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Stenberg: 'Like Hagel, I'll come back'

BY BRIAN CARLSON

Although he lost 8 percentage points off his previous lead, Ben Nelson still led by double digits in the latest copyrighted Omaha World-Herald poll.

In the poll, published Monday, Nelson led his Republican Senate opponent Don Stenberg by a 49-37 percentage-point margin, with 14 percent undecided or supporting neither candidate. That was down from Nelson's 53-33 lead in a mid-September World-Herald poll.

"I think that's very good in a state where Republicans outnumber Democrats and he's competing for an open seat," said Marcia Cady, spokeswoman for the Nelson campaign. "It points out that the governor has a great deal of Republican

support.

"It shows most voters believe he will be an independent-minded senator who won't just represent a political party."

Indeed, Nelson had the support of 31 percent of those who said they planned to vote for GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush and 28 percent of registered Republicans, the poll found.

Stenberg dismissed the results, noting that Sen. Chuck Hagel trailed Nelson by 5 points in a poll taken 10 days before the 1996 election. Hagel went on to defeat Nelson, then a sitting governor, by 14 points.

"Four years ago, against the same Democratic opponent, Chuck Hagel on Election Day did 19 points better than a similar poll taken before the election," Stenberg said at a press conference in

Omaha on Monday. Therefore, he said, "the Omaha World-Herald poll means we're going to win the race by seven points."

Baloney, Cady said.

"Don Stenberg is no Chuck Hagel," she said.

Cady said Nelson's support among nearly a third of Bush supporters was not surprising.

"If you watched Gov. Bush in the three debates, he was actually kind of mimicking what the governor was saying about working across party lines," she said.

John Soukup, spokesman for the Stenberg campaign, said Stenberg had a chance to reel in his base in the next week.

the issues, we believe they will come back to us."

Robert Sittig, a political science professor at the

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he continued to be surprised by Nelson's strong poll showings in a state with 136,000 more registered Republican voters than Democrats.

U.S. Senate Poll

	Mar.	Oct.
Ben Nelson(D)	53%	49%
Don Stenberg(R)	22%	37%
Undecided/Other	22%	14%

Source: RIMK Research & Communications & Omaha World-Herald. Statistical margin of error +/- 3.1 percentage points.

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Pro-416 force holds onto lead

BY BRIAN CARLSON

Nebraska appears poised to ban same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships, according to a copyrighted Omaha World-Herald poll showing Initiative 416 has maintained its nearly two-to-one support.

In the poll, published Sunday, 60 percent of voters supported the proposed constitutional amendment, while 32 percent opposed it. The results changed little from mid-September, when The World-Herald poll showed a 59-34 margin of support for the measure.

M.J. McBride, campaign coordinator for the amendment's opponents, put a positive spin on the poll.

"The proponents of 416

Poll 416

Initiative 416: Constitutionally ban same-sex unions?

	Sept. 12-14	Oct. 25-27
For	59%	60%
Against	34%	32%
Won't vote on issue	2%	1%
Don't know	5%	7%

Source: RIMK Research & Communications & Omaha World-Herald. Statistical margin of error +/- 3.1 percentage points.

have spent half a million dollars on advertising, and they haven't moved anyone," she said. "This shows that the opponents of 416 are a strong, unified force."

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Candidate: Link faculty, students

BY JILL ZEMAN

Examining curriculum and degree requirements, working closely with faculty and students and capitalizing on technology were some of the goals presented Monday by the first candidate to interview for dean of the Lied-Hixson College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Giacomo Oliva is one of four candidates vying for the dean position vacated last summer by Richard Durst, who left to become dean of the College of Art and Architecture at Pennsylvania State University at University Park.

Oliva has been a professor and the director of the School of

Music at the University of Florida at Gainesville since 1992. Before that, he was a professor and the head of the Mississippi State music department.

While on campus, Oliva met with Interim Chancellor Harvey Perlman, members of the College of Fine and Performing Arts Student Advisory Board and faculty members.

When he spoke to faculty members, Oliva addressed the difficulty of getting federal funding for the arts. Because of this, it is necessary to seek out alternative sources of money, he said.

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David Casen/DN

Tim Wood, 24, looks at himself in a mirror at Fringe and Tassel Costumes, 735 O St., on Monday night. He found the bright purple hat and based his costume around it. At least three clubs are holding Halloween parties tonight, but many students got their celebrations out of the way over the weekend.

Trick-or-treat, or sit and read?

BY LINDSEY BAKER

This Halloween, students may not see as many ghouls around campus as usual.

Because the holiday falls on a Tuesday, many university students got the big costume parties out of the way over the weekend.

"I went up to Chip Davis' mansion," junior computer science major Matthew Beermann said, citing a hayrack ride and fortune tellers as highlights of the private party at the Omaha musician's home. "It was really fun."

Other students are still planning to attend festivities Tuesday night, despite homework.

"I'm going to see Psycho," freshman psychology major Sarah Campbell said. The

Nebraska Union Auditorium is playing host to the film tonight at 9 at no cost to students. "I think it will be fun because it's a really freaky movie," Campbell said.

Dorm activities were already in full swing by Monday night; the Cather-Pound residence halls executive board sponsored a trick-or-treating night for local youth.

"Trick-or-treating inside is a better idea (than outside) because it's warm and safe," freshman biochemistry major Ariann Nikodym said. "And, it's fun to see little kids again."

Other students intend to don costumes themselves.

"I'll get dressed up with friends and go out," freshman business major Kelsey Pfeffer said. "I want to be Britney Spears."

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worker Ward Eric Lewis, the biggest costume rental rush came last Saturday, although he does expect a crowd of last-minute renters tonight.

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Steven Bender/DN

Sharon Gustafson, interim curator at the Christlieb Gallery in the new Hewit Place, stands amid the gallery's collection. The gallery at 12th and Q streets opens Thursday. The Hewit Place building houses the Great Plains Art Collection, the Center for Great Plains Studies and the Lentz Center for Asian Culture.

Hewit Place becomes home

New building offers Lentz, Great Plains centers more space

BY EMILY PEARSON

After years of talk over moving to a new building, the Lentz Center for Asian Culture and the Center for Great Plains Studies found a new home last week.

Across from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at 1155 Q St., Hewit Place offers the two centers more space, as well as upgraded facilities.

"We're really excited about being in a location where we can still be accessible to the university but also downtown Lincoln," said Sharon Gustafson, interim curator for the Great Plains Art Collection.

The collection includes

pieces from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries of Western American culture. The Center for Great Plains Studies is the parent organization from which the art gallery stems.

Its library contains more than 4,000 books about the Great Plains. The building allows more exhibition space in two small galleries and a large gallery, as well as more parking.

"The Great Plains are part of our history," said Gustafson. "Our exhibits offer enjoyment, as well as learning."

Barbara Banks, director and curator for the Lentz Center for Asian Culture, said the staff is excited about the visibility and

opportunity for interaction the building brings to the center.

Banks sees the importance in gaining an understanding and appreciation for Asian culture through the art and music the center provides to the public.

The Hewit building features a new lighting system, more exhibition and storage space, a lobby to hold receptions and a reading room and library.

To honor the donors who paid for the building, William D. and Betty Ruth Hewit, a dedication ceremony and celebration was held on Oct. 21.

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