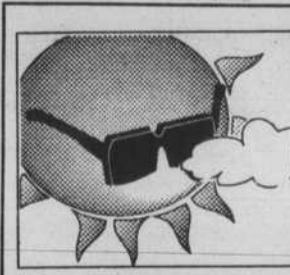


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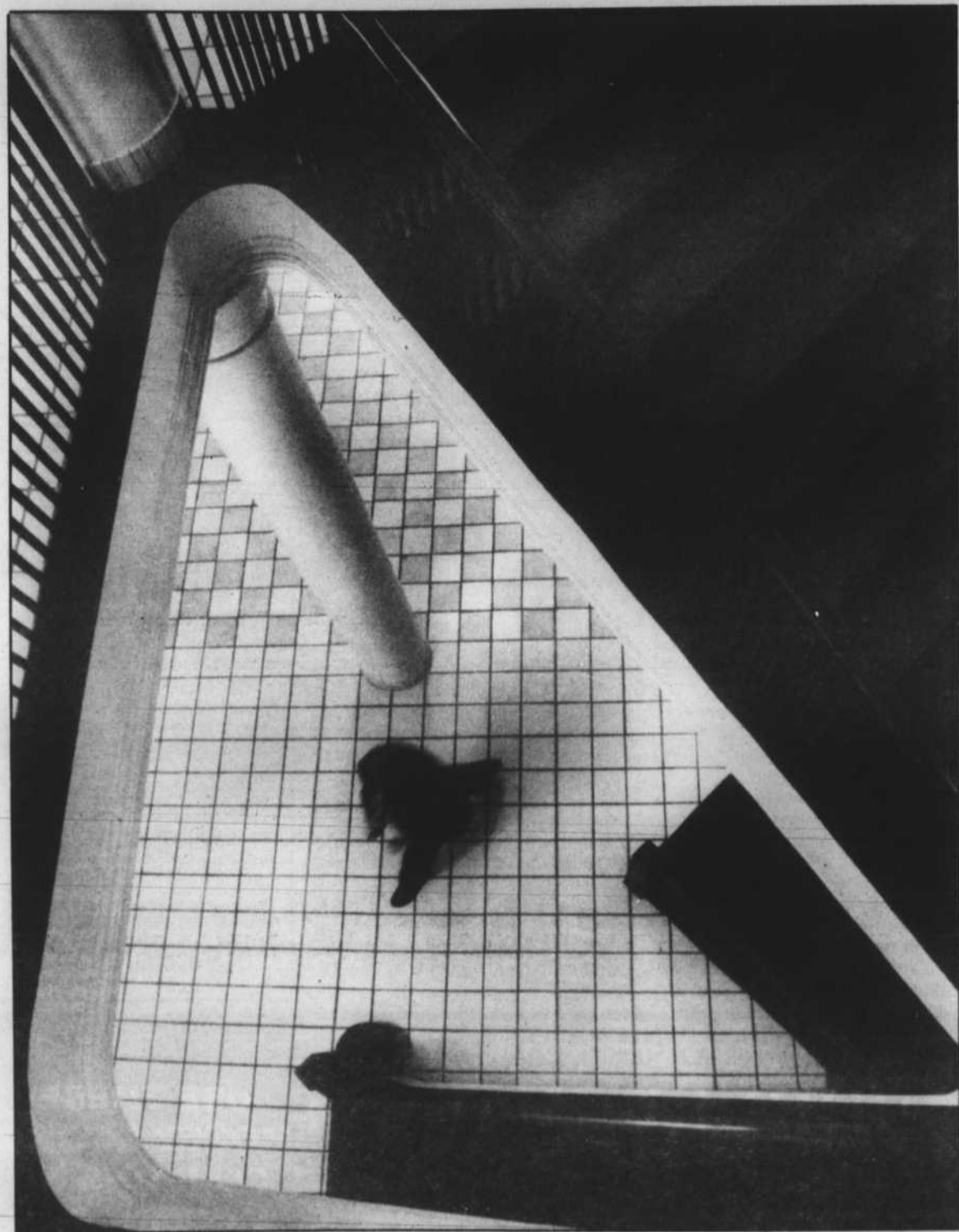
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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly sunny and warmer. Tonight, fair. Thursday, partly cloudy and mild with a high in the lower 50s.



Step by steps

A student passes through Bessey Hall Tuesday afternoon.

Staci McKeer/DN

## Judge rules Baldwin competent; contents of examination closed

By Sean Green  
Senior Reporter

A 2nd District Court judge ruled Tuesday that Andrew Scott Baldwin was competent to stand trial for the alleged assault of a Lincoln woman, but the contents of Baldwin's psychological examination were not released to the public.

Baldwin, a 22-year-old student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was charged with first-degree assault after allegedly beating a Lincoln woman Jan. 18.

After reading the results of the psychological examination, Judge Paul Merritt Jr. said Baldwin was competent and able to understand the charges being made against him. Merritt scheduled an arraignment for Baldwin at 2 p.m. today in Lancaster County Court.

But at the request of Hal Anderson, Baldwin's defense attorney, the contents of the examination will remain sealed.

After the hearing, Anderson said the competency examination had nothing to do with what happened at the time of the alleged assault.

"The judge said the results don't have to be made public, and statutorily my client has that right," he said. "This has nothing to do with when the events occurred, or whether he knew right from wrong at the time."

Anderson said he hoped that bond would be set for his client by Monday at the latest, but would not comment on what he thought a reasonable bond amount would be.

Once the case goes to trial, Baldwin will plead not guilty by reason of insanity, Anderson said.

"Our position is that (Baldwin) didn't know right from wrong at the time of the incident," he said.

When asked about Baldwin's emotional state, Anderson said his client was upset and would like to talk to Gina Simanek, the woman Baldwin allegedly assaulted.

"He's upset that he's here and he'd rather that this event had never occurred," Anderson said. "He would like to talk to Simanek and tell her he's sorry, but I don't think that would be proper, or fair to the girl or her family."

Anderson said Baldwin was seeing visitors and was not having any major problems.

"The people at the regional center said he was the most cooperative patient they've ever had," Anderson said.

Gary Lacey, Lancaster county attorney, said Baldwin seemed competent to stand trial.

"From what I saw in court today and what the judge said, it appears to me that Baldwin understands the current case against him," Lacey said.

At the hearing, Lacey did not object to the examination's contents being sealed.

"It's important in any criminal trial to ensure that anyone accused of a crime gets a fair trial," he said. "As a prosecutor, I have the responsibility to do everything I can to help make sure that happens."

## Kerrey showing buoys hopes of supporters

By Therese Goodlett  
Staff Reporter

Excitement filled the air as supporters of Democratic presidential candidate Bob Kerrey, D-Nebraska, gathered at Kerrey's headquarters, 721 S. 14th St., Tuesday night in anticipation of the New Hampshire primary.

Kerrey supporters said they were confident that he would maintain his third-place finish, reported

about 9:30 p.m., behind former Massachusetts senator Paul Tsongas and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.

By about 9:30 p.m., the gap between Kerrey and Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin had narrowed to one percent. Kerrey had 12 percent of the votes and Harkin 11 percent.

"I'm not worried," said Becky Raymond, a volunteer worker and state employee. "I know personally, I've persuaded at least one percent — one percent will hold."

"Yeah, because we want to go the the Inaugural Ball," Clara Smith, a

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## Black students voice concerns

By Sean Green  
Senior Reporter

The local media's focus on minority relations at UNL has forced university administrators to address the issue, a student said Tuesday.

Angela Green, a sophomore political science major at UNL, said that

the University of Nebraska-Lincoln had paid only lip service to minority relations before.

"The negative press has made the administration wake up a little faster than usual," Green said. "But because of the university's past record, I am not very optimistic that this list will change things."

Green was one of about 30 black

students who met with UNL administrators, including Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs James Griesen, Monday night to discuss minority relations on campus.

Students expressed their frustration at the meeting, and while administrative efforts to listen are positive,

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## Lundestad says Europe new challenge to U.S.

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick  
Senior Reporter

The end of the Cold War has reduced both tension and stability in the world, the director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute said Tuesday.

Geir Lundestad told about 900 people at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts that the Cold War also was a "long peace." It created a high degree of tension, he said, as well as a high degree of stability.

During the Cold War, he said, the potential for conflict created tension, but the balancing influences of the United States and the former Soviet Union also created stability.

Now the Cold War is over, Lundestad said.

"In great part it ended because the

Soviets gave up," he said.

Growing ethnic and economic problems caused the Soviets to abandon their Cold War policies in order to address domestic challenges at home, he said.

With the Cold War over, Lundestad said, there is talk of a Pax Americana — an American peace — because the United States is the only remaining superpower in the world.

"The gulf war demonstrated America's unique capabilities in power projection," he said.

Lundestad said the United States was strong economically as well as militarily. He said the United States' economy was twice as large as the economy of Japan, and that the United States still led the world in overall

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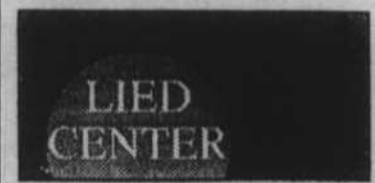
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