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Considerable cloudiness and windy with a chance of snow this morning. Slightly warmer and clear on Friday.

## First lady's speech moved to Lied; tickets available

By Jeff Zeleny  
Senior Reporter

Tickets still remain for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's speech at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Friday.

The speech, the highlight of the Nebraska health care conference, was originally thought to be sold out, but it moved to a bigger venue Wednesday.

Clinton's appearance was originally scheduled for the 850-seat Kimball Recital Hall, but the speech was moved to the Lied Center for Performing Arts, which holds 2,200 people.

Tickets for the 12:45 p.m. speech are available through Sen. Bob Kerrey's Lincoln office

## Health care package announcement possible

on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The two-day conference, sponsored by the Columbia Institute in Washington D.C., will focus on national health care issues now being discussed by Congress, said Jonathan Ortman, executive director of the institute.

Clinton, head of the president's national health care task force, accepted the invitation Tuesday, Ortman said, and she will possibly make a policy announcement during her speech.

"She will clearly be giving an indication on how far they have gone (in) developing a package to Congress," Ortman said from Washington.

Clinton has not had a public schedule recently because of her father's death last week. The speech will be her first public health care announcement in weeks, Ortman said, and it comes at a critical time for the nation's health care situation.

"The Congress is very likely to consider a bill sent to them by the president suggesting how we perform health care in the United States," he said.

Nebraska was chosen as the conference site because of Kerrey's strong commitment to health care reform, Ortman said, and to give a variety of people an opportunity to participate

in the conference.

"We're a great believer that many in the U.S. have a great opportunity to contribute," he said. "We felt that it would be a suitable location."

Kerrey, sponsor of Health USA, a plan introduced in 1991 that would reform America's health care system, is actively engaged in health care issues, Ortman said.

"It seems sensible that he be speaking about it," he said.

Kerrey, co-chair of the conference, will introduce Clinton and participate in the conference Friday and Saturday.

"I am very pleased that Mrs. Clinton will be

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## University developing golf grass

Energy-efficient turf project awaiting regents' approval

By Mark Harms  
Staff Reporter

Golf courses may be planting energy-efficient grass soon if the NU Board of Regents allows the U.S. Golf Association to give UNL a \$331,538 research grant, officials said.

The grant will provide funding during the next five years for the UNL Turfgrass Science Program to develop grasses that require about 50 percent less water, fertilizer and mowing than bluegrass, which normally is used on golf courses.

Terrance Riordan, associate professor of horticulture and director of the turf-grass program, said the USGA was concerned about the environmental impact of maintaining golf courses.

Riordan said the game of golf could suffer if better ways to sustain courses weren't found. Maintaining courses requires large amounts of water and fertilizer. The growing popularity of the sport additionally drains resources.

In 1984, he said, the USGA gave the University of Nebraska-Lincoln a small grant of about \$4,000 to see if buffalo grass, a grass native to Nebraska, had the potential to be used as a turf-grass.

By 1990, he said, UNL had bred a buffalo grass called 609 that used about half the water and fertilizer of bluegrass. However, the grass did not look as good or stay green as long as bluegrass does in northern climates.

He said golf courses in the South had shown interest and purchased UNL's buffalo grass through a Texas-based sod company.

The company, called Crenshaw-Dogute, holds a licensing agreement with UNL in which the university receives royalties that are split with the USGA.

"It's our reward for having developed the grass," Riordan said.

With the new grant, he said, the turf-grass program would try to breed buffalo grasses that stayed green longer and looked better.

"We're getting very close to getting buffalo grass to look as good as bluegrass," he said.

If the new grasses are successful, the USGA could receive more money in royalties than they donated through the grant, said Henry Baumgarten, interim vice chancellor for research.

Baumgarten said the grass UNL was working on could be used on lawns as well as golf courses.

"We're confident we have an environmentally friendly grass," he said.



Robin Trimarchi/DN

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students march from campus to the Capitol to speak out against violence against women as part of the annual "Take Back the Night" march Wednesday.

## Women demand respect

### Marchers protest violence against females, children

By Michelle Leary  
Senior Reporter

About 70 men and women "took back the night" Wednesday, marching to protest violence against women and children.

The "Take Back the Night" rally, sponsored by the Women's Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was part of a national movement that has been active across the country for a number of years, said Judith Kriss, director of the UNL Women's Center.

"The accumulated effect of violence against women is a large problem," Kriss said. "I would like

all of us to come together, men and women, to collaborate and work together to stop this problem."

Eric Risch, a junior electrical engineer who marched with the rest of the group from Broyhill Plaza to the State Capitol, said he supported the event because it allowed people to talk about the problem of violence and bring the subject into the open.

"It's great for women to be able to talk about domestic violence, or violence of any kind," Risch said. "But these things appeal more to women since they are affected the most, so most men don't feel they need to come."

However, Risch said more men should be involved.

"Men need to understand that women are not objects," he said.

Other marchers seemed to agree with Risch. As they walked, several members of the crowd began chanting "yes means yes and no means no."

Cindy Douglas of the Women's

Studies Association said she was angry that some men do not seem to understand the meaning of "no."

"Boys, we are more than whores and Madonnas," Douglas said. "We don't ask for respect; we demand it."

"We need to fight back so we will no longer have to continue to come to these things," she said. "We need to fight back so we can live free."

Another speaker, Melissa Draper of the Cornerstone Ministries, said during the rally that she had heard many statistics and stories that horrified her.

"We have some choices to make," Draper said. "On this night we must say no more. This night we claim as our own."

Kriss said it was sad that women must take responsibility for organizing these types of rallies.

"The problem doesn't seem to be getting any better," she said. "When violence occurs in the life of one woman, it concerns us all."

## Differences arise about NU's status

Regents, administrators argue whether campuses are 'system' or 'university'

By Michelle Leary  
Senior Reporter

Determining whether the University of Nebraska is a system of four universities or a university made up of four campuses is all in the eye of the beholder, said a member of the NU Board of Regents.

The status of whether the University of Nebraska was a university or a system surfaced in a debate Monday evening between some NU administrators and members of the Board of Regents.

Administrators contended that NU was a system because each of the four campuses — the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska Medical Center — are individual entities with their own policy-making processes.

Administrators, including UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier and UNO Chancellor Del Weber, said they worried that classifying NU as a university could cause problems if the new NU president tried to meddle in the affairs of individual campuses.

Spanier was unavailable for comment.

Michael Mulnix, executive director of UNL relations, said Spanier believed clarifying this issue would help in defining the next NU president's functions.

Spanier's concern was whether the next president would be a planner, coordinator and advocate of a system, or a hands-on administrator over one multicampus university, Mulnix said.

"Spanier believes that he is the chief executive officer of UNL," Mulnix said. "He looks to central administration for specific functions, not day-to-day activities," he said.

Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs, said the Nebraska Constitution referred to NU as one university.

"There are other states that have the same problem that we do," Rowson said, referring, for example, to Missouri, Colorado and Tennessee. "They are uncertain about whether or not they have systems or single universities."

Regent Don Blank of McCook said a lot of people were reading things into the issue that were not there. He said the difference between a system and larger university was solely a matter of terminology.

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