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Thursday

**WEATHER:** Thursday, mostly sunny, high 45-50 with NW winds at 5-15 mph. Thursday night, cloudy, low 30-35. Friday, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light showers, high around 50s.

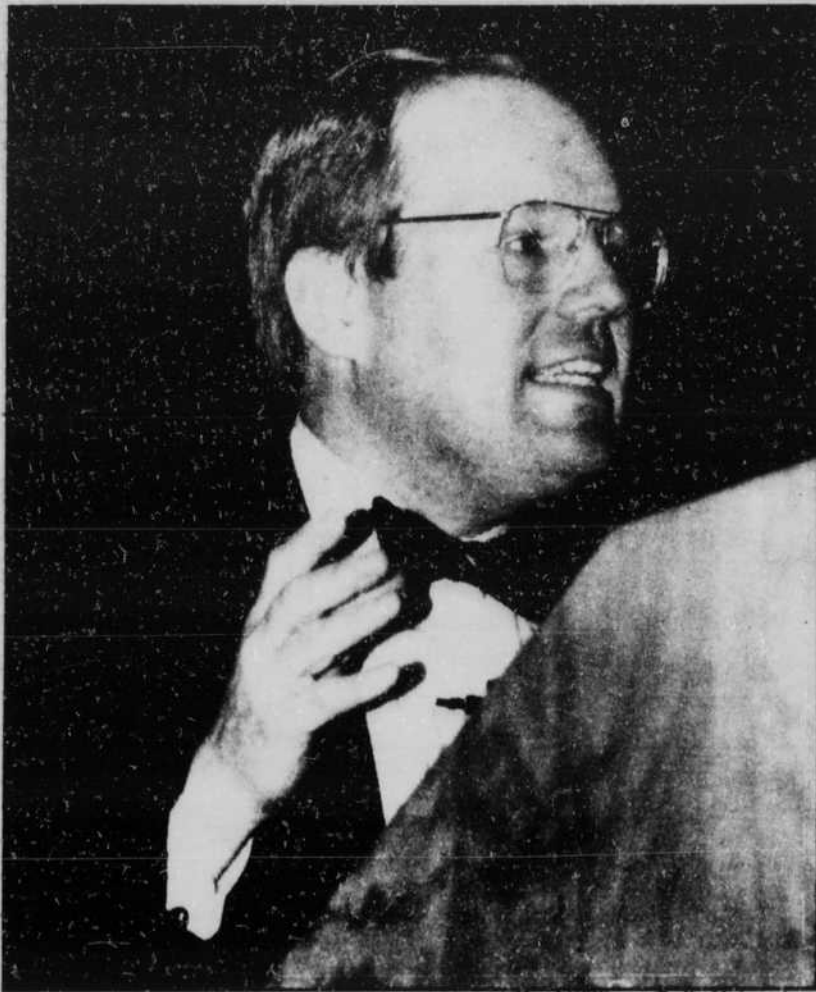
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Rushworth Kidder of the Christian Science Monitor talked in the Nebraska Union's Centennial Room about the 21st Century.

## Future's problems exposed Columnist challenges students to address issues

By Eve Nations  
Staff Reporter

Directing his speech to younger college students, the leading columnist for "The Christian Science Monitor" said that everyone can help with the problems of the future.

"People need to think deeply about the issues," said Rushworth Kidder, "then they need to use that thought to organize the world around them."

Kidder, speaking to a standing-room-only crowd in the Nebraska Union's Centennial Ballroom, said people should get involved with things they are concerned about.

"Seek things out that are do-able," he said.

He said he has devised an "agenda of the 21st century" that people should be concerned about. Kidder said he interviewed what he considered the leading 22 thinkers worldwide and compiled a list of the top six issues that need to be dealt with to make living in the 21st century bearable.

Stressing that the list was not in any particular order, Kidder started with the issue of nuclear threat.

"This includes arms and energy control," he said. "It also includes

chemical and biological warfare."

Kidder said this issue will be very important because of all the advances in the development of biological weapons.

"There are new developments with race specific viruses," he said. "This is a scary kind of notion."

These viruses are designed to attack only members of certain races.

Another issue Kidder mentioned was world population in the future.

In 1900, world population was 1.6 billion, Kidder said. Now it is 5 billion, he said, and will increase to 9 or 10 billion by the middle of the 21st century.

The third issue Kidder compiled through his interviews concerned environmental degradation. Kidder said the greenhouse effect will be a major issue in the near future.

The greenhouse effect will cause world sea levels to rise between six and eight feet, he said, which in turn will change the geographic makeup of the world.

The concern for the gap between the northern and southern hemispheres' use of natural resources will also be apparent in the 21st century. He said at the current time, northern hemisphere populations use 82 percent of the world's resources, which leaves 75 percent of world population

to survive on the remaining 18 percent.

Kidder's fifth concern was education reform.

In the 21st century more students from developing countries will be involved in education programs, he said. This will be good, he said, because more of the world's population will be educated.

"There is also some question on the role of universities. They are only a century old," he said. "The question is will there be universities in the future or will they be replaced by a new form of education."

The last issue Kidder spoke on was public and private morality.

"There is a deterioration of the public's morality," he said. "This produces a lack of ethics."

Kidder said a new attitude will have to form because people don't trust others.

"We need to have faith," he said. "That goes beyond anything."

But Kidder said people shouldn't trust the media for information on all problems facing world population.

"There are problems out there that the media don't make people aware of," he said. "Everything is getting condensed. Soon there will be a Pulitzer prize to USA Today for the best investigative sentence."

## Joint project to reduce drugs in Lincoln

By David G. Young  
Staff Reporter

Mayor Bill Harris announced Wednesday the first objective of a joint project is to reduce the use of illegal drugs in Lincoln, including crack cocaine.

To "educate parents and youth about the danger of drug abuse and raise their awareness of local drug use and crime incidents," is the first objective of the project, Harris said during a press conference. The project involves the Mayor's Office, the Lincoln Police Department and various Lincoln Community Centers.

But Allen Curtis, Lincoln Chief of Police, said the national drug problem "is a community problem."

"If you really look at the problem of drugs in America, it's clear the police department can't solve that problem alone," Curtis said.

"I don't think we have the problem of crack and cocaine in Lincoln that many other cities have," he said. "We can't afford to sit and wait and let the problem get worse. We've got to take action. We're going to reverse the trend."

Curtis said crack, a derivative of cocaine, has become more available in the past six

months, but it has not "gotten out of hand at this point."

The pilot project's second objective includes a "non-threatening intervention program" which will assist parents in handling drug and crime problems involving their children, Harris said.

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The project's third objective is to reform youths involved in illegal activities and use their help to report additional criminal acts,

Harris said.

In order to educate community members about drugs, project members plan to go to schools, churches and other community centers, Curtis said. He said this would include going to individual homes.

Many visits will be made by John Ways of the Lincoln Police Department who frequently has spoken to students about drugs.

"I've always been able to have a pretty good rapport and pretty good relations with kids in general," Ways said. "I think we can knock out crack, but it's got to be a combined effort. My effort will be primarily developing a rapport with the children. We can't just tell them 'no,' we've got to give them an alternative to drug use."

Ways said the program will be geared toward pre-school and primary grades.

Joel Gajardo, director of the Hispanic Community Center, said he is disturbed that Lincoln's drug problem is highly related to the Hispanic community.

"The Hispanic community is really concerned with drug issues," he said, "and we are working on a serious campaign, home to home, to inform people of the seriousness of drug

abuse."

Gajardo insisted the joint effort will lead the project to success.

"Because of this relationship we know that we will not become like so many other communities which are totally lost," he said.

Ways said that drug education can be an effective solution if used correctly.

"You have to really inform them (children) of all the hazards involved," he said. "They have the option of making \$3 an hour at a food place, and they see someone (who deals drugs) in a nice car."

"I don't think kids are willing to give up their freedom for the consequence of jail," Ways said. "When you look at all of the alternatives involved, I think children are bright enough to make the right decision."

Harris said he will concentrate his efforts at junior high schools.

The current program evolved from recommendations made by the Mayor's Task Force on Illegal Drugs and cooperation among the Mayor's Office, the Lincoln Police Department, the Malone Community Center, the Indian Center, and the Hispanic Community Center.

## ASUN passes bill to supervise senators

By Ryan Steeves  
Staff Reporter

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska passed a bill Wednesday night that restricts ASUN members from neglecting their duties during the upcoming ASUN election.

The bill, the only legislation passed during the 35-minute meeting, empowers first vice president Nate Geisert with supervising senators during election time.

If Geisert catches ASUN members neglecting duties, he can "recommend disciplinary action if needed," the bill says.

Sen. Jeff Gromowsky of the College of Business Administration supported the measure, saying ASUN members should fulfill their duties at all times.

Sens. Derrick Brown and Jill Durbin of the College of Arts and Sciences opposed the bill. But senators voted to quash their desire to debate the bill before voting on it.



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U.S. Senator-elect Bob Kerrey walks out of his office in Gold's Galleria Wednesday to speak at a press conference. Kerrey defeated incumbent Republican Sen. Dave Karnes Tuesday.

## Kerrey thanks volunteers

By Chris Carroll  
Staff Reporter

Senator-elect Bob Kerrey gave credit in a press conference Wednesday to the 5,000 to 6,000 campaign volunteers who played a part in his win and identified issues he would like to address on the Senate floor.

Kerrey said the federal deficit, U.S. foreign trade policies and agricultural issues are at the top of his agenda. Kerrey's target areas included education, poverty and the role of the United States in arms control.

Kerrey said he would like to act on these concerns by serving on agricultural, appropriations and intelligence committees.

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