

Eddleman's edict

Call her nice off the soccer field, but frankly, Lindsay Eddleman prefers to see herself as a terror on it. **PAGE 10**

Opera of the masses

According to the National Endowment of the Arts, opera is enjoying a nationwide renaissance. It seems Opera Omaha has done its part. **PAGE 12**

A FLURRY OF ACTIVITY

Flurries possible, high 35. Cloudy tonight, low 29.

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Results

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Governor
Mike Johanns (R)

Lt. Governor
Dave Maurstad (R)

Ballot Initiatives
413 - Failed
414 - Failed

U.S. Representatives
1st District
Doug Bereuter (R)
2nd District
Lee Terry (R)
3rd District
Bill Barrett (R)

State Senators
District 26
Marian L. Price
District 46
David M. Landis
District 25
Ron Raikes
District 28
Chris Beutler
District 30
Stan Matzke, Jr.

Attorney General
Don Stenberg (R)

State Auditor
Kate Witek (R)

Secretary of State
Scott Moore (R)

State Treasurer
David Heineman (R)

NU Regents
District 6
Kent Schroeder
District 7
Don Blank

77% of votes counted

JON FRANK/DN

Johanns tops Hoppner



HEATHER GLENBOSKI/DN
GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE Mike Johanns celebrates his victory Tuesday night at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St. About 500 people were on hand to congratulate the governor-elect.

Governor-elect emphasizes unity

BY BRIAN CARLSON
Staff writer

Republican Mike Johanns triumphed in the governor's race Tuesday, winning 55 percent of the unofficial vote to be elected Nebraska's first governor of the 21st century.

At 10 p.m., just after Democrat Bill Hoppner called Johanns to concede the race, Johanns emerged to supporters' chants of "We like Mike" and claimed victory at a Cornhusker Hotel gathering.

With victorious GOP candidates at his back and family members at his side, the Lincoln mayor thanked supporters from his three years on the campaign trail.

"From the bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you for your prayers, your good wishes and all your hard work over the last three years to make this possible," he said, standing beside his wife, Stephanie; his son, Justin, 20; and his daughter, Michaela, 16.

"To be honest, we had little to do with this," Johanns said.

With 78 percent of the ballots counted, Johanns had a 40,800-vote win over Hoppner, who garnered 45 percent of the votes.

In Johanns' victory speech before

Governor/ Lieutenant Governor	
Candidate	% of votes
Mike Johanns/ Dave Maurstad (244,437)	55%
Candidate	% of votes
Bill Hoppner/ Pam Bataillon (203,944)	45%
77% of votes counted	

about 500 supporters, he said he didn't think of his victory as a mandate, but rather an opportunity to promote his campaign's core message of smaller government, lower taxes, economic development and family values.

"In my estimation, we don't speak of mandates. We speak of opportunities," he said. "What we've been given tonight is an opportunity."

Johanns emphasized the need for unity and cooperation rather than divisiveness in Nebraska.

"We're just too small a state to grow apart," he said. "We need to find ways to grow together."

"You can have greater economic development and quality education, and you can move the state forward with those

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MIKE JOHANNS
governor-elect

themes."

Johanns appeared on stage with six GOP candidates who led the party to a sweep in statewide and congressional elections Tuesday: Secretary of State Scott Moore, State Treasurer Dave Heineman, State Auditor-elect Kate Witek, Attorney General Don Stenberg, U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter and Lieutenant Governor-elect Dave Maurstad. U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel also appeared.

Johanns spoke well of Hoppner, saying he had conducted a positive campaign that stuck to the issues.

"I appreciate the way he conducted himself—with civility and grace," he said

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Hoppner claims a moral victory and stays upbeat despite loss.

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Initiative 413's drubbing pleases NU administrators, and a grass-roots movement gets credit for disconnecting Initiative 414.

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NU Regent Don Blank of McCook keeps his office, and a newcomer ousts Regent John Payne of Kearney.

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