

Daub wins congressional race

By Ward W. Triplett III

Republican Hal Daub convincingly defeated Democrat Richard Fellman in the battle for the 2nd congressional seat.

Daub's victory came in his second attempt at the position, the first being a losing effort in 1978 against John Cavanaugh, who decided not to run again this year.

Daub's press secretary Linda Lovgren said Daub's camp felt it was "positive." Daub stayed to the issues, and this is what the people were looking for right now.

Daub's victory will ensure that all three congressional seats from Nebraska will be Republican, as he joins incumbents Virginia Smith and Doug Bereuter.

"Of course this will have significance," Lovgren said in a phone interview. "Previously, when we had two Republicans and one Democrat, one or the other would cancel each other out, and you would end up with one vote. Now, with three Republicans, it will give us more strength in Congress. This is for the benefit of the whole state."

The margin of victory was wider than most expected, particularly with polls showing Fellman closing in, but the Tuesday midnight margin of 53 percent to 44 with 66 percent of the precincts counted was not a surprise to the Daub campaigners.

"Since the polls came out, we stepped up our campaign somewhat," Lovgren said.

"We improved our neighborhood caravans, our media coverage, working at large businesses, and our youth campaign picked up, she said. All of these helped us over the past 10 days to feeling we were going to win tonight."

While Daub's contingency celebrated, Fellman said in a television interview that he felt he did all one could do in a campaign, and was sending Daub a congratulatory telegram.

"I have faith in the democratic system," he said. "But you get an A with 51 percent and you flunk with 49 percent. Politics is a black and white game, there are no gray spaces."

Fellman also made reference to the nationwide surge of Republican victors, particularly those that unseated strong

Democrats like John Culver in Iowa and Birch Bayh in Indiana.

"When you have national, local and county boards turning inside out, I don't think I have the right to expect to be much different," he said.

As far as personal feelings, Fellman said he intended to go back to his law practice.

"It is like Adlai Stevenson said in 1952, when he was in a similar situation, I'm too old to cry, and it hurts too much to laugh. That expresses best what I feel right now."

Fowler . . .

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Bud Cuca, former ASUN president and a Sellentin supporter, said the two men had different strategies in the campaign. Fowler, he said, thought that problems, including those of the university, could be solved with more money.

Sellentin, on the other hand, Cuca said, saw the need for more money for the university, but recognized a need to reform some of UNL's budget policies.

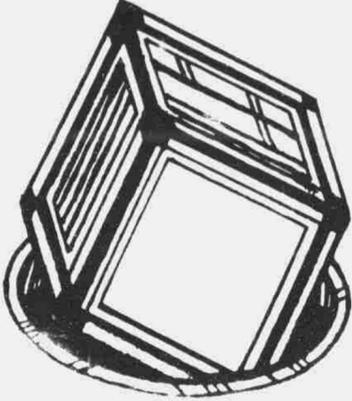
At 12:34 a.m. Fowler made his appearance amidst cheers from campaign staff.

"I don't want to be overconfident," Fowler said, but with 84 percent of the vote counted he had generated 51.6 percent of the vote.

"The other person," he said laughing, "has 48.4 percent. The mathematical experts say he will have to get 61 percent of the remaining precincts, and that's going to be hard."

If Fowler didn't want to count his chickens before they hatched, the biased crowd in the Hilton did not have the same reservations. An exuberant crowd yelled for a speech and congratulations.

Quoting from a recent campaign radio advertisement Fowler said, "It felt good, didn't it?"



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Lincoln voters approve LTS improvement bond

By Betsy Miller

A bond issue allocating \$600,000 for new improvements in the Lincoln Transportation System was approved by Lincoln's voters Tuesday.

The money constitutes 20 percent of a total figure of \$3 million of Transit Capital Improvements to buy more buses, handi-vans, bus stop signs, shelters and station improvements.

The remaining 80 percent of the \$3 million will be funded by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Jerry Olson, general manager of the Lincoln Transportation System, said that the bonds are needed to keep Lincoln's transit system functioning.

The \$600,000 approved by voters for the system will be paid at a cost of \$2 per homeowner over a 10-year period.

Olson said that the first step LTS must make in starting the program is getting the Urban Mass Transit Administration to approve the grant and provide their 80 percent of the funds.

The bond issue calls for 12 new buses at a cost of \$1.55 million, four handi-vans for \$80,000, 6,000 bus stop signs for \$211,000 and 85 shelters for \$385,000.

A new solar heating installation at the LTS bus garage will cost \$300,000, while 30 benches will be purchased for \$14,000 and assorted shop tools and equipment will cost \$98,000.

Olson said the buses should arrive in Lincoln in 15 months and the handi-vans could be in the city in three months.

He also said the shelters, bus stop signs and benches could be in place by the spring, and that the garage innovations may be completed by summer.

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