Campaign hopes to motivate Nebraska women voters

Activists perceive 1996 as Year of the Woman'

By Erin Gibson Staff Reporter

Women's groups celebrated a resurgence of female political influence on the steps of the State Capitol Saturday morning.

"If you thought 1992 was the 'Year of the Woman,' wait until you see 1996," said Omaha City Councilwoman Brenda Council.

Council spoke to representatives from more than 50 women's groups who gathered to kick off the "Nebraska Women Vote '96" campaign. The campaign is intended to motivate women voters for the Nov. 5 elections.

Speakers thanked those who fought for women's suffrage and praised women's progress in political arenas since gaining voting rights in 1920.

But former Lincoln Mayor Helen Boosalis warned onlookers not to lose sight of long-term goals in the celebra-

"We can't be content to celebrate who we are, what we've accomplished," Boosalis said. "We must do

Lt. Gov. Kim Robak said that alto run for office and use their voices in said. politics, room for progress remains.

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with his wife and young daughter, not enough to survive - will face inagreed that issues affecting women credible financial stress," she said. lack understanding and publicity.

'Women's issues are family is-

sues," Bourn said.

Joni Gray, executive director of the are important may not be heard in the 90-percent-male Congress.

Gray said Congress could overlook issues including equal wages for equal for family issues and their own lives, work and child care for working and the important influence of women women. Speaker Cindy Proucha said many women's issues were children's issues, too.

"Only 20 percent of child support though more women were taking time is collected in Nebraska," Proucha

"The working poor - women who Larry Bourn, who attended the rally earn too much for (government) aid but

> She said women's issues also were endangered by bills currently in the Legislature.

The proposed Equal Opportunity Nebraska Commission on the Status of Act of 1995 will end 30 years of civil Women, said many issues women think rights enforcement" and endanger the basis of sexual discrimination lawsuits against both sexes, Proucha said.

> In recognition of women's concerns voters, Gov. Ben Nelson proclaimed Sept. 7, 1996 to be "Nebraska Women's Vote Day."

But Judith Kriss, director of the UNL Women's Center, said the celebration of women's voting rights did She said she worried that a lack of not end on Saturday and will continue



"Certain issues wrongly get labeled child support would add to women's during a voter-registration drive at the LT. GOV. KIM ROBAK, right, shakes hands Saturday with Joni Gray, 'women's issues,'" Robak said. "All hardships under new welfare reforms. Nebraska Union Monday and Tuesday. spokesperson for the Nebraska Women Vote '96 coalition.

Antelope Valley Study



Town Hall Meeting

Fri, Sept. 20 - 6pm to 9pm & Sat, Sept. 21 - 9am to 3pm Lincoln High School

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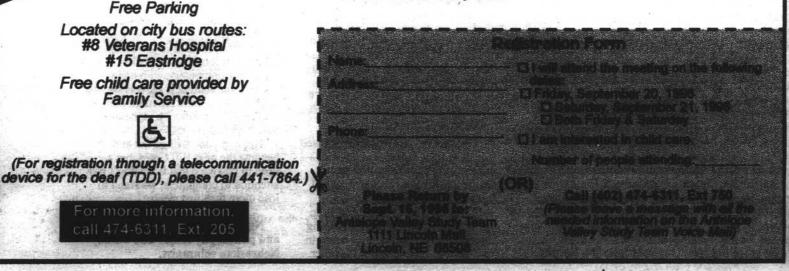
- community revitalization,
- stormwater, and
- transportation.

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