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WEATHER: Wednesday, considerable cloudiness, breezy and cooler, 30 percent chance of showers, NW winds 15-25 mph, high 50-55. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy, breezy and colder, 30 percent chance of evening showers, low around 30. Thursday, partly sunny, high 45-50.

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Bob Kerrey raises the arms of his son Benjamin and daughter Lindsey after delivering his victory speech at Peony Park in Omaha Tuesday night.

Bob Kerrey 'Waltzes' into Senate seat

By David Holloway
Senior Reporter

Newly elected Sen. Bob Kerrey finished a victory speech Tuesday by singing the song "Waltzing Matilda" to a still crowd of about 1,000 people at Peony Park Ballroom in Omaha.

The song is about an Australian man who lost his legs in a war. When the boy returned home, he was rejected and forgotten by his countrymen.

"Let's waltz tonight and work tomorrow," Kerrey said.

Kerrey told the crowd that his first item of business as senator will be to reduce the fiscal deficit.

Kerrey said he also will fight for better education in Nebraska schools and better health care.

"We need to fight the battles in our schools so that we may have better education in our schools," Kerrey said.

During his speech, Kerrey told the crowd he

had received a "gracious" call from Republican Sen. Dave Karnes congratulating him on his victory.

Kerrey defeated incumbent Karnes with 325,962 votes, or 57 percent, with 95 percent of the precincts reporting. Karnes received 241,029 votes, or 42 percent, and New Alliance Party candidate Ernie Chambers received 8,943 votes, or one percent.

"Dave Karnes and Liz have served this state very well," Kerrey said. "I think they should be commended for their work."

Kerrey said he understood the heat of elections, but said that people should forget their political differences and come together and celebrate the victory.

"People have given us their trust and we offer ours back," Kerrey said. "The work in front of us will bring us closer."

Kerrey said his campaign included several different people.

"Tonight we represent the families that

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Republicans return

Bush elected president

By The Associated Press

Vice President George Bush was elected the nation's 41st president Tuesday, sweeping past Michael Dukakis to assure four more years of Republican rule in the White House. Democrats countered with decisive control of both houses of Congress.

of the House that will greet the new Republican president. In recognition of this strength, Bush said, "I'll do my level best, to reach out and work constructively with the United States Congress."

The Democrats also picked off governor's offices in Indiana and West Virginia, although Republicans struck back in Montana.

Dukakis offered Bush his concession first in a private telephone call, then later at a nationally-televised rally with supporters in Boston.

"This nation faces major challenges and we must work together," he said in words that echoed Bush's own remarks.

President Reagan telephoned his congratulations to Bush and Dan Quayle and promised a smooth transition.

Bush, full of praise for his vanquished rival, planned a morning news conference Wednesday and then a triumphant return to Washington.

Dukakis now settles back in as governor of Massachusetts, deflated without a doubt after the long and costly campaign.

The voters told pollsters they didn't like the campaign one bit, and

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NU Regent race remains undecided

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

With a majority of votes counted Tuesday night, two of the four members of the NU Board of Regents running for seats probably have secured positions.

In District 5, Robert Koefoot, who has served 15 years as a regent, was losing to challenger Robert Allen with 75 percent of the votes counted. Koefoot had 46 percent of the vote to Allen's 54 percent.

Allen, a former Hastings mayor and school board member, said if he is elected, he hopes to return the university to an emphasis on academics.

"Whatever happens in the classroom is what really matters," Allen said. "That classroom is everything."

Allen said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln needs to increase faculty salaries to assure no quality faculty members are lost to schools offering higher salaries. He also said he thinks it is impor-

tant for all foreign teachers to be able to speak English clearly.

Allen said he looks forward to working with the other regents and has a personal goal of learning as much as he can to improve the university.

Koefoot could not be reached for comment.

Although District 3 results won't be official until today, Margaret Robinson of Norfolk, who ran unopposed, is expected to re-

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'Lack of time' Karnes' biggest obstacle

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

Republican Sen. Dave Karnes said Tuesday night that a lack of time contributed to his Senate-race defeat.

"From day one, I knew our greatest obstacle was time . . . time to let the people get to know Dave Karnes," Karnes said. "Time is a fleeting thing."

Karnes gave a speech at about 10 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha conceding his defeat by Democratic opponent Bob Kerrey.

With 95 percent of precincts reporting, Karnes had received 42 per-

cent of the vote, or 241,029 votes, while his opponent Bob Kerrey had received 57 percent, or 325,962 votes.

"My worthy opponent, Bob Kerrey, has been declared the winner by most of the major networks," Karnes said. "I extend to him my heartiest congratulations."

Karnes waved and smiled as he entered the Grand Ballroom of the hotel with wife Liz and his four children. He was greeted by a crowd of about 400 people.

"These past 20 months have truly been exciting times," he said. "We have been on an emotional high."

Karnes said the period since he

was appointed to fill the Senate seat, vacated by the late Democratic Sen. Ed Zorinsky, was a difficult but challenging time.

"I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished," he said of his service. "My goal has been to make our government worthy of the citizens."

The most important part of government is that it is "for the people," he said, which has been one of his goals while in office.

"We have come a lot farther than some expected," he said. "I am unbelievably grateful for what we have

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