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Batting barrage

The Cornhusker baseball team, fueled by 19 hits, rips Kansas State 23-14 at Buck Beltzer Field Sunday.

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Today, partly sunny and warm, cooling down at night.



Student ticket prices for NU hoops to go up

By Mitch Sherman
Staff Reporter

Less than three weeks ago, University of Nebraska-Lincoln students learned they would have to endure a 33 percent ticket price increase for football games next season.

Now, it appears students also may have to weather a similar increase when purchasing Cornhusker basketball tickets in the fall.

Although the specific details have not yet been set, Nebraska Athletic Director Bill Byrne has confirmed that basketball ticket prices will go up in the near future.

Andrew Loudon, president of the Associa-

tion of Students of the University of Nebraska, met with Byrne earlier this month to discuss football ticket prices, which have been raised from \$48 to \$73. Loudon said basketball ticket prices came up in the conversation.

"We were discussing football tickets going up and I asked (Byrne) about basketball," Loudon said. "He paused and said, 'Well, I guess the same thing.'"

Loudon said he suggested that the athletic department stagger the increase in basketball ticket prices over a three-year period.

"He seemed very receptive to that idea," Loudon said.

Byrne said Loudon's suggestion had been

approved.

"It's something that we will try to do over a three-year period," Byrne said.

It is not clear, however, exactly how much tickets prices will rise over the next three years.

Loudon said Byrne's goal was to increase the student ticket price for one game to half the cost of the general admission price.

"Back in the late '70s," Loudon said, "it became an unwritten rule in the NCAA that student ticket prices cost 50 percent of the general admission prices. Nebraska, very wisely, chose not to adhere."

Last season, a general admission ticket to a basketball game at the Bob Devaney Sports

Center cost \$7. The price for a student ticket is \$3.

If the student ticket price is raised to 50 percent of the general admission price, ticket prices would rise only 50 cents over the next three years.

But, Byrne said, a larger increase is more likely.

The price that will be used to figure the 50 percent reduction for students, he said, has not been set.

Although student ticket prices will rise, Byrne

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Kerrey recaps last five years in election tour

By Kara G. Morrison
Senior Reporter

Winding up his first official statewide re-election tour in Lincoln Sunday, Sen. Bob Kerrey told supporters he and his staff had accomplished much in five years and weren't finished.

"There'll be plenty of time in this campaign to talk about the national issues," Kerrey told about 150 supporters at Gold's Galleria, 11th and O streets, Sunday evening.

"I'm going to continue to fight for comprehensive health care for every American, I will continue to fight for a work place that will treat every American fairly..." Kerrey said.

"But what I have chosen to do on this statewide tour is talk about what we have done over the past five years."

Kerrey pinpointed projects he had been instrumental in, including financing construction of the George W. Beadle Center for genetics research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Kerrey said he also had worked to heighten mathematics and science education in the state, to support agriculture as the state's biggest industry and to focus on medical, educational and other programs for families and children.

"It matters what we do, and we have an obligation not to give up," Kerrey said. "... We have to build something of value for our children and for future generations."

Steve Jarding, Kerrey's spokesman, said Lincoln was the last of nine stops in the senator's three-day tour. Sunday, the senator had been in Scottsbluff, Norfolk and Columbus before coming to Lincoln.

"There have been good crowds and lots of enthusiasm everywhere we've gone," Jarding said.

Joseph Cipolla, president of the UNL group Students for Kerrey, said the Lincoln rally was no exception.

"It's going great," said Cipolla, who said he had worked on Kerrey's presidential campaign while attending high school in New Hampshire.

"He's so personal. That's what makes him a great politician," the freshman political science major said. "He's like us."

Jarding said Kerrey would travel to Laurel on Monday before returning to Washington, D.C., Monday night.

Kerrey will help unload about 400 computers at Laurel High School. Jarding said Kerrey worked with NASA officials, who update their computers annually, to donate the computers to the school, which had no computers for student use.



Travis Heying/DN

Bull's eye

Jerry Norton, a rodeo bullfighter from Mitchell, S.D., applies some makeup before heading into the arena during the Saturday afternoon performance of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln college rodeo held in the State Fair Park Coliseum. See photos and story on page 3.

Earth Day Fair looking to change habits

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

Education is the goal of the fifth Earth Day Fair to come to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Ecology Now president Mark Petersen said.

Today's fair will feature a speech by Gov. Ben Nelson and booths and technology displays aimed at teaching people about environmental problems and solutions, Petersen said.

He said he hoped people would walk away from the fair with a few ideas of how to reduce their resource consumption and waste.

"I hope they see ways they can help to reduce

their impact in the environment," he said. "Hopefully, people can learn about the problems we face and what we can do about it."

Many ways to conserve energy and reduce waste can come from changing habits, like riding bikes instead of driving a car and using energy-efficient light bulbs, Petersen said.

He said the fair would be organized into three different areas—speeches, booths and technology displays.

Speakers from UNL and the Lincoln area will speak on issues ranging from recycling at UNL to the effect of population growth on the world.

Petersen said the booths would be located in front of Broyhill Fountain in the North Plaza and would include groups from UNL and Lincoln. Ecology Now, the Environmental Resource Center and Citizen Action are some of the booths distributing information.

An electric car, solar energy technology and energy-efficient light bulbs also will be displayed at the fair, Petersen said.

The first speech by Broyhill Fountain, "Platte River Issues," will be at 9:30 a.m. The last speech, "Water Quality Issues," will be at 3 p.m.

Nelson will speak on Nebraska environmental issues at 12:30 p.m.

New state trooper evaluations aim at fairness, flexibility

By Angie Brunkow
Senior Reporter

A new system to evaluate the job performance of state troopers will not mean more speeding tickets, said Jeff Hanson, public information coordinator for the Nebraska State Patrol.

"We don't expect any increase in citations," he said. "The idea was not to issue new tickets."

The new policy will require officers to write a total number of tickets,

violations and warnings that is 15 percent above or below the average number written by officers on their shift and in their area.

Previously, sergeants arbitrarily set goals for the number of tickets officers should write, Hanson said. That policy was informal and unofficial, he said.

"There's never been a set number written down—that you should perform at this level," he said.

The number of tickets written each month, along with 20 other evaluation

factors, will be taken into consideration during quarterly trooper performance reviews, Hanson said.

The new policy gives supervisors flexibility in evaluating troopers, Hanson said.

Troopers patrolling in different areas of the state face different traffic flows and patterns, he said. In Nebraska, the number of tickets, warnings and violations varied between 227 per month to 98, depending on the patrol area.

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“Basically, the whole idea behind this was to put out a fair, standard policy that allowed flexibility for the different areas,” he said. “Everybody who's patrolling the same roads and same areas will be measured against each other.”

The number of tickets troopers are required to write will change monthly, he said.

“If you have a month where you're under a foot of snow, you're not going to be writing as many speeding tickets,” he said.