

## Newcombe in New Mexico

Quarterback Bobby Newcombe has returned to New Mexico to receive further medical tests on his injured knee and visit his family for one week, said his father, Robert, on Monday. **PAGE 7**



## Reconstructing Teena

"The Brandon Teena Story" is playing for two extra days, but its portrayal of Nebraskans, who have packed the theater, is far from positive. **PAGE 9**

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GRAB A COAT AND VOTE

Cloudy, light rain, high 42. Cloudy tonight, low 30.

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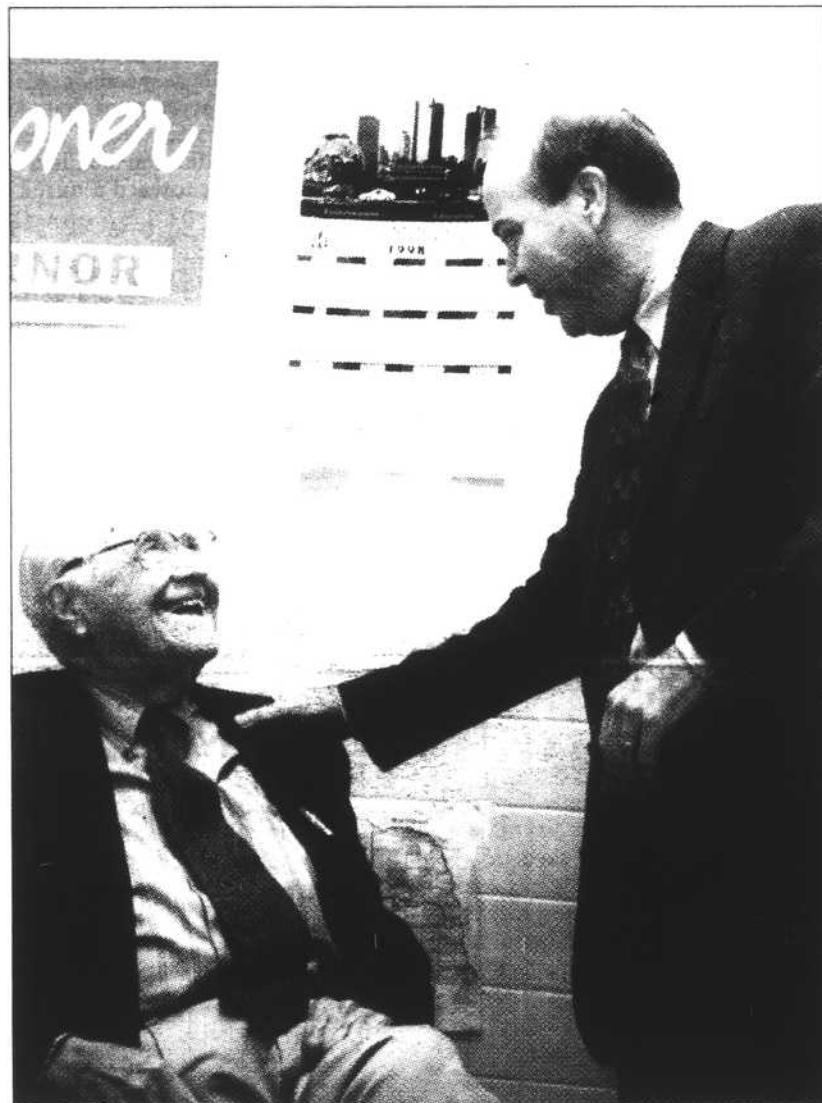
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## The Last Words



DAWN DIETRICH/DN  
**REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE Mike Johanns** speaks to a crowd of about 25 reporters and supporters in the Nebraska State Capitol on Monday afternoon. Johanns encouraged supporters to get voters to the polls today.



DAWN DIETRICH/DN  
**DEMOCRATIC GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE Bill Hoppner** talks with former Gov. Frank Morrison prior to Hoppner's final press conference before the election. Hoppner and his supporters said they were optimistic about his winning the race for governor.

### Despite lead, Johanns still running strong

BY BRIAN CARLSON  
Staff writer

Standing in the Capitol Rotunda on Monday afternoon, Republican Mike Johanns made a last-minute pitch for voters to place him in the office just down the corridor.

Flanked by U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel and the entire statewide Republican ticket, the GOP nominee for governor called on his supporters to make one final push in the hours leading up to today's election.

"We knew at some point we would turn our fate over to the wonderful citizens of Nebraska," Johanns said. "It's up to you to take the campaign now and through the next 30 hours to victory tomorrow night."

Although Johanns has held double-digit leads in recent polls, he said he has not taken victory for granted. He said he told supporters to continue "to run like there are 30 hours left and we're 15 points behind."

After three years of campaigning and more than 140,000 miles on the road through all 93 Nebraska counties, Johanns said he has presented a clear message to Nebraska voters.

"We knew that if we talked straight to Nebraskans, worked hard and stayed on the high road, we could offer a new vision to the state of Nebraska," he said. "a conservative vision."

"Out of these experiences around the state we developed an agenda of

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### Where it's at

The polling place for students living on campus is the Bob Devaney Sports Center, 1600 Court St. Other polling place information can be found by calling the Lancaster County election commissioner's office at (402) 441-7311 or visiting the commissioner's Web site at <http://interlinc.ci.lincoln.ne.us/InterLinc/cnty/election/index.htm>

### Taking a stand

Nebraska gubernatorial candidates Bill Hoppner and Mike Johanns were asked their opinions on key issues in this year's race, as well as issues that have been out of the spotlight.

Issue	Hoppner	Johanns
Initiative 413	Against	Against
Initiative 414	Against	Against
NU funding	Increase	About right
First area to cut	Administrative costs	Welfare
Last area to cut	Education	State Patrol
Death penalty	For	For
Concealed weapons	Against	For

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### On eve of election, Hoppner predicts win

BY TODD ANDERSON  
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During a final press conference from cramped campaign headquarters Monday, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill Hoppner predicted victory against his Republican opponent, Lincoln Mayor Mike Johanns.

Hoppner ended a daylong sprint through eastern Nebraska in Lincoln by joining his running mate, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, Pam Bataillon.

Former Sen. Jim Exon, former Gov. Frank Morrison and former Omaha Mayor Mike Boyle threw in their support for the underdog candidates, saying they were the best team

for Nebraska.

Exon said the race between Hoppner and Johanns was a close one.

But in the end, he said, Hoppner will attract a majority of voters in Lincoln and in Lancaster County.

"The momentum in this race is all Hoppner," Exon said.

Exon also predicted the defeat of Initiative 413, a proposed constitutional amendment that would limit state revenue and spending, which Hoppner and the Democratic Party oppose.

He said Johanns has been "wishy-washy and mamsy-pamsy" in his opposition to the proposed amendment.

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