

# ASUN candidate committed to lead

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It is a challenge Schuerman and his running mates say they are up to.

"A lot of times it is the same students who we hear input and feedback from - which is wonderful," the junior marketing education major said. "But there are a lot of students who aren't involved in these organizations, and I think it is our responsibility to seek those students out any way we can."

Making the voices of all students heard may seem like a generic campaign line to many students in the midst of ASUN campaign season where posters of promises permeate the campus.

But Schuerman's commitment to more representation and a campus that is welcoming to all students is something he said he has tried to make concrete advances on since his involvement in ASUN began his freshman year.

Working as chairman of ASUN's human rights committee, organizing events like Martin Luther King Day, and visiting student groups on campus such as the University of Nebraska Tribal Exchange are just a few ways Schuerman has made his student representation go from lip service to a reality.

"I am really interested in finding ways to make all students feel welcomed, supported and empowered on campus," Schuerman said.

## Small roots, big ideas

Growing up in a small town and

graduating from high school with 40 other students, Schuerman said he was slightly intimidated when he arrived on campus. But it wasn't long before Schuerman became involved with the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, taking positions on various committees.

It was observing student government during experiences throughout the first two years of college that he began to see the potential for change.

"I really felt that (ASUN) needed some change - that it needed to be more of a team effort involving a lot of students across the board," Schuerman said. "Not necessarily from the top down."

Running for College of Business Administration senator his sophomore year under the Commit party, Schuerman said he and the party were dedicated to representing students in the best way they could.

Schuerman was successful in his bid for senator. Since that time, his involvement in other things has narrowed and the time has come to decide what is important.

"I've finally decided after 2½ years that it is ASUN," he said.

Since then, senior finance major Chris Linder, who is also Schuerman's girlfriend, said ASUN has become top on his list of priorities.

"When he was elected as senator, that's when he decided that ASUN was his No. 1 commitment," she said. "When he decided to run for president, that fell right behind being a senator."

## One for all, all for one

After being involved with various committees and activities related to leadership with ASUN, Schuerman has practiced a leadership philosophy he learned from one of his mentors. This philosophy, he said, is one of the biggest assets he can bring to office.

"I used to think strength was being able to do it all yourself," he said. "I found out real quickly that strength is really being able to admit that you can rely on others and can work and collaborate to become stronger."

Along with working to identify and nurture the strengths of others, Schuerman said he hopes to practice the art of delegation, which will bring student government to more people.

"The more students you bring into the process, the more they are going to talk about ASUN in their classes, in their organizations, to their friends and to their peers."

## A little help from my friends

With all his goals in mind, Schuerman had to find two people who shared them to complete the Voice ticket.

Rachelle Winkle and Vernon Miller, both senators on the current senate, turned out to be the candidates Schuerman was looking for.

Schuerman said that Winkle - a student assistant in Burr Hall - has experience in talking to people one on one and concern for issues of diversity, both of which make her a great candidate for the Voice party.

Miller, a member of Pi Kappa

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Alpha Fraternity and resident of Schramm Hall, completes the Voice executive ticket as second vice presidential candidate. Schuerman said Miller holds vital skills to reach students and build ASUN.

One of the issues that has set the three Voice candidates apart from their opponents on the Focus ticket is their support of a proposed constitutional amendment that would add representation to the senate based on a student's living unit and five at-large seats.

On a crusade to make the senate more representative, Schuerman said the Voice candidates understand the amendment won't be a quick fix-all to the problems ASUN is facing with representation, but it will be a way to get closer to a solution.

"Our ultimate goal with this is that it will allow more underrepresented students representation on senate," Schuerman said. "However, there is no

way we can guarantee that. "Either way, this is just two new ways for students to be represented on campus," he said. "I don't see anything wrong with that."

Along with exploring representation, Schuerman said Voice is interested in making sure students' concerns are represented when discussions of the NU Master Plan take place. Supporting Project CARE - a group that promotes responsible drinking on campus - and beginning a three-day freshman retreat before school starts are also issues that the Voice party intends to pursue if elected into office.

But bringing a number of ideas and being ready for the office is only one asset, Schuerman said.

"It's very easy to talk a good game," Schuerman said. "What is really difficult is playing a good game. We really feel like we've done that, are doing that right now and will continue to if we are elected on March 3rd."

# Prosecution ready to rest its case this week

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most significant change came after Hopkins, 20, entered into a plea agreement with prosecutors in June 1998 to testify against Galligo.

Before the plea, Hopkins told police Schumader had sexually assaulted him, and that was why he murdered Schumader. Hopkins also omitted details of the crime that he carefully planned, carried out and then concealed.

"I didn't know how to explain to people that I had no real reason to do it," Hopkins said.

After the agreement, which let Hopkins plead guilty to manslaughter instead of murder, Hopkins told police the story of a premeditated murder that Galligo played a very small part in.

Now Galligo, 19, is on trial for first degree murder and the use of a weapon to commit a felony for the 1995 murder of Schumader.

The three boys, Galligo, Hopkins and Schumader, all lived in the same south Lincoln group home in October 1995 when Schumader was brutally beaten and stabbed over two stolen cartons of cigarettes.

Schumader's body was found Dec. 22, 1995, buried in a storm drainage tunnel in Antelope Creek under 48th Street.

On the stand Friday, Hopkins told how he had always wanted to kill someone because it made him feel more powerful than God.

When Hopkins was 15 he tortured and almost killed his then 19-year-old girlfriend because he thought she had been unfaithful.

In a letter Hopkins wrote to Galligo in November 1998, he told Galligo how he had planned to kill Galligo in November 1995, but got too drunk to carry out his plan that night.

Hopkins wrote the letter after reading a newspaper article Galligo was quoted in.

In December, Hopkins was sentenced to 15 to 20 years for the use of a weapon to commit a felony. He will be sentenced for manslaughter after Galligo's trial.

But as part of his plea agreement Hopkins must tell the truth, so if he is caught lying on the stand, Hopkins could be prosecuted for murder.

Galligo's trial is expected to continue into the middle of this week.

# Fair makes science a 'bang'

■ The UNL event used explosions and bug-tasting to give kids opportunities to see science at work.

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Busted balls, burning balloons and cooked insects were just some of the spectacles to see during the second annual Science Fair on Saturday at the University of Nebraska State Museum.

Thousands packed into Morrill Hall as NU scientists set up demonstrations and gave presentations on science and its relevance to everyday life.

The event, which attracted about 3,000 local school children, was sponsored by the Big Red Keno Science and Math educational programs.

While many of the children made use of the 20 different workshops located throughout Morrill Hall, almost all of them attended demonstrations put on by Dan Sullivan, a University of Nebraska at Omaha professor of chemistry, and Glenn Sowell, a UNO associate physics professor.

In one experiment, Sullivan soaked a rubber ball in liquid nitrogen and threw it against a wall where it broke into pieces, spurring the audi-

ence to applause.

Sullivan also received applause after pouring a coffee pot full of liquid nitrogen onto a balloon, causing the balloon's gas to condense into liquid.

The demonstrations would help broaden the horizons of the children attending the event, Sullivan said.

"There are very few opportunities for children to see the exotic things in science," Sullivan said. "This is real science action."

Sullivan ended each of his three shows with a bang by torching a balloon.

"It's fun blowing things up and burning them down," Sullivan said. "And the kids think we're heroes."

Sowell said the purpose of the demonstrations was to offer children an alternative to learning exclusively through textbooks and classroom lectures.

"Seventy percent of it should be exciting for them," Sowell said. "But there's always a lesson in it, too."

One of the more fascinating aspects of Sowell's show was his segment on the effects of air pressure.

In one demonstration, Sowell sucked the air out of a giant steel can with a vacuum hose, causing the inside of the can to collapse.

Sowell also used various instruments to explain how electricity was generated and how sound was created.

Some of the educational stations at the fair included an optical illusion station, a demonstration of DNA

extraction and precipitation, planetarium shows and a bug-tasting station.

At the bug station, children snacked on chocolate-covered honeybee pieces and mealworm bars, while viewing showcases of dead grasshoppers, beetles, butterflies and moths.

Another snack included honeybee bits cooked with onions, butter, garlic and ginger spread onto crackers.

Mary Liz Jameson, an assistant professor at the State Museum said the point of the station was to demonstrate the versatile ways in which insects contribute to nature and society.

For example, she said, insects as food are an excellent source of protein and fat. A number of developing countries, she said, use insects in their diets.

Marian Langan, coordinator of the day's events, said she was pleased with the high turnout, which was estimated at several thousand. The fair was an excellent chance for children to learn science in a hands-on manner, she said.

"If kids are just learning by the book," said Langan, "it's really not that exciting for them."

Langan said she was particularly impressed by the various University of Nebraska-Lincoln professors who volunteered to teach at the event.

"We were looking for people to serve as good role models for the kids," she said. "We certainly had that here today."

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# Proposal to move primary date to April

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together with an earlier primary date would bring more candidates to the Midwest, he said.

"It's high time the Midwest took a stand and give ourselves a voice in the presidential process," Thornburgh said. "By banding together with these seven states, we have as many delegates as California."

Secretary of State Scott Moore also testified in support of the bill, which he asked Bruning to introduce.

In lieu of voting for a delegate on

the ballot, a caucus would determine who will attend the national convention.

But Randy Moody, who testified as an "active Republican," objected to establishing a caucus system.

"Taking away the popular vote and going to the caucus system would be very detrimental to the state party system," he said. "Caucuses encourage single-issue politics."

Moody said a caucus would draw debate on single issues because people would garner support and bring a large group of people to a meeting to debate a single issue.

More people would come to caucuses, as opposed to a county convention, Moore said.

"This would give a whole new group of people a chance to get involved," he said.

Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln said the caucus system is essentially the same as the current county convention system.

Bruning said despite similarities or differences, LB695 at least did something.

"Right now we have no influence," Bruning said.

"I think anything is better than the status quo."