

## GOP on top in state races

A Democratic landslide it wasn't. By the time final election totals were tabulated Tuesday, Republicans had garnered four of the five major state offices and held onto Nebraska's three congressional seats.

The lone concession to Democrats was the governorship, as J. James Exon won a second term, tallying 59 per cent of the votes. Republican Richard Marvel and independent petition candidate Ernest Chambers finished with 35 per cent and six per cent, respectively. Chambers and Marvel, both state senators, will return to their seats in the Unicameral.

However, a new face in the governor's office will be Gerald Whelan, Exon's choice for lieutenant governor. The attorney from Hastings will fill the seat vacated by Frank Marsh, lieutenant governor since 1971. Marsh Tuesday was elected Nebraska state treasurer, far out-distancing opponent Kurt Rasmussen of Omaha.

In other races, Republicans scored two convincing victories in the 1st and 2nd congressional districts, but are holding their breaths in a neck-to-neck 3rd District contest.

Hess Dyas, not polling as many votes as he hoped for in Lancaster County, conceded late Tuesday night after partial returns gave Rep. Charles Thone a 53-47 per cent edge among 1st District voters. Dyas emerged with only a 311 vote margin over Thone out of more than 23,000 votes cast in Lancaster County, final reports show.

With 715 of 730 precincts reporting, Dyas had 69,420 votes to Thone's 77,493

In the 2nd District, incumbent John McCollister defeated Democrat Dan Lynch in an eletion which was expected to be close, but that was never in doubt throughout night. McCollister received 71,077 votes to Lynch's 58,211 in the 2nd District, which includes Omaha. Although Mrs. Haven Smith of

Chapell appears to have won the 3rd District election by less than 1,000 votes, her Democratic challenger, Wayne Ziebarth of Wilcox, has already called for a recount if he is officially declared loser.

With 98 per cent of the vote counted, Smith, 62, leads Ziebarth, 53, by 996 votes; Smith receiving 77,434 to Zie-barth's 76,488. Votes from fourteen of the 836 precincts remain to be counted, and more than 5,000 absentee and disabled voter ballots must be opened.

If Smith retains her lead, she will become the first woman in Nebraska history to be elected to Congress.

In other state elections, voters chose incumbent Allen Beermann as secretary of state over Democrat Catherine Dahlquist. The vote was 252,801 to 150.830.

Paul Douglas defeated former governor Frank Morrison in his bid for the attorney general's post by 198,337 to 148,481. This race was picked to be the closest in the state among Democrats and Republicans.

The NU Board of Regents seats up for election went to Robert Simmons, Jr., in the sixth district and incumbent Robert Raun in the seventh district.

The student regent amendment, which would place students in a nonvoting capacity on the Board of Regents, is being defeated 190,123 to 187,315 with 2,063 of 2,077 precincts reporting. But 6,000 to 7,000 absentee ballots still must be counted.

Fasting students contribute to AUF

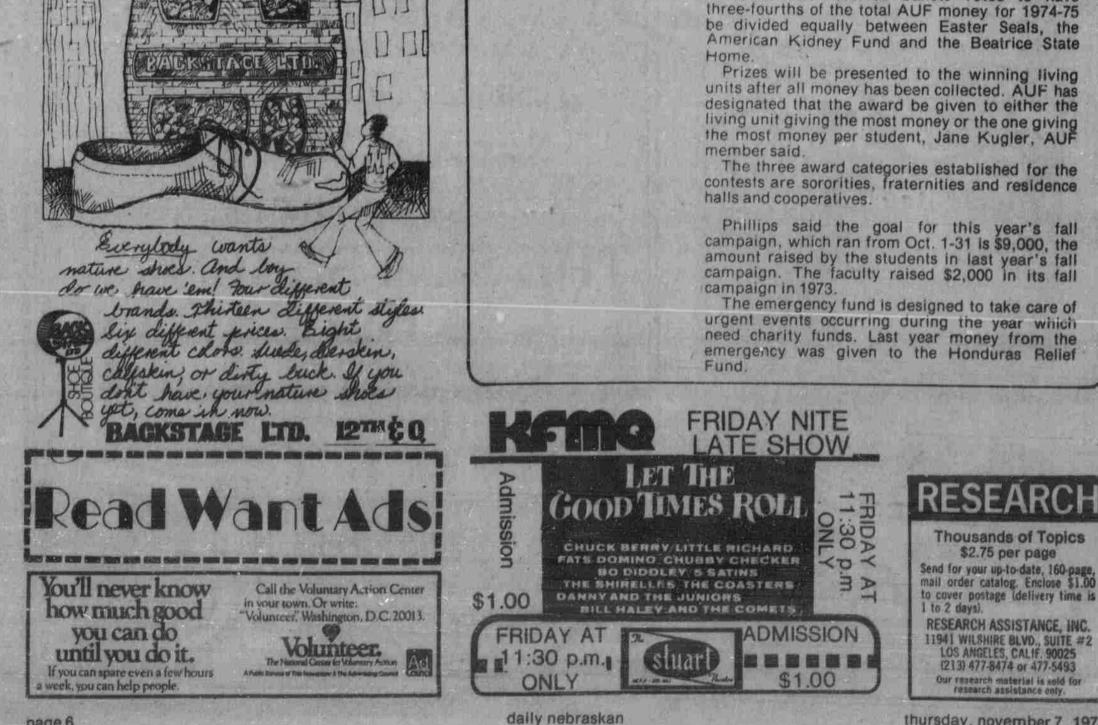
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UNL residence hall students raised about \$1,400 tor the All University Fund (AUF) by fasting Oct. 30.

About 2,500 students living in 11 residence halls skipped their evening meal so the Housing Office could donate 54 cents for each meal to the fund, Barb Phillips, AUF president said Tuesday. Love Hall donated \$100 to the fund without fasting.

Phillips said AUF was established to protect the student from constantly being approached for contributions to charities. Student organizations and housing units raise money through various activities for AUF, which then distributes the money equally between three specific charities and an emergency fund.

The charities to receive donations were decided earlier this year by a student vote. 1,300 students of 7,000 who received ballots voted to have



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