

The Democrats in Congress, he said, have deliberately provoked and piled up vetoes to the advantage of Gov. Bill Clinton.

Democrats now enjoy a 102-vote advantage in the U.S. House of Rep-

resentatives and have controlled the House for 38 years.

"That's longer than Castro's control over Cuba. I won't take that analogy any further," he said, followed by the audience's laughter.

Bereuter said he hoped for a 25- to 30-seat net gain in the House for the Republicans.

In contrast, Republicans have held control of the presidency for 84 years since Abraham Lincoln's electoral victory, compared to the Democrats' 48 years of control.

Although the media portrays the 1992 Republican platform differently, Bereuter said he did not find the platform divisive. Republicans would propose legislation on issues including family values, health care, congressional staff cuts, the line-item veto and the environment, he said.

One of the health care issues Republicans would like to address is making the intentional transmission of AIDS a criminal act, he said.

Bereuter said Republicans also were concerned about the environment, but that environmental issues should be paired with economic growth.

Republicans would require that a proposed recovery act of an endangered species be worked through and approved by Congress, and not merely "rubber-stamped," he said.

# Archeologists, scholars wrangle over Scrolls

By Neil Feldman  
Staff Reporter

The Dead Sea Scrolls will remain in the spotlight of controversy for decades to come, said Eric Meyers, a Jewish scholar and professor of religion at Duke University at Durham, N.C.

Meyers, who lectured Wednesday on behalf of the new University of Nebraska-Lincoln Judaic Studies Program, said the debate over who could rightfully claim and publish the scrolls was a legitimate controversy that would

persist into the next century.

Scholars and archeologists have engaged in numerous squabbles over the possession of the scrolls since their discovery in 1947, Meyers said, and the debate has intensified as more scholars pursue this dilemma.

To further complicate the situation he said, general interest magazines, such as Vanity Fair and Time, recently have published articles on the debate over the scrolls.

Displaying an issue of Time that ran a story on the scrolls, Meyers asked how such

unknowledgeable journalists could write features on the topic.

Meyers said the articles were packed with inaccurate and misleading information.

Such deceptive information, he said, significantly damages the process of moving forward in this "highly complex debate."

"It is asinine," Meyers said, "that such a report could be printed in a news magazine."

The scrolls, which date back to about 200 B.C., were discovered in the late 1940s and early 1950s by archeologists and Bedouins.

The scrolls include all of the books from the Old Testament (with the exception of Esther,) some fragments of the Septuagint, the earliest Greek translation of the Old Testament and segments of some books from the Apocryph, written in Aramaic, Greek and Hebrew, he said.

At this point, Meyers said, it looks as if the debate over the scrolls will not be settled for a long time. He added that he was pessimistic that a resolution over who could lawfully claim and publish the scrolls would be reached in the future.

### POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Wednesday  
10:27 a.m. — Two-vehicle, non-injury accident, parking lot west of

Harper-Schramm-Smith complex, \$400.  
11:34 a.m. — Two-vehicle, non-injury accident, meter parking lot

west of Memorial Stadium, \$100.  
1:32 p.m. — Woman twisted ankle, 10th and T streets, transported to University Health Center.

## Paved, lit parking lot to open for students

By Susie Arth  
Senior Reporter

Starting Monday, some of the pains of parking on campus will be temporarily relieved, a UNL official said.

Michael Cacak, interim parking administrator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said a new parking lot with 370 parking spaces would open Monday on 19th and T streets.

The lot, which will be used as the parking lot for the Beadle Center upon the building's completion, is paved and well lit, Cacak said. The Beadle Center is expected to be completed early fall of 1994.

"We're looking forward to helping the students out a little bit by easing their parking problems for a while," he said.

Students with 1, 2 and 20 class parking permits will be allowed to park in the lot, Cacak said. These permits are issued to students who live in the Abel-Sandoz Complex, the Cather-Pound-Neihardt Complex, fraternities, sororities and commuters,

“We're looking forward to helping the students out a little bit by easing their parking problems for a while.”  
— Cacak, interim parking administrator

he said. The lot, Cacak said, would be especially convenient for students who live in the residence halls.

Cacak said only students would be allowed to park in the lot for now, but faculty will also be issued permits to park in it after the Beadle Center is completed.

Cacak said he had planned on using the Beadle Center lot to relieve parking pains since last year.

The original plan, Cacak said, was to have the lot completed before the beginning of the school year, but a rainy summer inhibited construction.

He said he was thankful the lot was finally completed for students to use.

"This lot will go a long ways toward solving the parking problem," he said.

## Voter

Continued from Page 1

Nebraska Wesleyan University, Union College and every grocery store in Lincoln.

Hansen, who became election commissioner last year, said not as many locations had offered voter registration in previous years.

She said the number of registered

voters had increased throughout Lancaster County.

In 1988, she said, there were 111,320 registered voters by election time.

By Oct. 1 of this year, that number already had been exceeded by almost 9,000 people, Hansen said.

Hansen said she expected about 124,000 people to be registered by today at 6 p.m. — the deadline to vote in the Nov. 2 elections.

If you're from Moorehigh and you get sick, fall on your knees and pray you die quick.

A new prescription for terror.

# DR. GIGGLES

LARGO ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH IVC ENTERTAINMENT A DARK HORSE PRODUCTION A MANNY COTO FILM  
LARRY DRAKE DR. GIGGLES MIKE RICHARDSON BRIAN MAY MANNY COTO AND GRAEME WHIFLER  
LARGO R RESTRICTED PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED  
STUART M. BESSER MANNY COTO A UNIVERSAL RELEASE UNIVERSAL

COMING SOON TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU.