

# And the winner is . . .

## ...For Regent...

### Fricke edges regent incumbent

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Lincoln dentist Donald Fricke said a down-to-earth, grass roots campaign meant the difference in his defeat of incumbent Edward Schwartzkopf in the District 1 NU Board of Regents race.

With most of the votes counted, Fricke was leading Schwartzkopf with 55 percent of the votes.

Fricke said his 250 to 300 campaign volunteers "started out with a plan and followed it and kept the campaign clean."

"It's a professional office and people expect the same kind of behavior from the candidates," Fricke said at Lincoln's Legionnaire Club.

Volunteers spent the past eight nights calling district voters to build support which "put us over the top," Fricke said.

Schwartzkopf said the phone campaign swayed undecided voters to Fricke's side.

Fricke, who edged Schwartzkopf by more than 1,000 votes in the May primary, said he thought he was more likely to pick up the vote of Don Geis, who was eliminated in the primary. Geis garnered 6,561 votes.

Fricke, who based his campaign on making UNL "the flagship campus," and solving Lincoln's problems, said he will now put his ideas into action.

By increasing teacher salaries and maintaining the university's research level, Fricke said, UNL will remain a learning institution that Nebraska residents can look up to.

Money was an important factor in the

election, Schwartzkopf said. Fricke's campaign expenses totaled about \$29,000, while Schwartzkopf said his expenses were almost \$17,000.

Too much money was spent, Schwartzkopf said, because the position should be earned, not bought. But, Schwartzkopf said, Fricke got the desired results.

The media focused on the wrong issues in the race, Schwartzkopf said. His age and that he has been a regent for 18 years was publicized, the 65-year-old said, instead of important issues concerning the universities.

"Eighteen years is long enough" was too much of an issue, Schwartzkopf said.

"The president is seven or eight years older," he said, "and they didn't make that an issue until after the second debate."

But Schwartzkopf said he wasn't disappointed in losing. Fricke will make a good regent, he said.

"If Dr. Fricke does all that he said he will do, I'm not worried," Schwartzkopf said. "I feel confident with his statements of what he said he was going to do."

"I live in district one and he's my regent."

Schwartzkopf said he enjoyed his terms as regent and they will be remembered.

"Life goes on," he said. "Anyone who's been an athlete knows there comes a day. I won't fold up my tent."

Schwartzkopf said he hopes to continue to play an active role in the NU system.

Fricke, who has practiced dentistry in Lincoln since 1966, said he plans to continue working as usual. But, he said, he will be accessible to students and faculty and looks forward to hearing their views.



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Not much was left untouched by the campaign spirit of the Fricke victory party, as proven by this child's doll, complete with Fricke sticker.



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Don Fricke, the new district one regent, strains to hear election results above the noise of his "victory party" Tuesday night.

## ...For the Senate...

### Incumbent Exon overcomes Reagan tide

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Sen. J. James Exon compared his election victory Tuesday against Nancy Hoch to "swimming upstream against a strong tide."

The strong tide Exon was referring to was President Reagan's landslide victory in the presidential election.

Speaking to about 200 supporters at a party in The Cornhusker Convention Center, Exon praised Nebraska Republicans and Democrats who voted for him.

"I'd like to thank Republican voters who stood tall and supported Jim Exon despite heavy opposition from their own party," he said.

The Democratic senator had just received word, at about 10:20 p.m., that all three major television networks had projected him the winner in a close race. Late

returns gave Exon a 52 to 48 percent margin.

"It appears to be a great, great victory," Exon said.

Gov. Bob Kerrey, who arrived just as Exon finished his speech, praised the senator for "knowing what government ought to be."

"The people of Nebraska almost made a big mistake tonight," Kerrey said. "I am enormously proud Nebraskans had the good sense to elect Jim Exon."

Democratic State Party Chairman Dave Newell said he was surprised at the narrow margin of Exon's win.

"It's closer than I wanted, but a win is a win," Newell said. "I think it says a lot about Jim Exon's character to win in a Republican state in what appears to be a Reagan landslide."

Hoch gave a thumbs-up signal in Lincoln as returns began to come in and refused to point it downward even after the networks and wire services had given Exon the win.

She spewed the same optimism in Omaha at the 72nd Street Holiday Inn.

"I feel very calm and positive about the race," she said.

At about the same time Exon was praising Republicans for supporting him, Hoch was applauding their partisanship.

"The Republicans in Nebraska decided it was time to stand up and be counted," Hoch said, "and it's showing."

Hoch was presented with a victory bouquet of roses in front of about 400 enthusiastic supporters in the inn's Presidents Room.

"We all knew there was a great chance for an upset," she told the crowd. "We just wanted the world to know."

The Hoch entourage went to Nebraska City to watch the last of the evening's results, and the latest word from their camp was "it's not over."

A Hoch spokeswoman said the people at Nebraska City headquarters were still positive.

"Nancy is not conceding," she said.



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Sen. Exon

## ...For Congress...

### Bereuter glides to victory in 'non-campaign' race

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Democrat Monica Bauer is almost glad she lost.

"I wouldn't want to be an incumbent during the next four years," she said Tuesday, following announcement of the apparent victory by her opponent, incumbent Rep. Doug Bereuter.

Bereuter, of Utica, retained his District 1 seat in the House of Representatives by defeating her by almost a three to one margin.

Bauer said she envisions a bleak future for the United States under the leadership of Ronald Reagan and Republicans like Bereuter.

She said Reagan and Congress will not be attentive to the country's farm troubles.

"We're going to lose 35 percent of our farms within the next three years," she said. "It's going to be economic disaster for everybody."

Bereuter, however, said he will be hard at work trying to solve agriculture's problems. He supports, and will work to implement, the debt restructuring program Reagan proposed two months ago.

The program delays many loans paid to the Farmers Home Administration for up to five years. It also guarantees the state's banks that they will collect at least 90 percent of all outstanding loans.

Some farm families will receive help from the program, Bereuter said, enough help to pay off their debts.

Bauer's "negative" outlook on farm problems hurt the Congressional pastor from Crete during her campaign, said Bereuter, who was elected for his fourth term in the House.

"The country is on a road of optimism," Bereuter said. "The president has brought it to economic recovery."

Bauer is sure that economic recovery is just temporary. Reagan will not deal with the country's huge deficit, Bauer said. That will make the international economic scene "go crazy" in the next few years.

Both Bauer and Bereuter accused each other of running non-campaigns. Bauer said Bereuter's silence showed his ignorance of the issues.

Bereuter refused to debate Bauer because he said he thought she was not a legitimate candidate.

Bauer's comments at pre-election speeches were so full of inaccuracies, Bereuter said, that he would have to spend too much time correcting her to have a serious debate.

In fact, whenever the two spoke



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Rep. Bereuter acknowledges his re-election victory with his wife, right, and his campaign manager Mary Johnson.

on the same podium, Bereuter said he had to correct his opponent. He said Bauer's inaccuracies were an attempt to create an issue where there wasn't any.

One of her main criticisms centered around Bereuter's seat on the House Foreign Affairs committee. She has consistently said that if Bereuter was concerned about Nebraska's farmers, he would sit on the House Agriculture Committee.

Bereuter has defended his position, saying agriculture exports were one of his priorities. Trade and tax committees have more impact on agriculture than the agriculture committee itself, he said. He also serves on the tax writing subdivision of the Ways and Means Committee.

Bauer said she still sees economic hardship ahead for the country's farmers. Because of hardships for farmers, Bauer said she

may go to Washington to lobby for further agriculture legislation.

"I'm not going to desert the people I grew to know and love during the campaign," she said.

Bereuter said the campaign was the easiest of his political career. He didn't have to call up any financial resources, or use many of the volunteers at his disposal.

Because he had such a commanding lead in early polls, Bereuter said he didn't have to run a "crash" campaign. He kept close contact with his constituents during the past six years. His voters knew what his stand was on many political issues, he said.

Bauer said Bereuter's re-election was a tribute to political action committees and his great name recognition.

"He outspent me three to one," Bauer said. "Hell, nobody expected me to win. How could I be disappointed?"

## Nebraska voters strongly support four amendments

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The four constitutional amendments on the ballot each won overwhelming approval from Nebraska voters who turned out in record numbers. In Lancaster County, 78 percent of the registered voters cast ballots Tuesday — more than in any election since 1968.

Amendment 4, by far the most publicized, was approved by 66 percent of Lancaster County voters. It will allow the Legislature to value agricultural and horticultural land separately for tax purposes. The Legislature is not bound to adopt a new classification. It merely received authorization to restructure the tax manual and vote on the measure.

Ratification of Amendment 1, approved by 67 percent of Lancaster County voters, will divide all money seized in drug confiscations between schools and counties, which must direct the money toward drug enforcement. Schools currently receive all of that money.

Amendment 2, approved on 77 percent of Lancaster County ballots, requires the Commission on Judicial Qualifications to publicly report any disciplinary actions it takes against any judge. This information currently is kept confidential between the judge and the commission.

Amendment 3 was approved by 68 percent of Lancaster County voters. It permits cities or villages to issue bonds to rehabilitate blighted or substandard property. Cities and villages previously could issue bonds only to buy or redevelop such property.

In Lancaster County races with 65 percent of precincts reporting, Stephanie Armitage, Jan Gauger and Leo Scherer were apparent county commissioner victors. Armitage led with 65 percent of the vote over petition candidate's Larry Hudkins in District 2. In District 4, Jan Gauger with 57 percent of the vote, led Burdette Cooley. And in District 5, an unopposed Leo Scherer garnered 100 percent of the vote.

Voters approved by a margin of 53 percent to 41 percent to accept a proposal to dissolve the City Weed Control Authority board and assign its duties to the county board. Brian Jewell, Gary Weaver and Floyd Hudkins appeared headed for spots on the City Weed Control Authority.

Max Larsen defeated Patricia Nolte by just three percentage points in the contest for the First District State Board of Education seat.

A landfill bond issue proposal for Lincoln appeared headed for a landslide victory, with 61 percent of voters approving it.



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Monica Bauer has a personal chat with her husband, Neil, at the Cornhusker Hotel during the election results.