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# Buchanan points out flaws in feminism movement

By SANDI ALSWAGER  
Staff writer

Bay Buchanan delivered a forceful message Wednesday night as she spoke on the "Failures of Feminism" to a near full house in the auditorium of the Nebraska Union.

Buchanan spoke on the feminist movement and where she said it went wrong.

The prominent anti-abortion activist and national television show host acknowledged a need for the feminist movement when it first began in the 1960s.

There was no question women have tremendous opportunities now that they did not have before, she said.

"But something went wrong," she said. "There has been damage done."

Buchanan said much of the "social decay" the United States faced was because of the feminist movement.

She attributed the soaring number of divorces, single parent homes and teen suicides to the part of the feminist movement that went wrong.

This single mother of three children said women were being dumped on.

"If the movement is about helping women, if it is moving them in a better direction - women have not done that well," Buchanan said. "This is not a

good direction for the nation to be taking."

She said forcing women to choose between a career and taking care of their children was a byproduct of a movement that told women they were not as valuable as career women if they chose to take care of their children instead of work.

It's good that women have more choices now, Buchanan said, but they shouldn't be forced to make the choice between work and family in order to be counted as valuable members of society.

But there's one choice Buchanan said women shouldn't have - the choice she said ends an innocent human's life.

"Pro-choice says abortion is great, but it is 35 million babies (since abortion was made legal) and 25 million scared women and heart breaking stories. That is not positive."

Buchanan's political career began when President Ronald Reagan appointed her as the first female treasurer in 1981. She is the former chairwoman of her brother Pat Buchanan's 1992 and 1996 presidential campaigns.

Currently, she co-hosts cable network CNBC's "Equal Time" political talk show.

Buchanan said though women should have equal rights, they should also not be forced to fit a certain mold.

"Women should get what they are

qualified for," she said. "We also have to give respect to women at home with kids. You hear the feminists say you can have a career and a husband and kids - that does not happen successfully."

"You can choose to have a career, but once the children come along you have to spend time with them. My message to the young girls here is to be flexible. There are a lot of options."

Buchanan told young people to find out what they stand for and be able to defend their position. Be ready for the battle, she said.

After her speech, the floor was opened for questioning.

Gretchen Obrist, a senior women's study major, said Buchanan did not answer completely the questions on issues such as capital punishment and abortion, but was more willing to talk about questions asked about her brother, Pat.

Buchanan said she supported capital punishment, but was still able to oppose abortion, because a convicted murderer should pay for killing another human.

But Obrist said that was ironic. "I thought she avoided all the questions about people who did not agree with her," Obrist said.

Rick Parsons, UNL College Republicans president, said Buchanan came across as fair and conservative.

## Legislature

# Senators postpone seat-belt law debate

By SHANE ANTHONY  
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On the third day of floor debate about a proposed change in Nebraska seat-belt law, senators voted 26-18 to delay debate until at least March 30.

Beatrice Sen. Dennis Byars said he introduced LB356, which among other provisions, would allow police to stop motorists for not wearing a seat belt.

The vote came on a motion to bracket offered by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, who made no secret of his intent to kill the bill.

If the bill does not die, he said, "it's going to pay the Ernie tax." He did not intend to delay debate until March 30, so senators can work out a compromise.

"My motion to bracket is to get it out of the way," he said.

Chambers, who has opposed the bill over concerns that it would offer another excuse for police harass-

ment, said he was willing to force the Legislature into 24 hours of debate - eight for each round - to keep the bill from advancing.

During debate, Byars said he would work with other senators to address their concerns.

"I am willing to sit down and talk about it," he said. "But I'm not going to give up the intent of my bill."

In an interview after the vote, Byars said his motivation was saving lives, but Nebraska could gain \$600,000 in federal funding by passing his bill. He said many of his colleagues may have heard from constituents who worried about individual freedoms being taken away - an idea he thought the Legislature had moved past.

Other senators not used to procedure might have worried about Chambers' promise to lengthen debate.

"I'm not amazed, but I am surprised," Byars said. "I didn't totally see this coming."

# Philanthropy raises steam besides money

From staff reports

One of the best ways to raise money could quite possibly be relaxing in a steamy hot tub with a couple of members of the opposite sex.

While this may seem too good to be true, the members of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and Alpha Chi Omega Sorority are doing just that.

The third annual Hot-tub-a-thon fund-raiser began Thursday at 6 p.m. Members of each house are soaking in a hot tub outside the Phi Gamma Delta house to raise money for the Lighthouse program, a counseling and recreational center for at-risk teens.

Two members from each house will sit in the hot tub for half-hour shifts from Thursday at 6 p.m. until Sunday at 6 a.m.

All members of the two houses participated in the fund-raising.

"Everyone was responsible for getting a donation of \$50 from area businesses," said Scott Koel, the philanthropy chair for Phi Gamma Delta.

Koel anticipated raising \$7,000 to \$8,000.

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