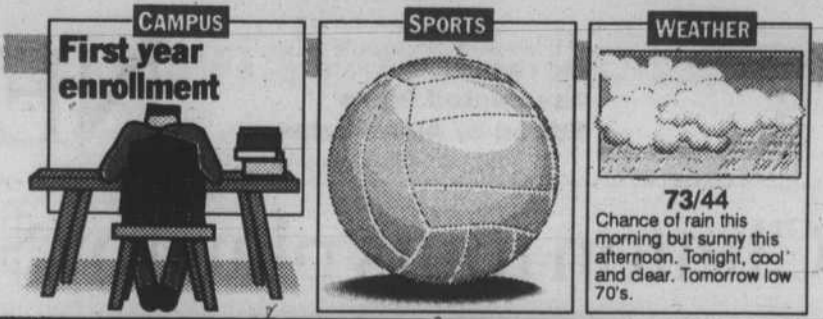


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## Baldwin permanently paralyzed, doctors say

### Bullet remains lodged close to spinal column

By Chuck Green  
Senior Reporter

Doctors at Omaha's St. Joseph Medical Center determined Tuesday that University of Nebraska-Lincoln student Andrew Scott Baldwin would be permanently paralyzed after being shot by an Omaha police officer during a scuffle this weekend.



Baldwin

Baldwin, 23, was shot at 11:46 p.m. Saturday by Omaha Police Officer Anna Doyle after repeated warnings to stop trying to grab the revolver carried by another officer, Peggy Truckenbrod.

The officers became involved in a physical struggle with Baldwin, and Doyle shot Baldwin once in the lower-left chest after the former Cornhusker football player allegedly tried to grab Truckenbrod's holstered gun.

The bullet apparently angled through Baldwin's chest to the middle of his back, where it remains lodged near his spinal column.

St. Joseph physicians reported in a prepared statement that Baldwin suffered a complete spinal cord injury at the level of the fourth thoracic vertebra. Baldwin has no function below that point in his spinal cord, which is located at mid-chest between the shoulder blades. Hospital officials also upgraded Baldwin's condition from serious to fair Tuesday.

Baldwin was found not responsible by reason of insanity for the Jan. 18 assaults of Gina Simanek Mountain and Lincoln Police Officer Greg

Sims. During that incident, like Saturday night's, Baldwin was nude and tussled with police.

Last Wednesday, Lancaster County District Court Judge Paul Merritt Jr. ordered Baldwin to continue his psychiatric treatment program at Omaha's St. Joseph Medical Center. Baldwin's program was developed by Dr. Donald Swanson, an Omaha psychiatrist who had evaluated and treated Baldwin since the initial incident last January.

Swanson could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

According to Skinner, the police received a 911 call at 11:18 p.m. Saturday from former Cornhusker quarterback Mickey Joseph, who told

the dispatcher that Baldwin had jumped out of his car at 40th and Dodge streets. Joseph told the dispatcher that he didn't know where

Baldwin was, and that he was concerned for Baldwin's safety.

A few moments later, police received a call from an employee at the Stage II Lounge, where Baldwin allegedly had collapsed on the floor and had been escorted out.

After numerous reports of a nude man in the area of 38th and Pratt streets—37 blocks north of the intersection where Baldwin was reported to have jumped from Joseph's car—the police found Baldwin at the apartment complex. The shooting occurred moments later.

Skinner said that when the officers tried to physically restrain Baldwin, a scuffle ensued, and the three tumbled

down a stairway to the ground level. At that point, Skinner said, Baldwin tried to grab Truckenbrod's gun.

Douglas County Attorney Jim Jansen said Monday the officers acted

responsibly during the incident, and that the use of deadly force was justified. He said Douglas County would file no charges against Baldwin.

Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey filed a motion with Merritt Tuesday to have the case reviewed, and asked that previous ruling for outpatient status at St. Joseph be removed.

Baldwin was in Omaha Saturday night for a 7 p.m. University of Nebraska at Omaha football game, and he and Joseph were on their way to a friend's house when Baldwin jumped from the car.

Baldwin admitted to doctors that he had stopped taking his daily medication of lithium carbonate, an anti-depressant, and had consumed beer a few hours before the shooting.

One of the stipulations of Merritt's outpatient ruling was that Baldwin continue his two daily doses of lithium, and that continued medication be confirmed by weekly monitoring.



Robin Trimarchi/DN

W.P. "Zeek" Taylor of Humansville, Mo., shakes his 1930 Model A Ford, known as "Old Heifer," to a smooth idle Tuesday at the State Fair.

## Nothing to do? Go to the fair

By Andrea Kaser  
Staff Reporter

The few UNL students who were at the Nebraska State Fair Tuesday afternoon found that they didn't have to battle long lines at funnel-cake stands and that they could have many of the rides to themselves.

Some students said they came to the fair because they had nothing else to do on the last day of vacation.

"My friends said, 'Let's go, there's nothing else going on today,'" said Susan Shields, a junior speech pathology major.

Aside from having nothing else to do, Corey

Huck, a senior agricultural economics major, said the corn dogs and "Zeek," the hillbilly jalopy, brought him back this year. Zeek is a rusted-out Model A adorned with everything from a brassiere and plastic flowers to cooking utensils and a fish head.

He and his friend, Jason Voss, a sophomore agribusiness major, said they planned to attend the free open-air concert with country singer Suzy Bogguss at 6 p.m.

Mark Frank, a senior agriculture education major who was with Huck and Voss, said the antique tractors interested him. Antique farm

## Officials work to revise budget cutting process

By Shelley Biggs  
Senior Reporter

UNL officials are awaiting the Sept. 21 special legislative session before proceeding with plans for budget cuts, said John Benson, director of institutional research and planning for UNL.

Benson said nothing could be done to prepare for university budget cuts until the Nebraska Legislature laid out its intentions.

For now, he said, University of Nebraska-Lincoln officials will focus on revising the procedures for making cuts. A draft of procedures was drawn up this summer to help university officials in the process.

Benson said the draft now was being streamlined to eliminate some of the problems university officials had last year when budget cuts were made.

UNL's Academic Planning Committee has taken on the task of strengthening communication among all parties involved to keep procedures running smoothly.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier will establish the foundation for the process and will

identify which colleges will be targeted for spending reductions. At the same time, deans from individual colleges will work on ways to reduce spending.

University officials, faculty and students will discuss the process before it is finalized.

The plan eventually will cement the criteria used to decide whether a program or department should be eliminated, reduced or reorganized.

Final recommendations regarding the plan will be sent to Spanier for approval. Spanier may accept or reject the committee's recommendations.

Royce Ballinger, president of the Academic Senate, said it was important to note that the draft still was subject to considerable review and revision.

"The new plans are still in the discussion stage and are not yet finalized," he said.

The document was revised to allow for more faculty and administrator discussion, Ballinger said, and to tie it to strategic planning and programming evaluation. These are necessary steps in the budget-reduction process, he said.

## Renovation of office completed

### Official says health & safety problems caused concern

By Susie Arth  
Senior Reporter

The \$76,000 renovation of UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier's office was necessary to rid the office of health and safety problems, a UNL official said.

John Benson, director of institutional research and planning at UNL, said the renovation included two major projects on the ceiling and on the floor to make the office in the Administration Building a safer place.

The ceiling was replaced because asbestos was flaking off of it, he said. An air conditioning and heating system, located in the floor above the chancellor's office, was leaking onto the chancellor's ceiling, he said.

"The condensation from the air conditioner leaks and loosens the plaster and causes some of the asbestos to drip," Benson said.

Similar renovations were completed about a year and a half ago in the graduate studies offices, he said, which is directly above the chancellor's office.

The ceiling part of the project also included the installation of a new lighting system, he said.

The other major renovation was recarpeting the entire suite, he said.

Herbert Howe, associate to the chancellor, said the new carpet was necessary because the old carpet was lumpy and the seams were splitting. Howe said it was difficult for physically disabled people to move across the office, and he feared others could trip and fall.

"I think the carpet had been in here for decades," he said.

Benson said the project also entailed refinishing walls, repainting the walls, and getting new drapes.

"The drapes were literally rotting," he said. The new carpeting and the ceiling, he said, were installed in the entire suite, which includes several offices and the main conference room.

Benson said the project also included removing and relocating a wall to provide more space for the office's secretaries.

He said about \$10,735 of the renovations were paid for by the University of Nebraska Foundation. The remaining money came from state funds, he said.

Howe said those state funds paid for many similar renovations in classrooms and laboratories across campus.

Benson said the asbestos removal began on July 10, and the entire project was completed on Aug. 26.