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Campaign crazy

Perot pitches attacks against Bush, Clinton at campaign rally

Vice President Dan Quayle visits Omaha. See story on Page 6.

By Alan Phelps
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Seven thousand crazy people turned out here Saturday to see a fiery Ross Perot in a rare campaign trail appearance.

"We're crazy again now," Perot told the crowd, referring to President Bush's recent assertion. "I'm crazy, and everyone that supports me is crazy. I guess we've got a bunch of crazies here today, right?"

The unconventional independent presidential candidate ver-

bally charged again and again at both his Republican and Democratic rivals, likening himself to a "stray dog" up against the pampered establishment.

Supporters holding aloft a forest of "Perot" signs in the Bartle Hall downtown convention center roared continually, stomped their feet and intermittently chanted "three more days" and "we want Ross."

"All you crazies kind of settle down a little bit," the Texan billionaire said at one point. Perot said he hoped the president was watching the spectacle.

"If ol' George Bush is watching this rally, he's running back to where the pollsters are and saying, 'Why didn't you tell me that?'"

Perot charged that neither Bush nor Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton knew anything about business or economics, what he called the most

pressing issues facing Americans. "If you asked me to do brain surgery, I wouldn't do it. If you asked one of these other candidates to do business, they couldn't do it."

Perot said Clinton had always been in politics, and Bush had only managed a "small" oil company.

"If George Bush understood money, he never would've run up a \$4 trillion debt," he said. Clinton and Bush, Perot said, don't know "just simple, little stuff that every businessman walking down the street knows."

Perot derided the state of the economy and said the solution to paying off the country's debt lay in Americans' willingness to support "shared sacrifice" and a national ability to create an expanding job base.

"Nobody does it better . . . the only way out of this mess is to work our way out," he said. "It's fun to be

the best — let's be it!

"I'm sick and tired," he said, "of Americans being out of work and Germany and Japan being out of workers."

Perot said that if elected, he would have plans before the American people by Christmas to solve the country's woes.

"The rest of the world is going to say, 'Oh my gosh, here they come again.'"

Not only business but the morals of the country as well could be influenced effectively from the "bully pulpit" of the White House, Perot once again contended.

"I can't live with being in the most violent, crime-ridden society in the world . . . we will never be a great nation unless we have a strong moral, ethical base."

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Election impossible to predict

By Neil Feldman
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Tomorrow's election still is difficult to call, political analysts say.

With the latest CNN tracking poll showing Gov. Bill Clinton and President Bush at a virtual dead heat, political experts are far from reaching a consensus on the probable outcome.

David Gergen, an analyst on the "MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour," said Friday evening that he still was not confident as to which candidate would win the election.

"Most polls are showing Bush and Clinton tied," Gergen said, "so it really could swing either way."

All three candidates — Bush, Clinton and Ross Perot — campaigned hard over the weekend, indicating none of them were confident they would win.

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Citizens call privilege key election issue

By Kristine Long
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Privilege is a fundamental question in this year's election, concerned citizens said at a town hall meeting over the weekend.

About 20 citizens with varying political views discussed the upcoming election and tried to find common ground Sunday at the Red and Black Cafe, 1819 O St.

Meeting organizer Ron Kurtenbach, a graduate student in English literature at UNL, invited sup-

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Masters program draws successful alumni

By Susie Arth
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Michael Kochler, one of UNL's success stories, hopes to find old friends and solid values during his return this week to the UNL campus.

Kochler, an author, counselor and football coach at Deerfield (Ill.) High School, will be making his first return trip to Lincoln since he graduated in 1963. He will be one of five guests returning to campus for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Master's Week.

The Master's Week program began in 1963-64 and has drawn about 165 prominent alumni from across the country to UNL. It is sponsored by the chancellor's office, the Student Alumni Association, Innocents Society and the Black Masque Chapter of Mortar Board.

The program's goal is to bring successful alumni in contact with students through class visitations, campus tours and meetings with clubs and organizations.

Deans and department heads nominate alumni each winter for the next year's program. Masters are then selected by a committee ap-

pointed by the chancellor.

This year's Masters include Kochler, Paul Engler, chief executive officer of Cactus Feeders in Texas; Marjie Lundstrom, city editor for the Sacramento Bee; Jack Rychecky, financial analyst for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and William Splinter, air traffic control supervisor for the Federal Aviation Administration.

All of the Masters will be speaking in various classes this week.

Kochler, the grandson of athletic star Jim Thorpe and a former fullback for the Cornhusker football team, said he hoped to visit his friend and former coach Bob Devaney during his visit.

He also said he hoped to be reintroduced to the strong work ethic and values he witnessed during his two years in Lincoln, as opposed to his hometown Chicago.

"The values are more pronounced and used more as guidelines to behavior," he said.

Despite the difference in values, Chicago was almost successful at keeping Kochler when Marquette University offered him a football

scholarship after he finished high school.

Later, Marquette dropped its football program, and Kochler transferred to UNL on another football scholarship and redshirted his first year.

But during the first week of practice for the Huskers, he suffered cerebral hemorrhaging and doctors told him he could never play football again.

Although Kochler had dreamed of playing professional football, the news did not crush him, he said.

"When one door closes, another one opens up," he said.

Writing was the door that opened up for Kochler, he said.

Kochler, author of seven books and several scholarly articles, credits UNL English professors for teaching him to write.

"The University of Nebraska was a very positive experience for me," he said. "The university did a marvelous job of preparing me for what I'm doing right now."

Kochler, who received his bachelor's degree from UNL in 1963, said he was always interested in writing, but his professors at Marquette never pushed him to learn the craft.

The first paper he wrote at UNL, he said, received a "big fat F."

"They provoked me into developing the discipline to refine a craft," he said. "I always had an interest in writing, and they taught me I had a whole lot more work to do."

UNL also instilled in Kochler a love for education, he said.

This love, he said, has enabled him to remain a teacher and counselor for nearly 25 years.

After graduating from UNL, Kochler went on to get his master's degree from Northern Illinois University, in DeKalb, and a doctorate from the University of Utah, in Salt Lake City.

Kochler said the message he hoped to bring to UNL students during his visit was to pursue their goals.

"My message is that you can accomplish most anything in life if you really put your mind to it," he said. "That's been a very big part of my life."