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**Correction:**  
AN RHA election story Monday misidentified two candidates and their parties. Christopher Abel and Adam Buttress are running on the Reform party. James Mackiewicz and Jim Wheeler are on the Alliance ticket. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.



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**Italian Opera**  
The UNL orchestra and Oratorio chorus will perform Puccini's romantic and historical "Tosca" Thursday.  
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**Tuesday**  
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Today, mostly cloudy and cold.

## Hewitt Center lets Baldwin train, volunteer

By Kara G. Morrison  
Senior Reporter

Scott Baldwin has begun training as a Hewitt Academic Center volunteer at UNL, an athletic department official said Monday.

Dennis Leblanc, associate director of athletic/academic programs, said Baldwin spent two days last week observing at the center for student-athletes.

Baldwin, a former University of Nebraska-Lincoln student and football player, was found not responsible by reason of insanity for the January 1992 beating of Gina Simanek. In a subsequent psychotic episode, Baldwin was paralyzed from the waist down when an Omaha police officer shot him in September 1992.

Baldwin's attorneys asked Lancaster County District Judge Paul Merritt on Thursday to let Baldwin move out of the Madonna Rehabilitation Center, citing Baldwin's work at the Hewitt Center as one sign of his stability and progress.

Leblanc said Baldwin's responsibilities as a center volunteer had not yet been defined.

"He will be doing a variety of tasks," said Leblanc, who will supervise Baldwin.

To start with, Leblanc said, Baldwin will be oriented to the center and will be learning the center's new computer programs.

"He'll probably start with 10 hours a week and, depending on demands he has or his interests, that could increase," Leblanc said.

The Hewitt Center, located in the west part of Memorial Stadium, provides academic tutors, career counseling, information on academic honors and other programs for student-athletes.

"We have multicultural programs and a variety of things to support student-athletes on our campus," Leblanc said. "We also work with student-athletes to make sure they're progressing toward graduation and fulfilling all their requirements."

Leblanc said Baldwin would not start working directly with students at this time.

"I don't have any concerns about (Scott's working with students), but to start with, he wouldn't have contact directly with students," he said.

Although Leblanc said he had just started working with Baldwin, he was optimistic about Baldwin's role as a volunteer.

"Scotty is doing fine," Leblanc said. "Obviously there is a handicap, because he is in a wheelchair ... but he's doing just fine."

Merritt had not yet ruled on Baldwin's request Monday.



Baldwin



Step by step

Jay Calderon/DN

Micah Gumm, a sophomore advertising major, rides down the steps of the Capitol building Sunday afternoon. "I'm always looking for new places to ride," he said.

## Loudon says students getting 'shafted'

By Angie Brunkow  
Senior Reporter

Students will not be overlooked in future athletic department decisions, ASUN President Andrew Loudon said Monday.

The athletic department announced last week that students would have to pay \$73 for season football tickets, \$17 more than last year.

Students were given no prior notice of the change, Loudon said.

"No effort was made to gauge student opinion," he said.

And students have plenty to say about the change, Loudon said.

"We have bad seats, and now we have to pay \$20 more for them," Loudon said. "We feel like we're getting shafted."

Gary Fouraker, assistant athletic director for business, said the athletic department didn't mean to leave students out of the decision.

"That wasn't the intent," he said. The student regent usually is informed of such decisions at the Chancellor's Cabinet meeting, Fouraker said, and he couldn't speculate why students didn't get the information.

Loudon said he would work with the athletic department to increase communication about

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issues involving students.

"We need to feel like we're a part of the athletic program," he said. "The university's athletic department would not exist without the university."

But student opposition now will have little effect on ticket prices this year, Loudon said. "It's a done deal," he said. "I, along with other students, turned in \$73 (Monday) morning."

Monday was the first day students could enter the student lottery for tickets.

Although little can be done about this year's football ticket price, Loudon said he would work to bring next year's down.

Many students can't afford to pay the extra

\$17, he said.

"I will not be surprised if the number of students buying tickets goes down this year," he said.

Fouraker said he couldn't speculate whether the athletic department would agree to ticket price reductions.

The department needs the extra revenue generated by the increased price, he said.

"We're still trying to clear out a deficit," he said. "We have considerable expense increases."

The department is paying for stadium changes and repairs, he said.

Students haven't been the only ones hit by higher prices, Fouraker said. Tickets will be more expensive for the general public, faculty and staff, he said.

Fouraker said he had little worry that higher prices would mean a drastic decrease in the number of tickets purchased.

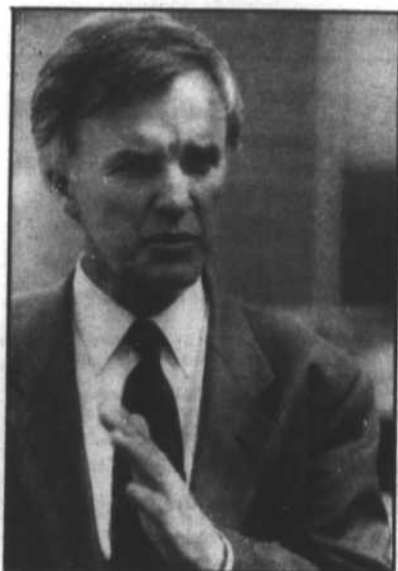
Marketing surveys show that about the same number of students still would buy tickets at a higher price, he said.

"Pricing didn't seem an issue," he said.

And for some die-hard Cornhusker fans like Loudon, it isn't.

"I'm a big fan," he said. "I'm going to pay the extra money."

## Public health nurses help educate Kerrey



By Brian Sharp  
Staff Reporter

Sen. Bob Kerrey was touring Lincoln Monday, but it wasn't for handshakes or political whistle-stops.

At one point on his tour, he encountered a woman who was about to deliver her baby. She didn't have a doctor, didn't know where to go. The contractions were six minutes apart.

Once a month, Kerrey spends the day with various community officials. This month's "A day in the life of..." as it has been dubbed, was spent with people involved with public health nursing.

"These are real-life dramas," Kerrey said. "These are not abstract ideas. Real decisions are in process. Real miracles are in process."

During part of the day, Kerrey went along with nurses to visit patients in their homes as well as in emergency rooms.

Rape, assault and stabbing victims all were attended to in just a few hours at one hospital Kerrey visited. Hospital officials told him it was a slow shift.

The day only further convinced Kerrey the nation's health care system needed to be overhauled, but not taken over by the government.

Kerrey said the country would be better off restructuring the current market, but right now the United States is closer to a federally-mandated program.

Saturday, Kerrey will make public the recommendations of four task forces. The task forces assessed cost control, reform and accountability in

health-care providers. Kerrey intends to make their findings part of the finance committee's deliberations in Washington.

No matter what the discussions include, the committee will keep coming back to one point, he said.

"You still, bottom line, get to the question: 'How are you going to pay for it?'" Kerrey said.

A difficult question, he said, because the bills of the current health care system aren't being paid.

Monday's press conference was held outside the apartment of a woman with a three-year-old child and a baby who recently had appendicitis.

Kerrey said a nurse was teaching the woman how to take care of the baby's wound, what to feed the infant and how to make sure it gets better, instead of worse.

Providing this kind of education and information will be a necessary part of any health care reform package, he said. Kerrey said it would also need to supply a clear account of how the system will be paid for and deliver a balanced account on a "pay as you go" basis.

"The health care debate, all too often, is full of numbers," Kerrey said. "It's a language people don't recognize."

Kerrey said he hoped the final decision would build on current programs and develop a system where everyone was eligible.

"End this discrimination pricing. End this skimming (of profits) and the pre-existing traditions and create rules that establish a different kind of market."