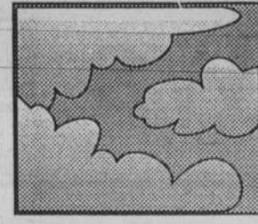


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly cloudy with a chance of thundershowers. Tonight, partly cloudy with areas of dense fog. Saturday, partly sunny with a high around 60.

Doctor says assault victim to end stay at hospital

By Sean Green
Senior Reporter

Gina Simanek will be released Saturday from the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln after treatment for injuries resulting from her alleged beating Jan. 18 by a Nebraska football player.

Miss Simanek's mother, Kathy Simanek of rural Malmo, said her daughter was depressed about her injuries and the long healing process she faced.

Mrs. Simanek declined to comment on where her daughter would be taken after her release.

Miss Simanek, 23, has been in the hospital since she suffered head injuries and a dislocated shoulder during an apparently unprovoked attack that took place while she was walking her dog.

Andrew Scott Baldwin, a 22-year-old student and I-back for the football team at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is charged with assault for allegedly beating Simanek of Lincoln and injuring a Lincoln police officer Jan. 18.

Simanek's physician, Dr. Paul Guidos of the

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Virus prompts owners to take preventive steps

By Andy Raun
Staff Reporter

Many computer owners in Lincoln and at UNL scrambled Thursday to save themselves from a time-activated plague on their hard drives.

ComputerLand and MicroAge Computer Center, two Lincoln computer stores, were inundated with calls from businesses, home users and others who might be victimized by the virus, known as Michelangelo. The computer owners were attempting to find a program that would eradicate Michelangelo, one of the most virulent of more than 800 known computer viruses.

UNL students, too, were taking eleventh-hour steps to avoid disaster, taking advantage of an anti-virus program available from the Computing Resource Center.

John Dughman, assistant retail manager at the center, said eight or 10 students had come in Thursday with blank diskettes to copy the

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FRIDAY

Correction: A story in Thursday's edition of the Daily Nebraskan incorrectly stated that the 1968 Democratic Convention was held in Miami Beach, Fla. The Republican National Convention was held in Miami Beach, while the Democratic National Convention was held in Chicago.

In another story, it was incorrectly reported that the Lincoln Public Schools hired drivers for the P.O. Pears shuttle service. The drivers were hired from the Lincoln Public Schools.

The Daily Nebraskan regrets the errors.

The Nebraska men's basketball team looks to gain the number two seed in the Big Eight Tournament with a win over Oklahoma on Saturday. **Page 7**

"The Big Red Rock-O-Rama" is set to rock-and-roll with twenty bands tonight and tomorrow. **Page 9**



Sen. Bob Kerrey

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Bob Kerrey returned home yesterday, vowing to make another run at the presidency. **Page 2**



William Lauer/DN

Rain, rain, go away . . .

Rain made umbrellas a common sight throughout Lincoln Wednesday. The drizzle is expected to continue today with temperatures dropping over the weekend.

NCAA rules on expense waiver

Athletic department may pay travel costs

By Cindy Kimbrough
Senior Reporter

The UNL Athletic Department will be able to pay transportation expenses for Andrew Scott Baldwin and members of his family, an NCAA spokesman said Thursday.

Craig Angelos, an NCAA legislative assistant, said the incident-expense waiver requested by the athletic department to pay for the transportation of Baldwin's brother and sister from New Jersey to Lincoln was legitimate.

Baldwin, a 22-year-old student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was charged with assault for allegedly beating Gina Simanek of Lincoln and injuring a Lincoln police officer Jan. 18. If convicted, he could face up to 25 years in prison.

Angelos said a 1990 NCAA incident-expense waiver rule gave more leeway to universities to pay for things not normally allowed, such as Baldwin's transportation costs. But the funding cannot give a university an unfair

competitive advantage, he said.

The NCAA rule covers expenses such as emergency transportation costs to visit a sick or dying relative, he said, or parents' transportation costs to visit a player who received a serious injury.

"There are a lot of precedents here," Angelos said. "It's not anything new that we've carved out just for him."

He said the NCAA had not yet decided on the athletic department's request to pay for Baldwin's medical expenses.

Within the next few days, the NCAA legislative office will look for a precedent that would allow the university to cover Baldwin's expenses, Angelos said.

The NCAA rule states it is permissible to pay for medical expenses — medicine and physical therapy — of a participant, regardless of whether the injury occurred during competition or practice, he said.

Angelos said the NCAA administrative committee would meet March 11 to make a decision.

Baldwin was released from jail Monday after an anonymous source paid his \$10,000 bail. He then was transferred to St. Joseph

Center for Mental Health in Omaha for psychiatric treatment.

Angelos said the NCAA had been looking into whether the university could pay Baldwin's bond, but he made bond before a decision could be reached.

After Baldwin is released from St. Joseph within a week to 10 days, on condition of his bond, he must stay with the Rev. Donald Coleman of Lincoln or Frank Solich, a Nebraska assistant football coach, until he appears in court April 6.

If the NCAA agrees to the waiver, Baldwin could receive financial help and stay with Solich or Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne. Baldwin might be able to stay with Osborne if Judge Paul Merritt agrees to that condition.

A request that the university pay for Baldwin's legal fees was deflated when UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier said Tuesday that UNL's policy was not to pay for any student's legal fees.

However, Osborne said Tuesday that UNL would support a request to the NCAA for a waiver allowing individuals to establish a fund for those wishing to contribute to Baldwin's expenses.

Professor: Gender shapes behavior

By Taryn Gilster
Staff Reporter

Alice Kessler-Harris took an audience of more than 200 at the Wick Alumni Center through an exploration of genders and women's roles in American history Thursday night.

Kessler-Harris, a professor of history and director of women's studies at Rutgers University, arrived in Lincoln Thursday — her first trip to Nebraska.

Her speech, "Gendered Intervention: Explorations in American History," was sponsored by the Graduate Women in Business Organization chapter at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

A native of Wales, Kessler-Harris said she believed "who we are explains how we view the world."

Through an understanding of gender in the late 19th century, she focused on equal rights for men and women under the law, and the equality of opportunity offered for both sexes.

"Notions of gender reconstruct our ideas," she said. "In the 19th century, these ideas of gender came naturally and unconsciously to people."

"Gender is like a class or race that allows us to see the process of change," she said. "It's a socially constructed historic category that shapes our behavior, expectations and ideas."

Kessler-Harris said two types of rights existed in the late 19th century: universal human rights that everyone should have, but that did not apply to women or men who did not own property; and rights that were conferred by social status.

Women derived their rights from

their place in society and through their fathers or husbands, she said.

"Manliness was a quality reserved to the true frontiersmen," she said. "He exhibited courage, ingenuity and an individual achievement."

"Womanliness meant obedience, family-centered and reliance on the community."

"Together these two genders led the nation to fruitfulness," she said.

After the Civil War, she said, opportunities in the labor force and rights for women in the home shed new light on the role of women.

Kessler-Harris said she hoped audience members could better understand how gender shaped people's behavior and expectations about the world around them.

She will give another lecture, "Women's Studies and the Multicultural Agenda," today at 9 a.m. in the Nebraska Union.