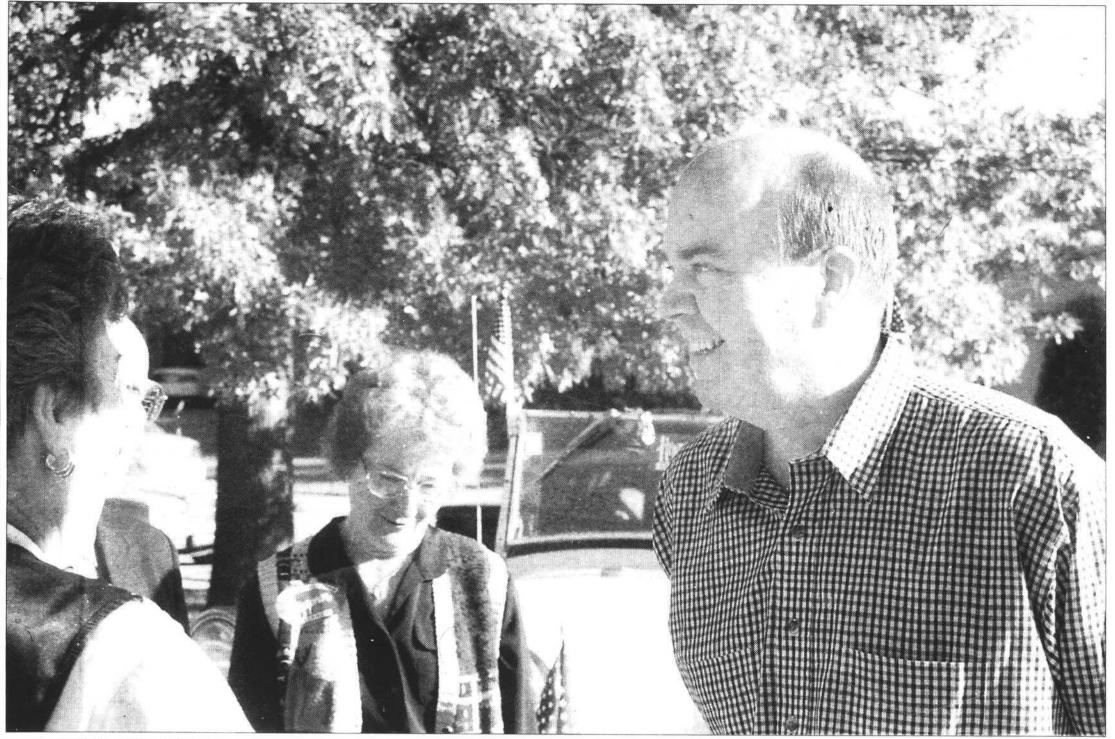
eople in the state are feeling." — Nancy Hoppner



ence in various fields, Hastings said Hoppner is the type of person people look for in a leader.

From here to there

Hoppner's stance on Initiative 413, education, the environment, farm policy, law enforcement and other issues have earned him endorsements from the Nebraska Farmers Union, the Nebraska Nurses Association, the Nebraska Fraternal Order of Police and Omaha Nebraskans for Peace.

He and his running mate, Pam Bataillon, also have garnered the support of past and current Nebraska leaders.

Former Gov. Frank Morrison, former U.S. Sen. Exon and Sen. Kerrey all have lent support to his campaign.

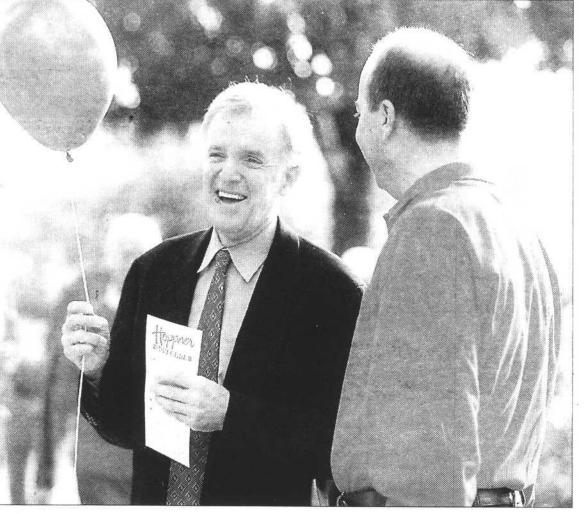
Gov. Nelson also has tossed in his endorsement, saying the Hoppner and Bataillon team is the most qualified for Nebraska.

With education and relief for farm families at the center of his campaign. Hoppner has said he is excited about heading into Tuesday's election.

After talking to passers-by at a political rally before a Saturday football match at UNL. Hoppner said he was committed to represent all 1.6 million Nebraskans.

Hoppner then shared a secret with supporters, and this time he did not intend to be a comic.

"Before the reporters and news editors find this out," he said, "I want you to know you're looking at the first governor of the 21st century."



Photos (clockwise from top left)

JONATHAN HOUGHTON/DN MORE THAN 50 Bill Hoppner supporters turned out Oct. 18 at a reception in Beatrice for Hoppner. Sen. Bob Kerrey was among those in attendance.

DAWN DIETRICH/DN NANCY HOPPNER (center), the wife of gubernatorial candidate Bill Hoppner, listens to Sen. Bob Kerrey at a rally for Hoppner before the Nebraska football game against Missouri.

JONATHAN HOUGHTON/DN BILL HOPPNER GREETS supporters at the Beatrice reception after the Democratic candidate had just finished giving a speech at Beatrice's public library.

DAWN DIETRICH/DN SEN. BOB KERREY and gubernatorial candidate Bill Hoppner talk before a campaign rally before Nebraska's football game against Missouri on Oct. 24. Kerrey told the small crowd Hoppner is the best choice for governor.