

## Editorial criticizing Boosalis lacked justification

In the Daily Nebraskan's editorial on Helen Boosalis, (Wednesday, Sept. 17) the DN was grossly negligent. As a newspaper that has a circulation that reaches thousands of students, I firmly believe you should have more fully investigated any subject matter before making outlandish accusations and before printing mere assumptions.

If you had produced facts and figures that contradicted that Boosalis could not in fact invigorate economic development to fund her programs, then your arguments would have been more feasible.

I am speaking from a standpoint of fact when I say Boosalis did initiate new programs, through increases in economic development revenue and federal grants, when she was mayor of Lincoln.

It is beyond my ability to conceive why and how the DN could logically cast aside all of Boosalis' proposed economic development programs, when many of them had been tried and proven successful on a smaller model in Lincoln. To project defeat for these programs, was an opinion based solely without fact.

One point that thoroughly distressed me was that the editorial criticized Boosalis for being innovative and creative as a candidate; one who had proposed needed programs for our state. In the same breath, Kay Orr was congratulated for limiting her proposed programs. If we want a governor without vision, then Kay Orr is the clear choice.

Let's talk taxes for a moment. I am comfortable in believing the words of Boosalis, a respected and conscientious elected official, those words being: she will not raise taxes. Humor me for a moment, but any tax increase is initiated by the 49-member legislature; then it progresses through a series of hearings, debates, and votes by that body. And if that body deems it necessary to increase taxes, then so shall it be.

The editorial also comments on a need for consistency and truth by Boosalis. I would like to point out Kay Orr is the candidate that is taking the voters for suckers. Orr's campaign commercials on TV are outright lies. Boosalis has said she will not raise taxes, but

## God's hand could bolster U.S. defense

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"Listen, he's going to be a winner. Who's George Bush or any of the other candidates got going for them compared to God? I bet Bush can't even get the Senate chaplain to endorse him."

Yes, God would be a considerable political advantage.

What if they ask what you can do for them?

"Medical costs."

What about medical costs?

"Have you looked at a hospital bill lately? An aspirin costs \$2. Every time an intern says good morning, it's another C-note. But this Robertson is one of those faith healers. He can pat you on the head and get rid of your migraines, give you a pat on the rump and the old hemorrhoids are gone, tweak your nose and you drop your crutches and start dancing a polka. You can't get cured cheaper than that. We wouldn't need Medicare."

That could have considerable appeal. What if you're asked about such issues as defense spending?

"A snap. I tell them: 'Don't worry. With Pat in the White House, we'll be stronger without spending any money. Remember, all Pat has to do is ask You Know Who, and He'll send those Roosies some pestilence and locusts and give 'em sores. Remember what He did with the Red Sea?' Next time, it might be the whole Baltic Sea flooding their basements."

I can see the possibilities. But what if Robertson should speak in tongue.

"Oh, you mean that religious stuff, where he opens his mouth and all kinds of strange words come out, and nobody is sure what he's talking about?"

"Fine. Let him talk that way. It didn't hurt Reagan, did it?"

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you refuse to see that Kay Orr is pulling the wool over the eyes of the voter. With respect to LB662, it is the voters that will decide if it is an appropriate measurer to approve; Boosalis, not Kay Orr, can repeal the will of the people.

To conclude, I feel you are correct about the need for consistency; but not with respect to Boosalis' campaign, but more appropriately with the editorials in the DN.

While you continue to attack Boosalis and her programs, the editorial

noted that Kay Orr will have time to prove herself and her limited programs. Let's be consistent and question both or neither candidates. In the future, I would suggest that the DN should thoroughly do its homework before slandering a qualified candidate such as Boosalis.

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