

Debates will make little impact, professor says

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One exception was Chris Herron, a junior marketing major, who said he did not watch the debates because he was studying for a test.

Herron said the debate might have affected his decision between Clinton or Dole.

Unlike Herron, Sittig said, most voters have either already made, or are close to making, their choice. With the debates coming so late in the campaign season, voters have had time to make up their minds.

With Dole's lag in the polls, Sittig said, he expected the Republican challenger to be much more aggressive and expected the debate to be "bombastic." The debate was, at times, gentlemanly, with both candidates saying they liked each other

personally.

"I didn't anticipate or expect that," Sittig said. "That it wasn't (turbulent) doesn't disappoint me."

"I am sure Dole was more restrained than some of his handlers wanted him to be."

With the next debate a little more than a week away — and Dole more than 12 points behind in most polls — Sittig said Dole might be more aggressive in the next debate.

History is not on Dole's side, Sittig said, because candidates behind in the polls have never turned an election around by an aggressive debate performance.

However, with the election in the "23rd hour," Sittig said, Dole would have to take more chances and be more wide open in the debate.

"I am sure the temptation will be there."

Campus group aims to 'write' wrongs

By KASEY KERBER
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Write a letter, save a life.

These are the words members of Amnesty International believe in.

They mean trying to assure the rightful treatment of "world citizens" and enabling them to have basic human rights.

And it means a lot of writing.

Each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., UNL's Amnesty International chapter convenes for its regular meeting where it writes letters to those governments, organizations or governmental figures

playing a part in violating human rights.

This semester the group focuses on Turkey, where the Turkish government is continually violating human rights, said Lisa Sock, president of Amnesty International's University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter.

Sock said the Turkish government was guilty of denying people the right to a fair and speedy trial and creating inhumane prison conditions.

She said the letters Amnesty International members write are aimed at a variety of Turkish sources, including the media, prime minister and mental institutions.

Sock said Amnesty International

tends to focus its letter-writing campaigns on one main topic for a period of time, and then switches to another one out of necessity.

"Next spring we'll probably be focusing on refugees in general, mainly those within the United States," Sock said.

She said the United States had been scrutinized for the number of refugees it allows within its borders.

The success of past Amnesty International campaigns has been apparent, Sock said.

"Several of our members have gotten back replies in the past. It's a rarity, but when it happens it makes you feel like writing 100 letters."

Bereuter tells students their votes count

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But Bereuter stressed his commitment to reducing the debt and there-

fore stimulating the economy as his most important obligation to students.

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when they move into the work force after graduation, they won't have as great opportunities as they would in a vibrant economy."

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