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She Understands the Job

Kay Orr the Better Choice For Governor of Nebraska

Nebraska's economy is one of the main challenges that will confront the woman who becomes Nebraska's 36th chief executive in January. Communities from the Missouri River to the Wildcat Hills are counting on state government to help them develop jobs and opportunities for people displaced by the agricultural depression.

Attracting and keeping job-creating businesses requires maintaining roads, schools and public services at a high level of quality. It requires a tax system that raises enough money without being a disincentive to commerce.

Nebraska, consequently, needs a leader as well as a manager in the governor's office — someone who has not only the courage to cut a program but also the wisdom to know when a program must be strengthened instead of cut.

Kay Orr offers that kind of leadership. In her work as chief of staff in the governor's office and, since 1981, as state treasurer, she has demonstrated mental toughness, efficiency and the ability to work with business and civic leaders. She has a realistic view of what the governor's office can and can't do to help promote economic development.

Perhaps this reflects her experience in state government. Mrs. Orr rejects the notion that a governor can single-handedly cause private-sector jobs to materialize. She seems to understand that one of the government's roles is to maintain a climate that stimulates growth, investment and job creation in the private sector.

Toughness and efficiency are only two of the characteristics that make Mrs. Orr worthy of support. She also displays management skills and an ability to relate to people. These qualities should help her be an ambassador for Nebraska, as well as a governor who can work with the Legislature.

Helen Boosalis, the Democratic nominee, has some of the same qualities. When she was elected mayor of Lincoln in 1975, she became the first woman to be mayor of an American city of more than 100,000 people. Few women could have had the political success Mrs. Boosalis has had without being efficient and tough and without having management skills and an ability to work with people.

In her campaign for governor, Mrs. Boosalis wants Nebraskans to believe that she would be an effective governor because she was an effective mayor. However, on more than one crucial point, Mrs. Boosalis has taken a position that can't be defended and then tried to defend it, giving the impression of confusion in the campaign.

In a speech Aug. 8, Mrs. Boosalis said her goal would be to move the state toward a tax system in which the state income tax, the sales tax and the local property tax would each provide one-third of the total revenues.

She wasn't the first Nebraska politician to advocate a 1/3-1/3-1/3 tax system. But she may have been one of the first to suggest that the job could be done without an increase in sales or income taxes. When asked what she meant, Mrs. Boosalis said it would happen over time, through economic growth.

How long would it take? She didn't know. The 1/3-1/3-1/3 tax plan dropped from her campaign speeches.

Mrs. Boosalis told audiences for several weeks that Lincoln gained 3,100 manufacturing jobs during her two terms as mayor. What she didn't say was that Lincoln lost more man-



ufacturing jobs during that period than it gained. State Labor Department figures indicated that Lincoln had a net loss of 1,509 manufacturing jobs during the Boosalis years.

When Mrs. Orr challenged Mrs. Boosalis' job-creation record, a Boosalis aide acknowledged that, indeed, Lincoln had a net loss in manufacturing jobs. Now the Boosalis campaign has taken the position that the decline would have been greater without Mrs. Boosalis' efforts.

Mrs. Boosalis made this statement Aug. 8: "We can continue to improve services without an increase in the tax rate. In my eight years as mayor of our capital city, neither the sales tax nor the property tax increased." As recently as nine days ago, she insisted twice in a meeting with a group of editors that property taxes had not increased during her administration. Speaking to the Downtown Kiwanis Club in Omaha Friday, she said: "During the eight years I was mayor, the sales tax rate remained the same; the property tax decreased slightly."

But Lincoln property taxes did increase while she was mayor. From the last year of the previous administration to the last year of Mrs. Boosalis' second term, the amount of property taxes budgeted by the city rose from \$13 million to \$21.7 million, an increase of 67 percent.

Perhaps Mrs. Boosalis meant that property tax rates didn't rise. But that would be irrelevant, considering that Lancaster County property was reappraised twice during the Boosalis years. A reappraisal has the effect of lowering rates without lowering the amount of taxes paid.

Perhaps she meant to say, as she said on other occasions, that property taxes rose less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index, or that the city took a reduced share of residents' income.

But she didn't say that. She said, flatly and inaccurately, that property taxes didn't increase. And she said it more than once, indicating considerable confusion on an important point.

The case for electing Mrs. Boosalis governor isn't helped by her confused claims of being a job-creating mayor who kept Lincoln's taxes from rising.

The differences between the two candidates are further illustrated by their positions on Referendum 400, more familiar to many Nebraskans as Legislative Bill 662. Mrs. Boosalis supports the referendum, asserting that the 1-cent increase in the state sales tax rate isn't a tax increase because it would be offset by reduced property taxes. Mrs. Orr opposes the referendum because it would raise the sales tax rate without guaranteeing property tax relief.

Mrs. Orr's position is realistic. LB 662 would raise the sales tax rate. It is a tax increase bill. It would not guarantee property tax relief.

The ability to see things as they are, to deal realistically with facts and figures, is an essential quality for an official who must handle finances and tax policy. Mrs. Orr has that ability. We believe that Kay Orr would be the better governor, and we encourage Nebraskans to vote for her Nov. 4.

I-back has surgery

Jones may be through

By Chuck Green
Sports Editor

Nebraska's injury situation at I-back deepened Monday as Keith Jones underwent surgery to repair damaged ligaments in his right thumb.

Jones was scheduled for surgery Monday night. The surgery was to be performed by Lincoln orthopedic surgeons Tom Heiser and Pat Clare.

"The doctors don't seem to feel there's any way they misdiagnosed it," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "If that's the case (a torn ligament) then I guess there's no other way to handle it other than to go in and repair it surgically."

Osborne said that a 5 to 6 week recovery time could be expected for this type of surgery under normal circumstances. That would mean that Jones would miss the Cornhuskers' three remaining regular season games.

"We won't know until the surgery is complete," Osborne said, "but it does look like there's a possibility that he would be unable to play the last three games of the season."

"If that's the case, then Tyrese Knox would start at I-back," Osborne said.

Knox, a 5-11, 215-pound sophomore from Daly City, Cal., said he thought it

was unfortunate that the injury occurred "with the situation we already have as far as the I-back depth goes," but added that he was happy to be given a chance at the No. 1 I-back spot.

"It's a situation where I get to move up a step," Knox said. "Hopefully, I can go out and prove that I can handle the job."

Knox, who has been timed at 4.4 seconds in the 40-yard dash, is only a fraction of a second slower than Jones, who's best time in the 40 is 4.33 seconds, making him the fastest Husker in history.

Knox said that he and Jones had planned to study together Monday morning for a test in a class they have together. He said that Jones was hinting that his hand was hurt.

"I didn't think it was that serious until I heard it from him," Knox said.

Osborne said the first evidence that Jones had a problem with his thumb didn't surface until Sunday morning, when he and senior tight end Mark Diaz came into the training room with injuries. Diaz broke his hand during Saturday's game and will be in a cast for up to four weeks.

"We thought that after the game Saturday we had no problems," Osborne said, "but then these guys came in."

Osborne said the injury is one that

could be left alone until after the season had ended, but doctors were concerned that waiting up to four weeks to repair the ligament damage would further complicate matters.



Jones

"The ligament could shrivel up and you might not get a good repair," he said. "To my knowledge, we've never played a player in a way that would impair his long-term well being, and I think this would have been a case like that."

NU to try to extend streak

By Rich Cooper
Staff Reporter

Nebraska's volleyball team will try to extend its Big Eight record to 9-0 Tuesday night at the Nebraska Coliseum when it faces Kansas State at 7:30 p.m.

The No. 6 ranked Huskers, who defeated Oklahoma Saturday night to clinch a bye in the Big Eight Championship Tournament Nov. 21-23 in Kansas City, will be trying to extend their 54-game winning streak over Big Eight opponents.

Nebraska coach Terry Pettit said Kansas State has a very big team. Five of the Wildcats' six starters are over six feet tall. They're a strong blocking team, and if Nebraska doesn't play

well, Kansas State could give them problems, Pettit said.

The last time Nebraska played the Wildcats was Oct. 22 in Manhattan, Kan. The Huskers won that game, 15-1, 15-5 and 15-6, behind the hitting of Enid Schonewise, Virginia Stahr and Kathi DeBoer, who collected 12, 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

"Virginia Stahr and Enid blocked their first two plays and after that, they (KSU) kind of backed away," Pettit said. "I'm sure they have learned a lot from that game and I expect them to definitely come at us."

Pettit said that the next two weeks will be the last chance Nebraska will have to practice for days. If the Huskers, are to make any major adjustments,

Pettit said, they'll have to work on them then.

Pettit said the key areas that Nebraska has to work on are serving and passing. He said both those areas gave the team problems in its loss to No. 7 ranked Texas Thursday night.

Pettit said he thinks the team is playing well but sometimes is inconsistent. He said he thinks his team is mentally and physically capable of getting to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament if the players improve their passing, serving and consistency.

The Wildcats are led by Shawnee Call, who is averaging 3.6 kills per game and leads the Big Eight with 330 kills. Kansas State is 2-5 in the Big Eight, and 12-12 overall this season.

NU tennis team sweeps

Nebraska's Robert Sjolholm won the singles championship while Steven Jung and Mike Marsh took the doubles title at the Hurricane Invitational in Tulsa, Okla., last weekend.

Sjolholm defeated Oklahoma State's Jack Salerno 6-3, 6-0 in the semi-finals of the singles championship, then defeated Chris Toomey of Oklahoma 6-2, 5-7, 6-1 in the final match of the singles bracket.

In the semi-final match of the consolation singles, Nebraska's Pat Carson defeated Oklahoma State's Paul Pearce 6-1, 6-0. Last year at the Big Eight tournament, Pearce defeated Carson in the No. 3 singles match.

Carson was then defeated in the finals of the consolation bracket by teammate Ken Feuer, 6-2, 6-4.

In the doubles bracket, Jung and Marsh defeated D. Lobo and Chris Schatz of Oklahoma State in the semi-final match, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 to advance to the finals.

The other Cornhusker doubles team of Carson and Steven Jung were defeated by Oklahoma State's Salerno and Robin Scott, 6-4, 6-4.

In the doubles final, Marsh and Jung defeated Salerno and Scott 6-3, 6-3

Nebraska outscored Oklahoma State 7-3 in matches won and outscored Oklahoma 4-0.

Weightlifting contest tonight at NU Coliseum

The Nebraska men's, women's and co-rec Olympic weightlifting competition will be tonight in the basement of the NU Coliseum. Lifting for men and women will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Coliseum weightroom and no advanced entries are due.

The snatch lift will be first, followed by the clean and jerk.

The total of the best lift in each event will determine the weight class winners. Four participants will constitute a team for intramural all-university point purposes.

The meet is open to graduate and undergraduate UNL students. Only one weightlifting club member will be allowed per team. Additional eligibility rules may be found in the 1986-87 Campus Recreation Handbook.

Entrants must provide a gym uniform consisting of a shirt, shorts, shoes, socks and weight belts if so desired.

T-shirts will be awarded to the top lifter in each weight class. The team champion will be determined by the total weight they lift in relationship to their body weight.

Sweet 16		
Rank	Team	Pts.
1.	Miami	80
2.	Penn State	72
3.	Oklahoma	70
4.	Michigan	69
5.	Arizona State	57
6.	Nebraska	53
7.	Alabama	49
8.	Texas A&M	40
9.	Auburn	38
10.	Arkansas	29
11.	Washington	23
12.	UCLA	21
13.	Ohio State	20
14.	North Carolina State	15
15.	Arizona	12
16.	Southern California	7

B-ball tickets now available

Students who have purchased season tickets for the 1986-87 basketball season may pick up their tickets at the Nebraska ticket office at the South Stadium today through Friday.

The tickets may be picked up from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

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