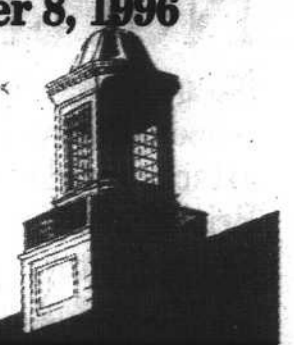


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Garden-variety art



SCOTT BRUN/DN

WILL HAYS, a junior advertising major, concentrates on the bush he is drawing for an art class assignment Monday afternoon outside of the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

Student hospitalized after I-80 accident

By **CHAD LORENZ**
Senior Reporter

A UNL student and his parents remain hospitalized after they were in a serious accident on Interstate 80 Saturday morning.

Scott Tarascio, a sophomore broadcasting major, was riding with his parents when his father, Gary Tarascio, lost control of the car, Sgt. Steve Ayers of the State Patrol said.

Gary Tarascio lost control of the 1995 red Toyota while swerving to avoid a large piece of tire in the road, Ayers said.

Scott and Gary Tarascio were thrown from the vehicle as it rolled several times, Ayers said. Scott's mother, Linda Tarascio, remained in the car until it stopped.

The accident happened between Waverly and Lincoln at about 8:30 a.m. Scott's parents were bringing him back to Lincoln from a weekend visit in Omaha.

None of the family was wearing seat belts, Ayers said.

The three were taken to Lincoln General

Hospital where father and son were in critical condition and Linda was in serious condition.

Randy McAlpine, a friend of Scott's from Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, said he had been to the hospital to see his former roommate. McAlpine was not allowed to visit any of the family, but doctors have given him updates on their conditions.

Scott Tarascio was released from intensive care Sunday and was downgraded to serious condition.

McAlpine said Scott Tarascio had a compound thumb fracture and a lot of bumps and bruises.

Gary Tarascio underwent surgery once to have his spleen removed, McAlpine said.

Sunday night, doctors performed surgery again on Gary Tarascio to fuse together vertebrae in his back, McAlpine said. Complications during that operation forced doctors to stop, he said. He was still in critical condition in intensive care Monday afternoon.

Linda Tarascio suffered two broken legs and had a plate put in her right knee, McAlpine said. She was downgraded to fair condition.

Professor says debates will change few opinions

By **MATTHEW WAITE**
Senior Reporter

Bill Clinton and Bob Dole have "wandered too far down the campaign trail" for Sunday night's debate to have a major impact on voter's choices, a UNL political science professor said Monday.

Robert Sittig said Clinton turned in a better performance than his Republican challenger, but the incumbent president had an easier job than Dole.

Tracking polls by major television networks and an informal poll of debate coaches by The Associated Press all gave the nod to Clinton.



CNN reported that a majority of those polled came away from the debates with a more favorable opinion of Dole, but not enough to change their vote.

A man-on-the-street poll of students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Tuesday proved difficult because few students watched the debates. The students questioned said they either did not care about politics or had already made up their minds.

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Bereuter urges students to vote

Congressman decries low voter turnout, touts Republican record

By **ERIN SCHULTE**
Senior Reporter

U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter has some things he wants to do for college students — but first they have to make it to the voting booths.

Census studies show only 44.6 percent of 18- to 20-year-olds and 16.5 percent of 21- to 24-year olds voted in the last Congressional election. If students want to protect their future, Bereuter said, they should improve that statistic.

One of the reasons students need to vote, he said, is to protect their financial future. Older generations continue to clamor for entitlement programs such as social security, Medicare and Medicaid — programs the younger generation pays for now. But if deficit spending continues, he said, college-age people won't receive the same benefits.

"We're developing a generational split, so it's important for students to express themselves as citizens," Bereuter said. "The ultimate act is to

vote."

Bereuter has been a U.S. representative since 1978 and is up for re-election this fall. He is running against Democratic candidate Patrick Combs for the 1st District seat in the House.

Bereuter said he has been a part of a Congress that is moving toward a balanced budget in six years. Right now, he said, the government spends a very high 15 percent of its budget just to pay the interest on the current national debt. Although young people might not automatically see this as a "student issue," he said, fighting for the balanced budget is one of the most important things he'll do for students if re-elected.

"It's very important to your future," he said. "Or else it's going to be a huge national debt we leave as a legacy."

But getting rid of the debt doesn't mean breaking promises to the older generations by cutting entitlement programs, he said. The government must be more careful in taking on new expenditures.

Keeping some change in their pockets is always a concern to students, and



Bereuter said he had a hand in keeping costs down.

The Telecommunications Reform Act that was passed this year provided more competition between telephone, cable, and electronic media companies, he said. That competition will help keep service prices down.

"The democratic-controlled Congress failed to do it for 14 years," Bereuter said.

Bereuter said he had also been active in pushing through a caucus to ensure the number of dollars devoted to student loans was increased.

Another challenge Bereuter said he will face if re-elected is helping colleges invest more resources in upgrading technology that students work with.

"It needs to be a priority if we're to have things like the Beadle Center," he said. Federal funds provided more than half the money for the center.

Please see **BEREUTER** on 6

No injuries reported in Iowa State fraternity fire

From the *Iowa State Daily*

AMES, Iowa — As a crane tore off the exterior wall, the smoldering bed frames and mattresses of a fraternity cold-air dormitory were a solemn reminder of a Saturday-morning fire that could have been much worse.

While much of the Theta Chi Fraternity house was destroyed by a grease fire that ignited about 4:30 a.m. Saturday, all fraternity members and guests escaped unharmed.

"The occupants did a real good job of evacuating everyone. When our team did a search, we found that everyone was already out," said Mike Childs, chief of the Ames Fire Department.

The fire started in the kitchen and spread through the walls to the second and third floors. It then spread to the roof.

"They have one of those big, commercial gas stoves. Two burners were in full-on position. The

others were in off position," Childs said.

"The stove ended up being the point of origin. We can tell that by the burn patterns on the surface of the walls and the depth of the char in the wood on the ceiling."

Childs spoke with the Theta Chi cook, Carlton Jaquess, who said the burners were turned on early Saturday morning after Jaquess checked the kitchen at 1:30 a.m.

While only Jaquess and the house manager have keys to the kitchen, Jaquess told Childs the fraternity members have been known to enter the kitchen through a window, especially for late-night "kitchen raids."

"We don't know which individual accidentally left the burners on," Childs said.

The chief said fire officials would question individuals, but "it's highly unlikely someone will step forward. Our biggest concern is to determine if the fire was set, and we don't feel it was that way at all."