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## Dean search takes off

**Four candidates will visit over two weeks in November to vie for the Fine Arts position.**

**BY VERONICA DAEHN**

UNL's theater and music majors should be without a leader no longer come late November.

Four candidates for dean of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts will have interviews at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln starting Oct. 29.

UNL has been seeking a replacement for former dean Richard Durst, who left to become dean of the College of Arts and Architecture at Pennsylvania State University in University Park.

Giacomo Oliva, professor and director of the School of Music at the University of Florida in Gainesville, will be at UNL Oct. 29-31.

Oliva has been director of the School of Music in Florida since 1992 and has helped implement programs that should boost the school's image in Florida and the southeastern U.S.

He taught in New Jersey high schools for 13 years and was head of the music department at Mississippi State University in Starkville before moving to Florida.

David Orr Belcher has been dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield since 1994.

He will be at UNL Nov. 1-3. Belcher has been at Southwest Missouri State since 1988, serving as a professor before becoming dean.

He has performed all over the United States, Canada, Austria and Switzerland. This month, Belcher is scheduled to play in a recital at the Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, Poland.

Kathleen Rountree, associate dean of the College of Music and Dramatic Arts at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, will interview at UNL Nov. 5-7.

Rountree has been at Louisiana State since 1989 and has been associate dean of the College of Music and Dramatic Arts since 1995.

She has edited a compact disc recording and is the author of several articles.

Rountree, a pianist, has also performed across the United States and overseas, including performances for the U.S. ambassador to Hong Kong and at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music in 1987.

Raymond Tymas-Jones has been dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts at Ohio University in Athens since 1998.

Tymas-Jones will be at UNL Nov. 8-10.

He has taught at several U.S. institutions including Washington University in St. Louis, Buffalo State College (now the State University of New York at Buffalo) and the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

Tymas-Jones also has performed as a featured soloist with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and others.

Evelyn Jacobson, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said this interview and selection process would mirror the one used for the dean candidates for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Once the interviews are complete, the senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, David Brinkerhoff, will look at the input received from everyone who has met with the candidates and make the final decision.

The new dean will be chosen about two weeks from the final interview, Jacobson said.

## McCain: Race key to Senate control

**The Arizona senator visited Nebraska in support of candidate Don Stenberg.**

**BY BRIAN CARLSON**

Arizona Sen. John McCain said Friday that Nebraska's Senate race between Democrat Ben Nelson and Republican Don Stenberg could determine control of the Senate.

"The people of Nebraska could be determining which party is in the majority in the Senate," he said at a news conference in Lincoln.

Republicans hold a 54-46 majority in the Senate.

With the death of Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, though, McCain's point could be moot.

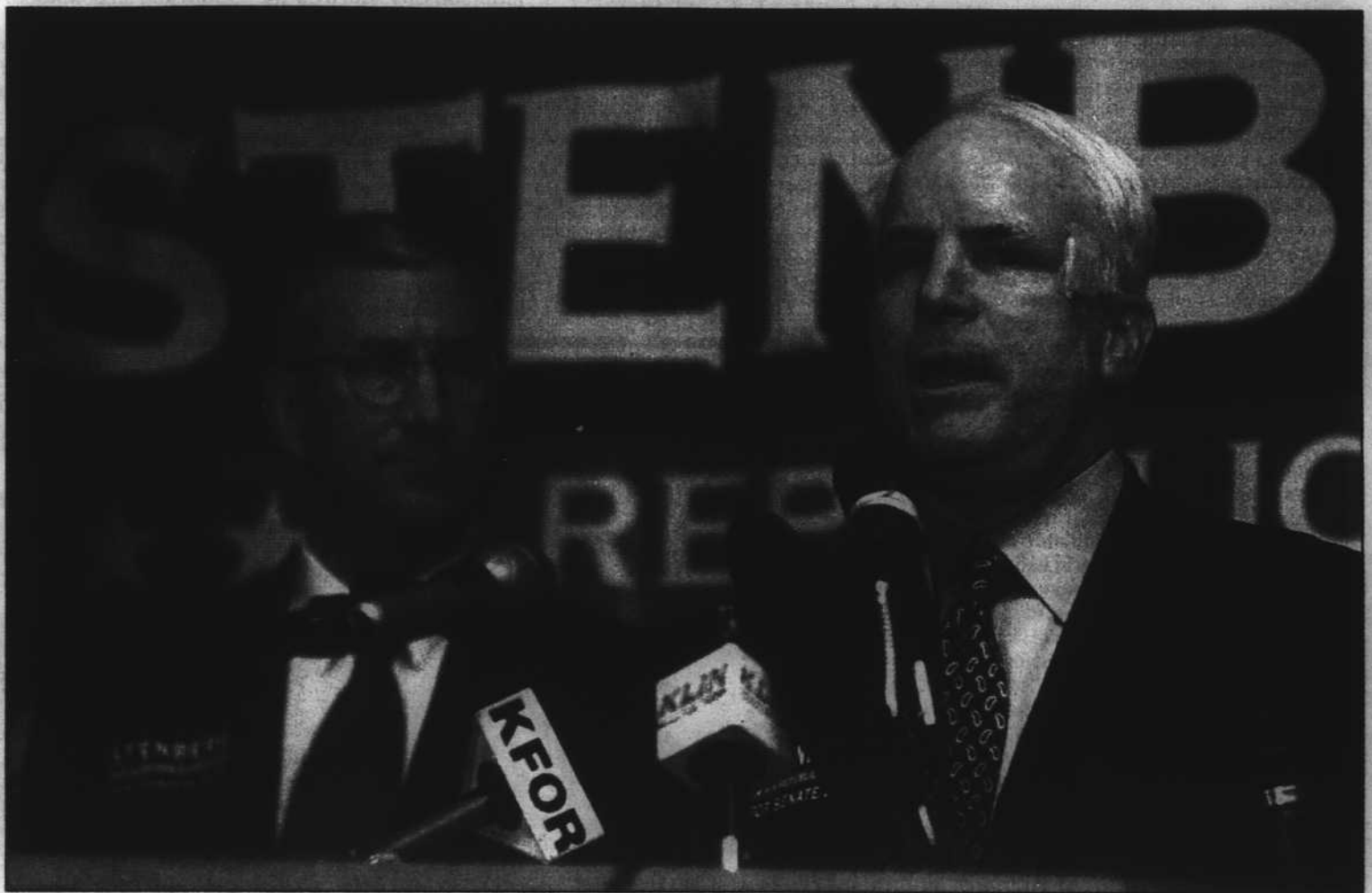
According to many political observers, the GOP became more likely to maintain control of the Senate with Carnahan's death in a plane crash Monday night. Carnahan, a Democrat, was in a tight race with incumbent Republican Sen. John Ashcroft.

McCain, who unsuccessfully challenged Texas Gov. George W. Bush for the GOP presidential nomination, came to Nebraska at the invitation of Sen. Chuck Hagel, a close friend.

"I'm here on Don Stenberg's behalf because he is a man of conservative principles who is dedicated to the agricultural economy and the rebuilding of the military," McCain said.

Hagel said McCain's bid for the presidency excited and ignited the country like no politician since Bobby Kennedy.

McCain, a former fighter pilot held captive for more than five years by the North Vietnamese, said recent events in the Middle East—escalating violence between Israelis and Palestinians and a sus-



Former presidential candidate and Arizona Sen. John McCain speaks to the press Friday at the Cornhusker Hotel in support of Republican Senate candidate Don Stenberg. McCain said the race for the Senate majority could come down to Nebraska's seat.

Josh Wolfe/DN

pected terrorist attack on the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen—showed the continuing importance of the U.S. military.

"We still live in a very dangerous world—one that requires a partnership between Congress and the Executive Branch," he said.

McCain said politicians should not try to make political hay out of the crisis in the Middle East. But he criticized the

### Election 2000

Democratic presidential ticket of Al Gore and Joe Lieberman for dismissing Bush's criticism of the Clinton administration's handling of the military.

"In the debates, both Joe Lieberman and Al Gore said any discussion of military preparedness was somehow unpatriotic," he said. "That is disingenuousness

at its worst. It would be unpatriotic of us not to discuss the readiness of our military and how we would improve it."

Stenberg agreed. "The past week's events provide a strong reminder that our national defense must remain the highest responsibility of the government of the United States," he said.

Last week, Nelson's campaign suggested Nelson would be more

like McCain than Stenberg.

But McCain said anyone who thought he would support Nelson "was smoking the thing that President Clinton didn't inhale."

Hagel called on voters to consider military and foreign policies.

"There are all different kinds of dangers, and the unpredictability of the world is like it's never been before," he said. "It does matter who we send to the White House and Congress on Nov. 7."

## Bereuter, Jacobsen spar over tax, farm policy issues

**Forum allows 1st District congressional candidates to discuss environmental issues.**

**BY BRIAN CARLSON**

U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter and his Democratic challenger, Alan Jacobsen, disagreed on farm and tax policy at a forum on Tuesday for the 1st District congressional candidates.

At the forum, held by the Lincoln Independent Business Association, Jacobsen criticized the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act, which removed supply restrictions and left planting decisions to farmers.

"Freedom to Farm did great damage to farmers," he said. "The export markets went to pot, and now we're saying 'We're sorry, but here's some money to keep you going.'"

Jacobsen said he supported returning management controls

to federal farm policy, as well as providing crop and revenue insurance, extending loan periods and promoting ethanol.

But Bereuter, an 11-term Republican, recalled that the Freedom to Farm Act passed with bipartisan support. Any farm policy would have struggled in the past couple of years because the Asian financial crisis caused commodity prices to plummet, he said.

As vice chairman of the House of International Relations Committee and a prospective chairman, Bereuter said he would continue to push for expanded overseas markets for farm products.

"You can't simply ignore the fact that soon, only 5 percent of the world's population will live in the United States," he said. "We have to exploit those markets."

Bereuter said he also supported crop and revenue insurance, longer loan periods and ethanol promotion.

Bereuter said he supported a reduction in income tax rates, as well as targeted tax cuts such as the elimination of the so-called marriage penalty, which forces some married couples to pay more in income taxes than if they were single.

"The American people are not undertaxed," he said.

Jacobsen said the federal government should use the budget surplus to address Social Security, provide prescription drug benefits, improve military readiness and provide tax cuts.

He criticized Bereuter for opposing elimination of the inheritance tax. The GOP-controlled Congress voted to eliminate the tax, but President Clinton vetoed it.

"He was the only Republican who did not vote to override the inheritance tax repeal," Jacobsen said. "He had the chance to do it, and he didn't."

Bereuter defended his vote, noting that only 2 percent of

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1st District Congressional incumbent

estates are subject to the inheritance tax. Although he supports raising the inheritance tax exemption and reducing the rate, he does not support a full removal of the tax, he said.

"What I didn't agree with was eliminating the inheritance tax altogether on billionaires," he said.

Bereuter also said the inheritance tax provides a powerful incentive for wealthy families to donate to charities.

In response to a question, Bereuter called the increase in corporate mergers a "troubling trend."

He criticized the Clinton

administration for not using antitrust legislation to ensure competition in some sectors of the economy.

Jacobsen did not answer the question about corporate mergers.

Jacobsen said it was time for a fresh face in the 1st District seat.

"I believe I can make a difference with my agricultural background and business experience," he said.

But Bereuter said he had been the most effective congressman in the district's history.

"I think no one has stayed in closer contact with their constituents than I have," he said.



Luke Miller, a junior mechanical engineering major, climbs a sandstone ledge in the Ozark Mountains in Sam's Throne, Ark. The trip was offered through the Outdoor Adventures section of Campus Recreation over fall break.

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## Students climb from wall to reality

**BY GEORGE GREEN**

Over fall break, a group of UNL students struggled and scraped their way to a rewarding adventure excursion in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas.

The group, composed of seven students and two student-instructors, raced away from Lincoln to rock climb for three days in Sam's Throne, Ark.

Jagged rocks, sheer sandstone ledges up to 65-feet tall and deep cracks greeted the novice group when they arrived at the climb sites.

Jeff Sorensen, an undeclared sophomore and Josh Barker, a senior advertising major, were both amazed as they stared at the climb ahead of them.

"Damn," was the only response Sorensen could muster.

None of the trip members had ever climbed outside, and many had only been climbing at the wall in the Campus Recreation Center for a short time.

The trip was offered to new climbers through the Outdoor Adventures section of

Campus Recreation, which sponsors outdoor trips across the country.

Jessica Varner, a sophomore architecture major, said the massive rocks were intimidating at first.

But the group still courageously attacked the climbs on their first day after sleeping for only four and a half hours the night before because of the 10 hour drive from Lincoln.

Kyle Hansen, a senior education major, and Katie Lyon, a junior biology major, led the trip and eased the problems of the virgin climbers.

The leaders demonstrated basic climbing techniques, set climbing ropes and taught basic camping skills.

Despite Hansen's and Lyon's advice, the group still had to suffer through frustrating falls and stinging cuts from the rocks.

Nick Whitney, a junior math and economics major, reported his new cuts and bruises to the group on a daily basis.

Whitney, though, still enjoyed his trip. "It was a good trip because my knee and elbow are bruised, my muscles are sore

and I have patches of skin missing from body," he said.

Stefanie Gowen, a sophomore criminal justice major, also had to struggle on the climbs. But she said the reward of the reaching the top was worth all of her efforts.

Lyon gave the group its closest look at rock climbing struggles when she climbed a very difficult route after falling several times.

"It was amazing to watch," said Luke Miller, a junior mechanical engineering major.

Rampant jokes and friendly sarcasm between group members, though, helped bruises heal and encouraged second attempts at tough routes. When the teams wasn't tackling rock faces, they enjoyed the peace and quiet of life outdoors.

Spectacular autumn colors rippled across the Ozark forest and dazzled climbers when they reached overlooks.

The group's response pleased Hansen. "It is really rewarding to see a group of climbers take advantage of all of the climbing opportunities in Arkansas," he said.