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Bereuter, Combs face off

By Brian Sharp
Senior Reporter

Congress is ineffective; that much they could agree on.

But candidates in the 1st congressional district race couldn't agree on who was to blame.

Rep. Doug Bereuter and Democratic candidate Patrick Combs faced off Thursday night at the Nebraska Educational Television studios in their last debate.

Bereuter said the Democratic majority in Congress was not showing effective leadership on tough issues like health care and deficit reduction.

But Combs blamed the deficiency on a "good-old-boy mentality" with incumbents entrenched in ideas that were out of touch with people back home.

"What we've got going in Washington right now is not working," Combs said. "It has failed us."

When moderator Ed Howard, of the Associated Press, brought up term limits, the disagreements continued.

Combs said he would support term limits because the people have said they support them. Combs said he would limit his own terms if elected.

When the question was posed to Bereuter, he said he wouldn't vote for them at this time. If term limits are enacted, he said, it should be done by Constitutional amendment, or individual states will suffer.

If Nebraska adopted term limits, Bereuter said, no representative would ever chair another committee in Washington, because they wouldn't be there long enough to garner support.

One issue the candidates could agree on, at least somewhat, was the balanced budget amendment. Both said they were in favor of such an amendment, but the current proposal was flawed.

"It's not perfect," Combs said, "but it's a step in the right direction."

Bereuter said the United States had not had a balanced budget in the past 30 years. He has supported such an amendment for the majority of his nine terms, he said, an amendment that would include spending limits.

The majority of the debate was spent on health care. So much so that at one point Combs said they were "beating a dead horse."

Bereuter said the current system was faced with tremendous inefficiencies and any proposal should start from scratch.

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Jeff Haller/DN

Members of Alpha Gamma Sigma scream and yell at the pep rally before they go on to do their act for the Husker Howl contest Thursday night at the Coliseum.

Husker football fans a peppy bunch

By Brian Jensen
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Excited Cornhusker fans gathered at the Nebraska Coliseum Thursday night for the homecoming pep rally.



The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska helped sponsor the rally meant to excite the campus about Saturday's 200th consecutive sellout football game.

NU football players and head football coach Tom Osborne attended the fan-motivating event.

"We would like to see a lot of enthusiasm on Saturday. We hope that we can represent you well out on the field," Osborne told the audience.

Left cornerback Barron Miles and offensive tackle Rob Zatechka also addressed the enthusiastic crowd. Both players said the game against the University of Colorado Buffaloes was going to be a good one, and that the whole team appreciated the student support.

The homecoming royalty, the Husker Yell Squad and the Scarlet Sensations also did their part to get the crowd revved up.

Sigma Phi Epsilon performed their version of "ESPN College Gameday" to win the Husker Howl skit competition. The competition judged which skit, performed by UNL students, showed the most support for the team.

Matt Sweney, a UNL varsity cheerleader, said the excitement at the rally showed the entire campus was behind the team.

"There seems to be a strong show of support for the game," Sweney said.

ASUN President Andrew Loudon said the event was a good way to get people ready for the homecoming game.

"This is one of the best pep rallies I've seen in the four years I've been here," Loudon said. "It was a great way to keep all of the students motivated for Saturday's game."

Osborne said he was happy about the support fans showed at the rally, but he also encouraged them to be courteous and respectful toward Colorado Saturday.

Homecoming week festivities continue today with a bonfire at

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Broyhill Fountain at 6 p.m. ASUN and KFRX radio station will host a tailgate party with free hotdogs and soda Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The Huskers take on the Buffaloes at 11 a.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Artist, poet catching her dreams

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

A black ring interwoven with colored strings hangs over Linda Anfuso's hotel bed. The ring is a "dream catcher" — an American Indian charm said to hold good dreams and destroy bad ones.

Anfuso's dream catcher is overflowing.

"Whether it's true or not, I like what it symbolizes; I'm capturing my dreams," she said.

Anfuso, an American Indian who has muscular dystrophy, has overcome discrimination and physical obstacles to become a multimillion-

aire and a renowned poet and artist.

She will be giving a storytelling demonstration tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Southeast Community College Auditorium, along with Eric Jolly, assistant to the chancellor and director of the Office of Affirmative Action and Diversity at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and will benefit the Rape/Spouse Abuse Program.

Anfuso has been in Lincoln this week giving class lectures and demonstrations on art, poetry, business, ethics and American Indian issues.

When she arrived from New Hampshire on Sunday, Anfuso re-

ceived a pumpkin carved in her likeness.

"I'm immortalized in gourd," she said, laughing.

This small tribute shows little of Anfuso's accomplishments.

Her poetry, published in the books "Stolen Daughter" and "Red Coat," defines herself, her heritage and her emotions.

"I love the vision and richness of language," she said. "I love the way words are spun together."

She said she started writing poetry to survive when she was a child.

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Michelle Paulman/DN

American Indian poet and artist Linda Anfuso shows a textile class on East Campus some of her works made of paper and fabric.