

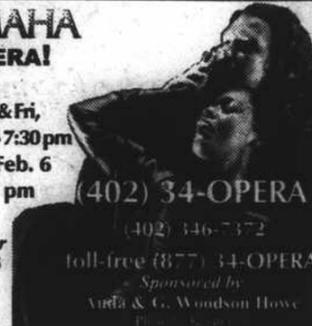
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UNL students, professors analyze Kerrey's legacy

By Gwen Tietgen
Staff writer

With the resignation of U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey, both Republicans and Democrats at the university are remembering his contributions to Nebraska and anticipating which candidate is likely to take his place.

John Hibbing, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln political science professor, said Kerrey will be remembered for putting Social Security on the agenda and for his strong positions on entitlement programs.

"It's going to be hard for a Democrat to maintain Kerrey's seat, which is no surprise considering Nebraska is one of the most Republican states.

"I'm sure there will be a spirited race to replace Kerrey as there always is when there's no incumbent running," Hibbing said.

Hibbing said the candidates most likely to replace Kerrey are Attorney General Don Stenberg, who announced his candidacy before Kerrey's resignation and former Gov. Ben Nelson.

Thomas Green, UNL Young Democrats president, said Kerrey will be remembered for igniting the debate over national health care and his continuing work on the nuclear test ban treaty.

"I'm disappointed Kerrey didn't

run for another term, but we need to make sure Don Stenberg doesn't get elected," he said.

"I hope (Kerrey) will continue to stay active in Nebraska and its politics."

Bill Avery, a UNL political science professor, is the chairman for the Nebraska Democratic Party 1st Congressional District and for the platform committee. Avery is also adviser to the UNL Young Democrats.

"I was disappointed about Kerrey's resignation, like most people who are active in the Democratic Party," he said.

"Kerrey had the opportunity for a new challenge. There aren't many people his age who get to change careers," Avery said.

"At least he made his decision early enough to get a strong candidate to oppose whoever the Republicans put up."

Avery said Kerrey is most famous for his runs for president and his work on behalf of family farms.

"Nebraska hasn't had a politician with this kind of national profile since William Jennings Bryan," he said.

Avery said there are three likely Democratic candidates who he supports: Nelson, 1998 candidate for governor, Bill Hoppner, a former gubernatorial candidate, and John Cavanaugh, a former 2nd-District congressman.

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Avery said that Cavanaugh's experience during his two terms in the House representing the district that includes Omaha would make him a good candidate.

"He decided to leave office because he had eight kids to raise but has remained active in the party," Avery said.

Students interviewed at UNL on Thursday had mixed reactions.

Mia Murante, a sophomore economics major, said: "I think maybe he's going to run for vice president with Bill Bradley."

Holly Stinson, Campus Crusade for Christ staff member, said: "It might be good for him because it looks like he's aged a lot."

Rusty Becker, a pre-medicine major, said: "I'd say there's a decent chance a Democrat will get elected (to take Kerrey's place,) because I don't think Nebraska is that strong of a Republican state."

Kerrey won't run for re-election

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Nebraska."

U.S. Rep. Bill Barrett said in a press release he thought Bereuter made a smart decision.

"I know he would have made an excellent senator," he said. "However, given seniority and experience, he'll have the greatest impact if he stays in the ... House."

Johanns' press secretary, Chris Peterson, said Johanns was surprised Bereuter decided against running for the Senate. But Peterson said Johanns did mention supporting a Senate run by Lt. Gov. Dave Maurstad.

Maurstad did not return a call to the Daily Nebraskan on Thursday.

The state Democratic Party will encourage former Gov. Ben Nelson, who works at a law firm in Omaha, to run for the vacant seat, Boyle said.

"He is the obvious candidate," she said. "He was a popular governor and a great fund raiser. He brings

dynamics that are needed in any campaign. I hope he does it."

Sigerson said he knew Nelson could be the Democratic candidate but said he's not worried.

"Nelson ran in '96 and was defeated by 110,000 votes," Sigerson said. "We're confident that will happen again."

Boyle said she spoke with Nelson just before Kerrey's announcement Thursday morning. At that time, Nelson told Boyle he would not pursue anything until he knew Kerrey's plans.

Now that the spot is open, though, Boyle said she thinks Nelson will heavily consider running for the open seat.

"He said it was a big decision that will have to be made," Boyle said. "(Running a campaign) is taking on a big challenge."

Nelson is scheduled to leave Saturday on a business trip, which Boyle said should give him time to

reflect on his plans.

Former gubernatorial candidate Bill Hoppner and John Cavanaugh, a former 2nd District congressman, have also been named as potential Democratic candidates.

U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel said in a press release that he will miss working with Kerrey.

"He's a vibrant presence and respected on both sides of the aisle for his willingness to seek new solutions and take on tough issues," Hagel said.

Kerrey did not specify what his future plans are, but he is a candidate for the presidency of New School University in New York City.

Kerrey said he will leave the Senate satisfied.

"I leave the Senate confident that you and I did the best we could to leave this place a little better, a little happier, a little more just and a little more capable of sustaining the growth of us all," he said.

Faculty examine discrimination

By Margaret Behm

Staff writer

Being prepared to deal with issues in the classroom regarding sexual orientation was what some University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty gathered Thursday in the Nebraska Union to discuss.

Thirty-five faculty members gathered to attend a teaching workshop titled "Creating an Inclusive Environment for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Student in the Classroom."

Suzy Prenger, a UNL faculty instructional consultant, coordinated the event in hopes that it would help instructors make their classrooms more inclusive.

"The purpose is to create a positive learning environment for students who have often experienced a negative learning environment," Prenger said.

Faculty members were reminded at the workshop to make sure their class-

room environments are not threatening to any students, said Teresita Aguilar, associate professor in the Center for Curriculum and Instruction.

"It's real important to create a safe class environment at the beginning of the semester," Aguilar said.

Faculty members participated in skits dealing with conflicts that could arise related to sexual orientation, she said. The skits are designed to prepare them for such conflicts.

The workshop also included time for faculty members to ask questions about situations such as harassment, Prenger said.

"There have been instances where students have actually been harassed or intimidated because they're gay," Prenger said, "usually by a fellow student."

Faculty members being able to discuss issues dealing with sexual orientation is important in the classroom, Aguilar said.

"It's not the most comfortable topic to discuss," Aguilar said. "But we have an obligation to at least expose students

to what they may have to deal with later."

One way faculty members can include all students is to use inclusive language, such as using examples of various family structures when discussing relationships, Prenger said.

Being able to deal with sexual orientation is especially important for education majors, Aguilar said.

"It's important for people going into teaching," Aguilar said. "Because they will be dealing with gay and lesbian kids, parents and other teachers."

The event was co-sponsored by the UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns and the Teaching and Learning Center, Prenger said.

Faculty members at UNL have proven they are concerned with providing quality education for all students, Prenger said.

"In my experience we have caring faculty," Prenger said. "Thirty-five faculty members showing up is evidence of that. They want all students to be able to learn without barriers."