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## Young Democrats' Republican officers resign

By Chuck Green  
Senior Reporter

Students say they intended to encourage political involvement

Two University of Nebraska-Lincoln students elected last week to offices in Young Democrats resigned Sunday amidst controversy over their ties to an opposing organization.

The selection Thursday night of Chris Peterson and Rob Bryant — both members of the UNL College Republicans — touched off protests from Young Democrats members and administrators.

On Sunday, the students announced their resignation, saying their "wake-up call" to apathetic UNL students had been made.

The controversy began when eight new Young Democrats members, all believed to be College Republicans, attended Thursday night's meeting. Only six Young Democrats attended.

After the meeting began, the new members of the Democratic organization announced their intentions to

run for office.

Peterson, a senior business major, was elected president of the UNL Young Democrats chapter. He is a lobbyist for the ASUN-appointed Government Liaison Committee and a member of the UNL College Republicans.

Bryant, a senior finance major, was elected treasurer of Young Democrats. He is the College Republicans' fund-raising chairman.

Both Peterson and Bryant were eligible for reelection because they paid the organization's \$5 membership fee.

Peterson said he and Bryant had intended to show students what could be accomplished through organization. He said their intention was not to sabotage the Young Democrats, but to encourage student political involvement.

But Bill Avery, professor of political science at UNL and Young Demo-

crats adviser, said he thought there was a different motivation.

"The Republicans have a long, well-established track record of dirty tricks," he said. "It's distressing to see that these kids are engaging in it this early. They only showed that they are capable of cheating and deception."

Avery said he was disturbed by the deception demonstrated at such an early phase in the students' political careers.

"One has to wonder about young

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Staci McKee/DN

First lady Hillary Clinton addresses a large crowd at the Lied Center Friday about her health care plan.

## Cooperation needed, Clinton says

By Jeff Zeleny  
Senior Reporter

Cooperation is the key to better health care in the United States, Hillary Rodham Clinton said in her Friday address to a health-care conference at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

"The greatest way for us to realize a better future is by cooperation, so America can once again be saved," the first lady told a crowd of more than 2,100.

In the past, too much time has been spent on arguing about who was to blame for the increasing costs, she said. Americans must now look past the disputes and get together for solutions.

Clinton used personal examples of people in

**"Americans will be secure knowing they have access to health care, no matter who they are."**

—Hillary Clinton  
first lady

the United States who have been affected by problems with health-care costs.

More than 100,000 Americans lose their health-care insurance every month, she said,

and at least half of them are full-time workers.

Clinton told the story of an uninsured woman who had a clerical job at a steel factory. The woman went in for a physical examination, and was told she had a lump in her breast. She was refused surgery for not being insured.

"The surgeon said, 'If you had insurance I would biopsy that,'" Clinton said. "'Since you don't, I will watch it for a while.'"

Clinton said she was concerned about insurance for farmers and ranchers in agricultural states such as Nebraska. Often they squeeze every extra cent they have to pay for a single-family policy, which doesn't provide adequate

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## Health-care costs need controlling, speakers agree

Americans need improved opportunity to appropriate, efficient care, officials say

By Kara Morrison  
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and Karen Okamoto  
Staff Reporter

Lack of information about the current health-care system is making reform difficult, officials said Friday at a health care conference in Lincoln.

Nevertheless, speakers agreed that accessibility and spiraling costs of health care must be improved.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, chairman of the two-day conference, "Health Care in the 21st Century: National Challenges, Nebraska Solutions," said he favored setting up a trust fund in which all federal dollars for health care were pooled so taxpayers would know exactly how much was being spent.

Kerrey said rising federal costs, which would be more evident with the creation of a trust fund, necessitated health-care reform.

Janet Shikles, director of health financing and policy issues for the U.S. General Accounting Office, agreed that rising health-care costs were a major economic problem for the country.

"President Clinton is not going to be able to make good on his promise to reduce the deficit until something is done about health care," Shikles said.

Shikles also gave statistics on declining accessibility of health care in the United States.

"One-third of the very sick did not see a doctor last year," Shikles said. "And nearly 100,000 Americans are losing their health insurance each month."

Other statistics, however, are hard to come by, said Shikles, whose main job is researching Medicare, Medicaid and other national health plans.

"You can't get data on how plans are doing," she said. "We can't even get price data" from pharmaceutical companies and hospitals, she said.

Dr. Paul Ellwood, president of the Jackson Hole Group, which is working with health-care leaders to devise reforms, proposed a computerized "smart card" for policy holders.

Ideally, the card would entitle its holder to health care at almost any facility and would

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## Board selects search committee, accepts new measures

Group raises student fees, approves design report for sound system for stadium

By Kristine Long  
Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents selected members of the presidential search committee Saturday while rejecting a proposal to add a second student to the group.

Jennifer Newhouse, student regent from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, made the proposal, saying students should have the most say out of all the nominees on the search-committee ballot.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln student regent Keith Benes said he had heard the excuse that the NU president didn't have much contact with the students anyway. But, Benes said, the president didn't have much contact with faculty, either.

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Group raises student fees, approve design report for sound system for stadium

By Kristine Long  
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NU Board of Regents members tackled issues from golf grass to greenhouses Saturday, approving several measures dealing with the UNL campus.

The first amendment was a change in the structure of the Research Council. The amendment changed the primary interaction of the Research Council to the Vice Chancellor for Research instead of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

The amendment also increased faculty representation from two to three in biological sciences, physical sciences, social sciences and humanities.

The board approved the \$2.75 increase in

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