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Today - Mostly sunny.
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10-15 mph.

Tonight - Mostly clear.
Low in lower 30's.



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Remembering Martina

McMenamin recalls days with daughter

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Reporter

Today is Martina McMenamin's 19th birthday.

This year there is no cake to frost, no candles to light and no birthday song to sing. Instead, flowers will be placed on her grave at Calvary Cemetery in Omaha.

"She was young and attractive, that's one of the reasons why she died," her mother, Bernadette McMenamin, said. "When she walked in, people would notice."

Martina McMenamin was stabbed to death about one month before she started her sophomore year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her roommate found her body July 25 in a pool of blood in their south Lincoln apartment.

Police have made no arrests in the slaying. For nearly two months, Bernadette "B.J." McMenamin has been publicly silent about her daughter's death. This week she spoke to the Daily Nebraskan about Tina — her only child.

The two were close, McMenamin said, more like sidekicks than mother and daughter. They lived alone together in their south Omaha home since Bernadette and John McMenamin separated when Tina was 3.

"I don't think that children should be a product of their parents," McMenamin said. "The goal is that you will eventually be friends with your child. I think we had achieved that."

McMenamin said Tina readily confided in her. They discussed boyfriends, parties and classes. Tina was unsure of her future, her mother said, but she wanted a career that would pay well.

"There were so many choices, sometimes it was overwhelming," McMenamin said. "She was interested in English and creative writing, but she knew that's the way to starve to death."

After graduating from Daniel J. Gross High School in 1994, Tina became a general studies major at UNL. She developed an interest in politics, her mother said, but wanted to wait until her second or third year to declare a major.

"I didn't say anything because she was so enthusiastic," McMenamin said. "She was leaning into political science."

Tina thrived on living away from home. She worked out almost daily — "except when it snowed" — at the Campus Recreation Center. She quickly became a Nebraska Cornhusker fanatic and attended nearly every football game during the national championship season.

She didn't return to Omaha often, her mother



Martina McMenamin moved from Smith Residence Hall to Amberwood Apartments in May. She was slain July 25 in her new home. Bernadette McMenamin recalls when she took the pictures Martina said: "Oh mother, you and your camera."

said, coming home mainly for dental and eye appointments or to get her blue Plymouth Horizon repaired.

"She really enjoyed college and college life," McMenamin said. "The best thing she liked about college, I'm sorry to say, was Padre Island."

Last March, Tina and two friends embarked on a spring break adventure in "that little Plymouth Horizon," her mother said. The drive was long and annoying, her mother said. But Tina already was planning for Spring Break 1996.

"She said, 'Next year we're going to fly down,'" McMenamin recalled.

By this time, Tina and her roommate Sarah were tiring of living in Smith Residence Hall.

The cafeteria food was wearing on her. The noise was disrupting her. And she was ready to decorate her own home.

"She didn't want to live by school," her mother said. "She said, 'All we want, Mom, is

an apartment that doesn't smell bad.'"

Sarah and Tina viewed the Chateau apartments in northeast Lincoln. But the two decided to move into Amberwood Apartments, 4600 Briarpark Drive, Apt. 515, after finals week.

"They were so excited about this apartment," McMenamin said. "It looked very big because there wasn't much stuff in there."

The two women lived on the second floor. They were busy with their restaurant jobs. Tina worked at Godfather's, and Sarah at Grisanti's. Tina came back to Omaha only three or four times all summer, her mother said.

When Tina began working, she would miss her favorite television show, "The X-Files," on Friday evenings. Her mother would record the weekly show for Tina and mail her the video tape.

She only taped the show 10 times.



Courtesy of Arnold Clark Studio

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Osborne will allow Washington to play

By Derek Samson
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Nebraska coach Tom Osborne announced Thursday that he would allow junior wingback Riley Washington to play against the University of Pacific Saturday.

Washington has pleaded not guilty to charges of second-degree attempted murder and use of a weapon to commit a felony in connection with the Aug. 2 shooting of Jermaine Cole at a Lincoln convenience store.

"All of the information that I have been able to gather regarding Riley

Washington would indicate that he is not guilty of the charges that have been brought against him," Osborne said in a statement released Thursday afternoon.

At Washington's preliminary hearing Sept. 8, Lancaster County Court Judge James Foster ruled that there was sufficient evidence and probable cause to order Washington to stand trial. Washington is scheduled to stand trial in Lancaster County District Court during the week of Oct. 23.

NU Athletic Director Bill Byrne sided with Osborne.

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Domestic abuse exists at UNL

By John Fulwider
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Though it seems domestic violence only makes the news when public figures are involved, it is an ongoing problem in society and on the UNL campus.

There have been 30 cases of domestic violence in the university community since Jan. 1, said Lisa Cauble, Victim Services coordinator. Thirteen of those cases involved students, and seven involved faculty or staff.

Cauble said she classified domestic violence differently from police by including fights between girlfriends and boyfriends in her statistics.

For the police to qualify an incident as domestic violence, she said, the people involved must have lived together or had a child together.

UNL police, who also use that definition, have recorded two domestic violence cases in the university community this year.

Women and men who experience domestic violence have two free campus resources: Victim Services and the Women's Center.

Victim Services, which is in room 128 of the 501 Building, answers questions, helps get protection orders and gives referrals to other services.

Cauble also will help get the fees for protection orders waived, if

necessary. It costs \$59 to file a protection order with a \$20 fee to have the sheriff serve it.

Harassing or threatening phone calls, threats and stalking all can be reasons to get a protection order. If someone shows up to meet you when he or she shouldn't have known where you were, Cauble said, you might consider a protection order.

Cauble stressed that protection orders could be obtained without filing a police report.

Statistically, men abuse women more than women abuse men. But Cauble recalled cases of men being abused by their girlfriends —

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