

## Gore welcomes strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acknowledging “a close, hard-fought race” with Bill Bradley, Vice President Al Gore said Sunday he welcomes the chance “to change the way I campaign” and talk directly to Americans.

“It was inevitable that if my opponent crossed the threshold of credibility and competence, which he did, then it would narrow and tighten and become a hard-fought, close contest. It has now reached that stage,” Gore said on CBS’s “Face the Nation.”

With Bradley gaining in public opinion polls, Gore shook up his

campaign last week, moving its headquarters to Tennessee from the nation’s capital and challenging Bradley to a series of debates.

“I’m going to change the way I campaign, and instead of having these events that are planned out, just have open meetings and talk to people directly about the choices we face,” Gore said.

The vice president called the prospect of a real contest against Bradley for the Democrat’s 2000 presidential nomination, “a healthy development.”

“It’s a close, hard-fought race and, frankly, I welcome that,” he said.

# UNL’s Homecoming Week offers frenzy of activities

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Guests such as diversity speaker Juan Williams and MTV star Tom Green will help make Homecoming Week one to remember.

As students make banners, construct lawn signs and prepare Husker Howl skits, there will be a variety of other activities to participate in as the week goes on.

“I hope to get as many students involved as possible,” said Chris Linder, homecoming chairman and a UNL graduate student.

After Sunday’s Homecoming Fun Run, events continue today with the banner competition at 1 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. The banners will be displayed throughout the week.

Tonight Williams, writer and columnist for The Washington Post, will be speaking on college campus race relations. The speech is at the Lied Center for Performing Arts at 7 p.m.

Homecoming royalty elections will be held later this week in both Nebraska and East unions and the Campus Recreation Center between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday.

As the election polls close students can take advantage of the Homecoming Pizza Pass.

Members from the Star City Alumni Chapter and the alumni association staff will be aboard Molley the Trolley giving free pizza and Pepsi to lawn display workers between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, students can put down the plywood, nails, chicken wire and

tissue paper and head over to Memorial Stadium for a little entertainment.

The preliminary competition for Husker Howl was held Sunday, while the other groups will compete Tuesday, when judges will choose the top two skits from each category.

Categories include fraternity, sorority, residence hall and student organization skits, Linder said.

The final competition will take place at the Tailgate on the Turf pep rally in Memorial Stadium.

“The judges will be in the audience, and no one will know who they are,” Linder said.

Tailgate on the Turf, running between 6 and 9 p.m., will feature Tom Green, host of MTV’s “Tom Green Show.”

There will be free food for the first 5,000 students, prizes, the homecoming court and fireworks at dusk, Linder said.

Students are reminded to bring student IDs and to enter through gates 14, 15 or 16. There will be seating available in the west stadium.

“Thursday night we hope to have 3,000 students there, but we’ll see,” Linder said.

Friday’s Come On Home Celebration at the Wick Alumni Center will start at 4:30 p.m.

Students, families and children are welcome to enjoy free pizza and pop, and a cash bar will be available. It will also include music and games, said Shelly Zaborowski, Student Alumni Association sponsor.

Jannel Rap, the event’s featured musician and songwriter, will perform both pop and folk music. The

NU spirit squad, Lil’ Red, the Scarlet and Cream Singers and the homecoming court will also be there.

The celebration also includes free guided campus tours aboard Molley the Trolley between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

A Homecoming Carnival will be in the Nebraska Union plaza between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Later, there is an all-university Homecoming Dance at the grandstand on the State Fair Grounds.

The dance will run from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets for the dance will be sold for \$3 in advance or \$4 at the door.

Students purchase the tickets at both the Nebraska Union and the East Union, the Campus Recreation Center and Abel-Sandoz residence halls. Free pizza and a cash bar will be available.

Saturday the Huskers will play Iowa State. During halftime, homecoming royalty will be crowned and the winners of the homecoming activities will be announced.

Skybox tours will also be available.

The tours of about 20 people will be given on a first-come, first-served basis and will run every 20 minutes. Anyone interested should enter through gate 10, which is located at the northwest corner.

If students feel a little dizzy from confusion about all of the homecoming activities, Herbie Husker, Lil’ Red and the homecoming court will be passing out information on this week’s events today and Tuesday at the Nebraska Union plaza between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



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## Freedom Party gains ground in Austria election

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — For the first time in postwar Austria, nationalist Joerg Haider’s far-right Freedom Party appeared Sunday to have won second place in parliamentary elections, positioning him for negotiations on participating in the next government.

According to Sunday’s results, Haider won 27.2 percent of the vote, a stunning increase of more than five percentage points from the last election. That’s the Freedom Party’s best showing since its founding in 1945.

The people have “given us a chance for which we have competed,” said an elated Haider, 51, meaning a chance to be part of the next governing coalition.

But he hastened to say it wouldn’t be a tragedy if the party wound up in the opposition.

The big loser was Chancellor Viktor Klima’s Social Democratic Party, which gave up 4.7 percentage points for 33.4 percent of the vote. But Klima ruled out resigning, saying as leader of the still strongest party he would try to form the next government.

Visibly downcast, Klima said that the defeat at the polls was “a warning of the voters, and we must take this very seriously.” He said he was “personally disappointed” but added that “in hard times one does not leave the party in the lurch and also not the country.”

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