

# Quayle blasts Clinton in Omaha appearance

Candidate targets 'ozone man,' media

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OMAHA — Vice President Dan Quayle, aided by almost 1,300 enthusiastic supporters, pulled no punches Friday night in a spirited attack on Bill Clinton at Omaha's Eppley Airfield.

"We're not going to let a Democratic president team up with the liberal, greedy Democratic Congress," he said.

It was a message that Quayle repeated often during the short speech, and one that went over well with the sign-waving, cheering crowd in the Sky Harbor building.

Quayle stopped briefly in Omaha as part of a swing through the West and Midwest. He stayed the night in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Clinton, Quayle said, has posted a "sorry, sorry record" as governor of Arkansas.

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Quayle said Clinton would raise taxes and increase government spending. Democrats, he said, have planned \$895 billion in spending proposals.

"Who is going to pay the bill?" Quayle asked.

Quayle urged the crowd to remember what life was like under the country's last Democratic president, Jimmy Carter.

"Remember where interest rates were? Twenty-one percent. The farmers don't like it. The students don't like it."

America had hostages in Iran, he said, the Soviet Union was in Afghanistan, "and we had a president who blamed it on the American people. . . . Let us not repeat that mistake again."

Quayle also hammered on Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee, Clinton's running mate.

"I don't think we want the 'ozone man' running the country," he said, referring to Gore's reputation as an environmentalist. "We want the

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"Ozone man, ozone man," the crowd chanted.

The Republicans, Quayle said, have ideas for the future, and George Bush is "the one who is turning the country around."

"I hope the media in the back of the room (are) listening very carefully,"

Quayle said, pointing to photographers and camera operators on the press riser, "because we are going to win this election."

Later, Quayle blasted the press again.

"A lot of pundits have said the election is over. Do you want the media to decide on how this election is going to be?"

He asked the crowd if they thought the media had been fair to either himself or Bush. They yelled "no."

"Then let's annoy the media and elect George Bush," he said to a renewed roar from the audience.

Quayle said that, despite what the media would have Americans believe, "character is an issue in this campaign!"

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To each question, Quayle's supporters yelled "No!"

"Maybe I'm being too hard on Bill Clinton," Quayle said to another resounding "No!" from the crowd.

"Hit 'em again, hit 'em again, harder, harder," they chanted.

A "waffle, waffle" chant started after the vice president, to the delight of the audience, said not only that Clinton "waffled" on the Persian Gulf war, but that the Arkansas governor had "pulled a Clinton," a phrase the Republicans have used to mean coming down one way on an issue, only to change later.

"You can't pull a Clinton and be president of the United States," he said.



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"Let us take a pledge we will never let Bill Clinton do to the country what he has done to Arkansas," Quayle said to supporters Friday during his stopover in Omaha.

# Education teleconference yields few proposals

By Andy Raun  
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Systemic change was the subject of the day Friday as politicians and educators from across Nebraska participated in an educational planning teleconference.

During a closing panel discussion, U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey, Gov. Ben Nelson and other education leaders and politicians expressed concern for change in education. However, few concrete proposals are forthcoming.

The teleconference, called "A Nebraska Town Meeting to Develop a Common Vision

for School Transformation," originated at Nebraska Educational Television headquarters in Lincoln. Teachers, administrators, school board members and others watched and interacted in the program from the Lincoln studio and at 50 down-link sites connected by satellite.

Craig Christiansen, an Omaha teacher and president of the Nebraska State Education Association, said more authority should be given to classroom teachers as part of the quest for educational excellence.

He said teachers needed more latitude to design curricula and decide how to implement

technology in the classroom.

Kerrey said he agreed with Christiansen but thought teachers could not be given more authority until they were provided with financial incentives for being innovative and designing effective programs.

Kerrey decried the use of standardized test scores as the sole use for evaluating school systems' effectiveness. He said schools would have to teach students better problem-solving skills instead of better test-taking techniques before the real-life benefits of public education

could increase.

Joe Lutjcharms, the Nebraska commissioner of education, said teleconferences like Friday's were effective for defining the agenda for educational change. He said the state needed to research the likely effects of various kinds of educational reform.

Policy decisions such as changing to a 12-month school year need to be made at the local level, Nelson said. But efforts like the Nebraska 2000 comprehensive study are useful and need more promotion and wider participation, he said.

# Plan may upgrade ethnic studies

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A proposal to improve the Institute for Ethnic Studies and Area Studies could make Nebraska the leader in Native American Studies, an official said last week.

John Peters, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said a new program would attract more minority faculty to UNL, bring in external research funding and enhance curriculum.

Due to the recent success of the Healing the Hoop Conference, Peters said Nebraska was in a unique position to become the leader in Native American Studies.

He said the institute and area studies programs needed to be changed.

Peters said the programs now operated under insufficient funding, restricted resources, limited visibility,

unclear research goals and undergraduate major programs that needed revision.

He will discuss with faculty in his college his proposal to create three new programs: Native American studies, Latino and Latin American studies and African and African-American studies.

These programs would revise and improve the existing ethnic studies, African studies and Latin American studies programs and would have separate budgetary, administrative and curricular entities, he said.

Peters' goal is to generate faculty discussion. He said he anticipated strong support and some individual concern for the proposal.

If the faculty did approve the plan, Peters said, he would include funding for the program in his budget meeting, Nov. 19.

"I'm prepared to do it," he said.

# Perot

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While Perot said he was against gun control laws that would ban weapons from law-abiding citizens, he said the country needed "harsh" penalties for using firearms in crime.

He said if a "dumb, drunk, high-on-drugs" criminal was contemplating robbing a convenience store, "I want something in his head that says, 'It just ain't worth using a gun.'"

"We've had periods of time in our country where things got pretty law-

less. You just have to tighten down. Remember Dodge City?" he asked the crowd.

But Perot said that any major program must have the massive support of the people before it was set in motion. He said that if he was elected, "I go as your servant. I work for you."

"You're the boss, and I'm Ross." Perot called on the audience members to ignore the polls that show him trailing in third place and work for victory.

"Each one of you get five more people, and it's a slam-dunk, home run, 50-state win," he said. "Let's go for it!"