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**WEATHER:**

**Today - Cloudy with possible flurries. South wind 10 to 15 mph.**

**Tonight - Mostly cloudy. Low in the mid 20s.**

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## Schlondorf defense stresses suicide plan

By Jeff Zeleny  
Senior Reporter

It was no secret that Gerald Schlondorf wanted to take his own life.

In three English composition papers, the former University of Nebraska-Lincoln student wrote in detail about his wish to kill himself. And police had responded to at least two suicide attempts in his residence hall room.

But whenever counselors tried to intervene, the 32-year-old former student who now stands trial on attempted second-degree murder charges apparently did not take their help.

During opening arguments Tues-

day in Schlondorf's trial, Lancaster County Public Defender Dennis Keefe recreated the night of Sept. 12, 1994.

Keefe said Schlondorf was going into the Lancaster County countryside to shoot himself that night. Dressed in a white shirt and blue tie and armed with a .45-caliber weapon that resembled a submachine gun, Schlondorf began to drive his pickup truck through Lincoln.

When he spotted a police cruiser near State Fair Park, his plan changed.

After allegedly firing at least 12 rounds at two police officers in a chase through rush-hour traffic, Schlondorf wanted someone else to do the job for him.

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James Mehling/DN

Gerald Schlondorf (left) and public defenders Dennis Keefe and Sean Brennan present their case Tuesday at the former UNL student's trial.

## Two senators propose bills to up primary

By Ted Taylor  
Staff Reporter

A proposal to move Nebraska's presidential primary up two months should provide debate for the Legislature in January, some state senators say.

Sen. Chris Abboud of Omaha said he would introduce a proposal to move the primary from May to February in the January Legislature session.

That bill will coincide with another drafted by Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln in September.

"My bill is a little different," Schimek said. "But when I found out Chris had a bill, I thought we should get together and discuss all the angles on this."

Abboud's bill would schedule a primary on the last Tuesday in May, right after the Iowa caucus and in line with the South Dakota and North Dakota primaries. That would create what he called a Great Plains primary contest. If the bill passed, it would not take effect until the year 2000.

Schimek's bill features a late March primary, which also would create a regional primary with other Midwestern states.

Now, 85 percent of the delegates are chosen by the time the Nebraska primary rolls around, Abboud said. By moving it up two months, only four percent will be chosen.

"That would generate more feelings that their vote would make a difference," he said.

Increasing voter interest in candidates as well as candidate interest in Nebraska are some of the selling points Abboud will bring to the Legislature.

"By having a more accessible and interesting presidential election, it would get more people involved — the way it was 40 years ago," he said.

"Presidential candidates pay attention to less populated states like Iowa because it gives them a chance to be seen as a leader early on," Abboud said.

"It makes the candidates look at the issues of the state," he said.

But financial concerns have those same senators wary of the possible move.

"I am not sure what the exact costs would be," Schimek said. "Probably as much as another election. It would probably be too expensive to have a separate presidential primary, which is what Chris' bill wants."

UNL political science professor Robert Sittig says Nebraska already has lost its chance to be a heavyweight in the presidential primary race.

"The incentive wouldn't be there for candidates to come," he said. "Where Iowa and New Hampshire have succeeded, we have missed the

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Tanna Kinnaman/DN

Twenty-five plaques all featuring white male Nebraska business leaders hang in the Hall of Fame at the College of Business Administration. The wall has angered members of CBA's women faculty.

## Female faculty protest all-male CBA wall

By Paula Lavigne  
Senior Reporter

Some women faculty members say the College of Business Administration's new all-white, all-male Hall of Fame proves the climate there is still chilly for women.

But organizers say it wasn't meant to be discriminatory.

The Hall of Fame, a wall featuring about 25 photos of Nebraska business leaders, was installed last month.

Patricia Kennedy, assistant marketing professor, said the hall, which is next to her classroom, makes her uncomfortable. She has heard similar concerns from other faculty members and more than four students, she said.

"The women and minorities in this school aren't going to feel welcome and belong if they don't see people as themselves (on the wall)," she said. "It's the same old, same old."

Last spring, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter of the American Association of University Professors issued a report that said the CBA climate was "chilly" because of unfair procedures, unequal pay, harassment and sexism.

The report was followed by an anonymous letter sent to women faculty that included sexu-

ally explicit material and warned the women to "stop causing a problem at UNL, or we're going to give you the boot."

Mary McGarvey, associate economics professor, received one of the letters last year. She said the Hall of Fame had a similar meaning.

"It sent the same old message that there are no women and minorities recognized," she said.

McGarvey said she also was upset that the hall "appeared out of nowhere."

"Everyone's reaction I talked to was, 'Where's this come from?' ... It just came as a shock."

But she said no one was shocked to see that all of the faces were white and male.

Jennifer Liberty, the college's public relations director, said the hall was a group venture among the CBA, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Liberty said the organizations decided the college would be the best place to display the plaques.

But it is the chamber, not the college, that chooses the inductees, she said.

Barry Kennedy, executive vice president of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said the chamber selected about four

inductees a year and accepted nominations from anyone.

Although the physical wall is new, he said, it includes businessmen who the chamber has honored during the past 10 years. Inductees must have distinguished themselves in a Nebraska business, he said.

Patricia Kennedy said she knew of several women who would have fit that description. But Barry Kennedy said minorities and women made up only a small percentage of about 30 nominations that come in each year.

That percentage is growing, he said.

"We have encouraged some nominations now from both sectors (women and minorities)," he said, "and I assume over the years it will work itself out."

The chamber already has chosen its 1996 inductee, Omaha investor Warren Buffet, who will be honored at a ceremony at the Cornhusker Hotel Feb. 8.

McGarvey said she wished the chamber or the college would have asked for nominations or circulated nomination forms.

"Certainly now that the business school is housing this Hall of Fame, we'd be delighted to nominate some businesswomen," she said. "We

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