## Beermann victor over Dahlquist

By Rex Seline

Secretary of State Allen Beermann took an early lead Tuesday night and swept to victory over his Democratic challenger, Catherine Dahlquist, with 63 per cent of the total vote, according to election returns at 2:10 a.m.

Beermann credited his victory to the fact that "apparently our public services."

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Challenger Dahlquist said her loss was "understandable" since it was her first time on a statewide ticket

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"I hope that this doesn't mean that it's a significant prerequisite that a candidate has to be of the male gender and Republican," she added.

With 100 per cent of the precincts reporting, Lancaster County gave Beermann 28,776 votes or 62.28 per cent to Dahlquist's 17,423 votes or 37.71 per

Both Beermann and Dahlquist ran unopposed in the May primaries.

Dahlquist based her campaign on what she called inefficiencies in Beermann's operation of the secretary of state office.

Neither candidate used radio or

television advertising which Beermann termed "kind of a risk" as a way of

campaigning.

Dahlquist said her campaign was "based on awareness." She claimed that there's a "real unawareness of the duties of the job." In the general election she attacked Beermann for the way he ran the office saying, "There could be a great savings (of money.)."

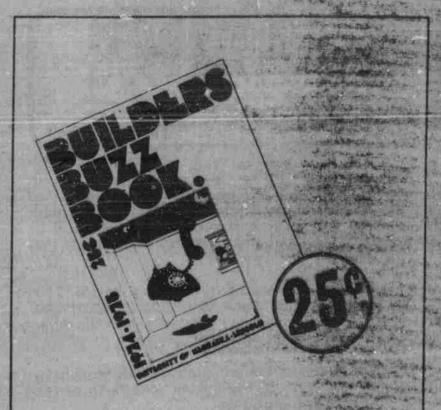
Beermann countered by changing that Dahlquist did not understand the complexities of the office.

The campaign was conducted on 'a high plain,' accordint to Beermann. He said his opponent was 'a most credible and reputable candidate' and 'stuck to the issues.

Dahlquist said late Tuesday night that she would be interested to see the results of how many voters cast ballots for the office. "It would be a great accomplishment on my part if a larger percentage of people voted for the office because of the interest we stimulated."



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