

Buchanan debates change

■ **The presidential hopeful indicates he may be receptive to a Reform Party candidacy.**

DALLAS (AP) — Republican presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan met Wednesday with the Reform Party chairman and later said he is leaning toward leaving the GOP to seek the third party's nomination.

"I'm leaning toward it," Buchanan said at a book-signing after the hourlong meeting. "It's a real possibility. We are looking at it very hard right now."

Buchanan also said Reform Party Chairman Russell Verney "indicated receptivity to our candidacy."

"This is not an easy decision," he added. "I've been on the Republican Party side in the worst crises in the last 30 years."

Verney said he explained the party's state-by-state nominating process. He declined to give his position on a Buchanan bid, saying party members would have to decide on a nominee.

"He has got a huge decision in front of him," Verney said. "The fact he has to weigh is: Will his supporters and contributors stay with him if he leaves the Republican Party. He would be publicly acknowledging that the current two-party system has failed."

Billionaire Ross Perot, who founded the Reform Party, did not attend the meeting.

"Mr. Perot and Mr. Buchanan decided it was not appropriate," Verney said. "Ross is going to remain silent throughout the nominating process."

Buchanan, who twice has sought the Republican nomination, has said he will decide by month's end whether to seek the Reform Party

nomination for president.

"What we are looking at clearly is to give the American people a choice at the polls," he told television station WFAA on Wednesday. "I think the two parties in Washington are really in bed with each other. I think the American people need a real choice in 2000. That's the only reason I would run."

Former Connecticut Gov. Lowell Weicker also is weighing a run for the party's bid. Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, the highest elected Reform Party member, has tried to head off a Buchanan candidacy and urged real estate tycoon Donald Trump to run.

Perot has not ruled out a third presidential race, although members of the splinter American Reform Party have voiced opposition.

Buchanan's book, "A Republic, Not an Empire," has been criticized because of its questions about the U.S. entry in the war against Nazi Germany.

Parking stalls added to UNL's City Campus

By ERIC RINEER
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Although plans to install a second parking garage at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln remain in the air, at least some students will find extra parking on City Campus starting Friday.

Dan Carpenter, interim director of Parking and Transit Services, said 45 additional stalls near 18th and R streets would be opened for resident and commuter parking.

This week, 90 stalls were opened for residents and commuters near 18th and Q streets.

Carpenter said Parking Services wanted to offer more parking options while plans to build a garage at 17th and R streets remain behind schedule.

"If we can utilize this and make some space available for students, I think it would benefit us right now in the short-run," he said.

The spaces, Carpenter said, would be open temporarily, until the construction at 17th and R streets begins.

The move to provide temporary parking for students was mostly because the project has not been presented to the NU Board of Regents, Carpenter said.

The regents have to approve the project before construction can begin.

"I guess now was the best time as any because of the perceived shortage of parking," he said.

Under the most recent campus master plan proposed by university officials, the garage at 17th and R streets would be built by 2001.

NU Directions examines goals a year after grant

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celebrations.

■ Review, revise and clarify all NU policies dealing with alcohol.

■ Reduce and control the proliferation of liquor licenses.

■ Increase the number of entertainment options for students on and off campus.

Each goal the group has is accompanied by a plan of action.

The coalition hopes to have tangible results by 2003, when the grant runs out. After that, it is up to UNL to decide which efforts they want to continue, Major said.

The coalition took on some of its first tasks this summer. Creating the Web site *NUtodo.com* was one of the first projects. It contains a database of activities that helps groups or individuals plan events.

Also, a video titled "Risky Business" was filmed this summer. The video presents a number of scenarios students could face if they participate in

risky behavior.

Vignettes show undercover cops breaking up a party, a student being admitted to the Cornhusker Detox Center and similar situations demonstrate to students what could happen when students engage in high-risk drinking, Major said.

The coalition hopes to train students, in residence halls, greek houses and other organizations, who will show the video and serve as a resource for alcohol education.

The coalition is also trying to work with parents and alumni groups who often give prospective college students an exaggerated vision of what college is about.

"There are alumni who have very sentimental feelings about college drinking," said Tom Workman, communications coordinator for NU Directions. "We want to help alumni and parents recognize when they tell their stories, they are setting an expectation."

Clearing up misconceptions about

the group is another task the coalition has had to take on.

Sending out the message that the group is fighting high-risk, not responsible, drinking is a task the coalition constantly faces.

Other rumors have been giving students the wrong perception about NU Directions, Major said.

"One of the rumors we heard was that NU Directions is having campus security officers follow vans loading up with people," Major said.

NU Directions coalition members walking around with walkie-talkies at tailgate parties is another rumor, Major said.

Major and other coalition members said they are trying to spread the message about what the group is really about — promoting responsible, low-risk drinking.

Coalition members who represent the bar and alcohol industry say they fully support the group's goal of promoting low-risk drinking.

"I feel it's important that there are

respectable establishment owners that provide a safe place for socializing without high-risk drinking," said Becky Smith, co-owner of Iguana's, 1426 O St.

Smith said not all bar owners understand they don't need high-risk drink specials to be competitive. It will take effort and patience on the coalition's part before bars realize it, she said.

"It will take time," Smith said. "I don't think what we see will be immediate."

Matt Herman, president of D&D Distributor and coalition member, said NU Directions' message of responsibility goes along with the message the

beer industry is trying to promote.

Herman said the techniques the coalition will use to realize the goals are critical to reaching students.

"Right now I am a little afraid there are too many sticks and not enough carrots," Herman said. "I don't think that's the way to reach students."

NU Directions can overcome this by communicating and getting input from students to determine the most effective way to achieve its goals, Herman said.

"I think it's very important to get a good cross section of students to see how they really feel about it," Herman said.

Web site aims to offer low-risk alternatives

By KIMBERLY SWEET
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Creators of a new Internet site to be launched tonight hope to eliminate the phrase "there's nothing to do" from UNL students' vocabulary.

NU Directions, the group responsible for creating the site at <http://Nutodo.com>, hopes the large database full of entertainment possibilities will help students plan events for themselves and their friends.

"It's really in response to how many times we've heard 'there's nothing to do,'" said NU Directions coordinator Linda Major. "We're challenging that."

The group came up with the idea of an interactive Web site that offers a list of activities based on needs, interests and financial resources last spring.

It spent the summer designing the site and creating the database. Students were hired to create the site and received help from a graphics professional, Major said.

NU Directions intends the site to be used for small and large groups of students looking for something to do — whether it is an informal get-together or a large event planned by a social chair.

Businesses are being encouraged to come up with activities that can be advertised on the site. P.O. Pears restaurant and bar is one of the first to participate, Major said.

Owner Bob Jurgenson is trying to organize a tour of all the haunted houses in Lincoln. Students would ride the P.O. Pears bus and enjoy food afterward, Major said.

The Athletic Department has also joined the project. Teams are working on promotions to lure large groups to their games, Major said.

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Major said she hopes more businesses will follow suit with activities once the Web site makes its debut.

Becky Smith, owner of Iguana's bar, said she hoped to participate in the Web site in the future.

"Eventually we will get a Web site up and running," she said.

Each business and activity listed on the site must sign a responsible business agreement.

The agreement states the vendor will train employees who serve alcohol and avoid promotions that encourage overconsumption of alcohol by students.

More than 150 vendors have signed the agreement and are listed on the Web site.

Since its inception, the site has sparked discussion between NU Directions and the business community about creating activities that will be alternatives to high-risk drinking.

"We've never had these discussions before," Major said. "I think it's neat."

The Web site will make its debut at tonight's "Tailgate on the Turf" at Memorial Stadium.

Demonstrations of the site will take place Friday and Monday at the Nebraska Union.



Career Day 1999

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

October 7, 1999

- **Where:** Nebraska East Union, 3rd Floor
- **Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Why:** Talk to employers about job opportunities
- **Who:** All UNL Students

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| Archer Daniels Midland | West Fork Nursery & Tree Center | Farmland Industries, Inc. |
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| Cenex Land O Lakes | Black & Decker | Monsanto |
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