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## Former deputy state auditor backs Democratic candidate

By Pat Higgins

Former Deputy State Auditor Chuck Patterson, who lost in the Republican primary for state auditor, endorsed Darl Naumann, the Democratic candidate for the position, at a Saturday press conference at the state Capitol.

Patterson, who lost to incumbent Ray A.C. Johnson in May, was fired by Johnson last year from his position as deputy auditor.

"I refused to sign a report on the state's financial picture because it violated basic accounting procedures. That led to tensions with Mr. Johnson, which led to my dismissal," Patterson said.

Patterson is now the deputy auditor of the state of Florida.

The state auditor's office has become a partisan weapon and has lost sight of its main purpose, he said.

"Ray A.C. Johnson has chosen to disregard the professional auditing standards that he has sworn to uphold," Patterson said. "He has been unaccountable to anyone. Johnson has shown that he is more concerned with partisan politics than he is with the people of the state," he said.

Patterson said he has never endorsed a political candidate until Naumann this year.

"Look at the candidates this year, not the party. Naumann is a young leader with a good reputation. He has a commitment to honesty and full disclosure," he said.

Naumann criticized Ray A.C. Johnson as failing to be the watchdog of the state's financial well-being. He noted that the state had a record treasury surplus of more than \$116 million in 1980.

"State Auditor Ray Johnson then stood by silently as this surplus was depleted to such a degree that the state went into debt for the first time in history," Naumann said.

Naumann maintained that nearly \$400,000 in interest income has been lost because of interfund borrowing used to cover the general fund debt.

"Because the state auditor reviews the budget of almost 3,600 subdivisions, the auditor has to be an independent voice of reason and common sense on the Board of Equalization," Naumann said.

## Race starts Homecoming activities

Homecoming activities got off to a running start with the second annual 10 kilometer race Sunday.

First place in the men's division was taken by Craig See, 2100 Atlas Ave., and Mark Gumby, Abel Hall 343, who tied with a time of 32:20. Randy Crist, 2003 G St., 32:41, and Marty Jara, Selleck Quadrangle 8312, 34:44, finished second and third respectively.

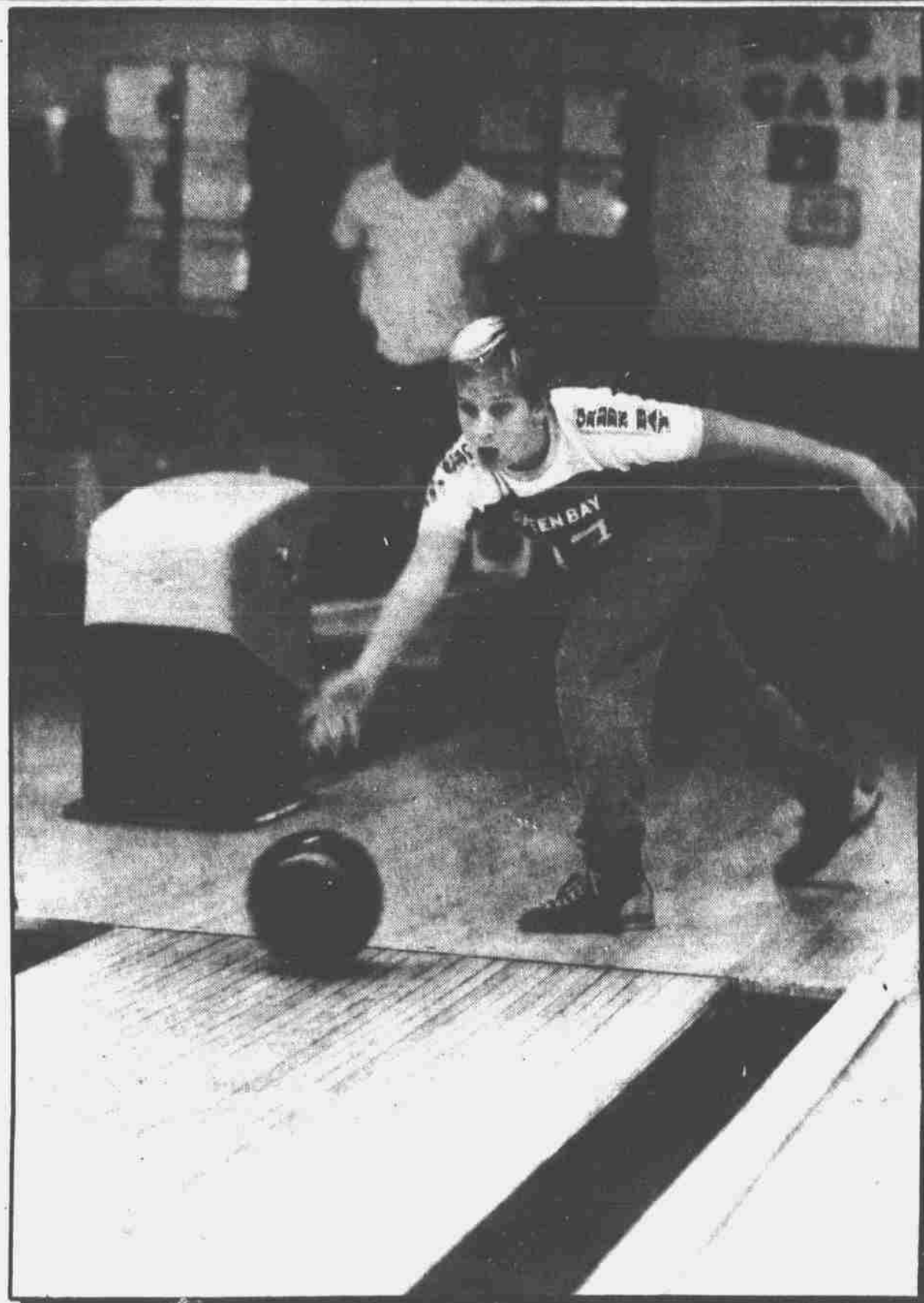
The top women placers were Mary Amen, 1132 Mulder Drive, 38:38; Carita Kardik, 1141 N. 42nd St., 42:06; and Diane Heimckl, 513 N. 17th St., 44:28.

All contestants received Dr Pepper T-shirts.

Despite temperatures in the low 50s and gusty winds, the race attracted 65 runners to the East Campus course. Last year 75 people finished the race. Bill Conley, race director, said the weather probably discouraged some last-minute registrants and that the winds made running tough.

Dr Pepper, the All-University Homecoming committee, ASUN and Lawlor's sponsored the race.

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Staff Photo by Craig Anderson

Steve Mielke, 11, fixes his gaze on the pins as he releases his bowling ball at the Nebraska Union lanes Sunday afternoon as his father, Lloyd, a UNL associate professor of agronomy, looks on.

## Dworak: UNL nothing without competent faculty

By Peggy Polacek

Quality education can be provided by UNL if faculty is given first priority, said Don Dworak, candidate for the NU Board of Regent's 3rd District seat.

If Socrates, Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas taught classes in a tent, Dworak said, it would be a great learning



institution. Without a competent faculty, he said, UNL is nothing.

Dworak has been a member of the Nebraska Legislature for the past eight years. He lives in Columbus, where

he owns an insurance agency.

Dworak, who is a member of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, said UNL received an adequate amount of money last year, although it could use additional money effectively.

"Most of us would like a bigger car, better clothes or a new house," he said, "but we must first look at our available resources."

UNL must also evaluate its money resources before additional spending is approved, he said.

Dworak, a UNL graduate, said UNL merits its present budget, because the institution needs the money to provide quality education.

UNL can avoid mediocrity by doing two things, Dworak said. First, it could receive more money, and second, it should try to excel in a few specific areas, rather than superficially covering many areas.

Agriculture should be a major area of research at UNL, Dworak said, and UNL should continue to provide leadership for the country in this area.

A recent study stating that UNL does not use class space efficiently was criticized by Dworak, who said he didn't think the study was conclusive because it compared UNL with Nebraska technical schools and with UNO.

"It's like comparing apples with oranges," Dworak said. "UNO is a metropolitan university that doesn't have the graduate school thrust that UNL does. Also the tech schools emphasize vocational education, which is different than UNL."

He said funding for capital construction to provide more class space for UNL is one of his lowest priorities.

Dworak has two children, including a son attending UNL. He said he believes tuition at UNL will continue to go up as long as inflation does.

## Robinson: More teachers equal better education

By Peggy Polacek

UNL could operate more efficiently if more money were put into teaching and less into administration, said Margaret Robinson, candidate for the NU Board of Regent's 3rd District seat.

More people should be hired as instructors to improve the quality of education. The Nebraska Legislature and



private donors, like the NU Foundation, provide UNL with sufficient funding to make this possible, she said.

"I think in the last 10 years the university hired over 4,700 people, and only about 20 percent were hired as teaching staff. We must streamline the university's operation to see that it's not wasteful," she said.

Robinson said she thinks the amount of money allocated to UNL is appropriate. People want a good university for their state and are willing to support studies and research at UNL, she said.

Robinson said UNL budget allocations should continue to be explained to the Legislature because in this way, it is also explained to the state as a whole. Nebraskans are part of the university system and deserve to be informed, she said.

Robinson stressed the importance of persuading top Nebraska scholars to attend UNL.

"When we lose bright young people to other colleges," she said, "it's like losing an important natural resource of our state."

Agricultural research should be emphasized at UNL because it is crucial to the entire state, she said. UNL should be on the forefront of agricultural research and

should give answers to Nebraska and the country on agricultural problems.

Robinson received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio State University. She is president of Norfolk Iron and Metal Co.

She serves on the Norfolk Board of Education, the board of directors for the YMCA, the Nebraska State Panel for the American Council on Education and several other committees.

If elected regent, she says she plans to have town hall meetings in every county of her district. She also said she wants to apply a business management approach to the university.

Robinson has four children, two of whom received their master's degrees from the NU Medical Center.

"I feel good about my lead in the May primary," Robinson said. "I feel I came out ahead because I raised important issues, and the people responded."