



Big fella

Venson Hamilton was named to the first-team All Big 12 team. Hamilton and Cookie Belcher were named to the All-defensive team. PAGE 7



Chained to music

In Nebraska, the numbers of independent record stores have dwindled to exactly one in the past 10 years, but Homer's is going strong. PAGE 9

WIND-WIND SITUATION

Windy and cooler, high 45. Clearing tonight, low 20.

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## Former teacher testifies in murder trial

Witness cites disbelief, sexual relationship as reasons for not reporting confession

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A former Lincoln Regional Center teacher testified Monday that she did not report Michael Schmader's murder because she did not believe his murderer's confession.

At Tony Galligo's murder trial, Karen Brown said she did not believe Timothy Hopkins' confession in June 1996.

"I was not sure he was truthful,"

Brown said. "I thought he may be having trouble with his medication."

Brown admitted that she smoked marijuana with Hopkins and Galligo on several occasions, and that she started having sex with Hopkins about a month after his first confession.

Brown said that after she began having sex with him she did not report Hopkins' confession because she was worried about what would happen if the details of their relationship became known.

Brown said that Hopkins told her he and Galligo had planned to kill Schmader and that Galligo helped in the killing.

In September 1997, Hopkins officially confessed to Schmader's murder, and now Galligo is on trial for his role in the 1995 murder.

On Oct. 18, 1995, Schmader was brutally beaten and stabbed in an, Antelope Creek storm-drainage tunnel under 48th Street for stealing two cartons of cigarettes from Hopkins and Galligo.

On the stand Hopkins told how he stabbed Schmader more than a dozen times while Galligo watched.

Hopkins said Galligo grabbed a rock and dropped it on Schmader's head. Then Hopkins picked up the rock and slammed it down on Schmader several times, he said.

Schmader's body was buried in the creek bed until it was discovered on Dec. 22, 1995.

Brown, who worked at the regional center from August 1992 to February 1999, taught all three boys

when they were admitted to the center in late 1994.

In the summer of 1995, Hopkins, Galligo and Schmader moved into the same group home in south Lincoln, and Brown continued to tutor Hopkins and Galligo.

Brown said that she had a sexual relationship with Hopkins from July 1996 to late August 1997, just before Hopkins confessed to police.

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Legislature



## Legislature considers bar hours

The General Affairs committee hears a proposal to extend closing time to 2 a.m.

By JESSICA FARGEN  
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The proximity of Iowa and the lure of its bars' 2 a.m. closing times are why many Nebraskans drive across the border to drink, a state senator said.

But Omaha Sen. John Hilgert wants to put a stop to that with LB501, which would let Nebraska bars in tourism, trade and convention areas stay open until 2 a.m.

Hilgert asked the General Affairs Committee on Monday to advance LB501 for two reasons: to keep Nebraskans in the state and give Omaha the opportunity to compete with other Midwestern convention towns that have later closing times.

"We would like to compete with Kansas City, (Mo.) and St. Louis, and put ourselves on the map," Hilgert said. "I think it's valid. I think it's do-able."

Missouri law allows bars in specific areas of Kansas City and St. Louis to stay open past 1 a.m.

Under LB501, the following areas would be eligible for 2 a.m. closing times:

- Areas where conventions are held on a regular basis.
- Areas where tourism is considered a significant source of income.
- Areas where trade is considered to be a significant reason people are in that area.

A town could have more than one of these areas.

Several senators questioned the constitutionality of the bill, saying it could result in unfair competition among

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# FOCUS on the FUTURE

Schreier, Focus oppose at-large senate amendment

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series profiling ASUN presidential candidates for Wednesday's election. Monday's profile featured Andy Schuerman, Voice presidential candidate.

By KIM SWEET  
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It's all in the details.

At least that's what Focus party presidential candidate Paul Schreier will tell you if you ask him how to efficiently use student fees, create a campuswide policy for e-mail use or determine where funds from the technology fee should go.

The current ASUN senator's careful attention to details has landed him spots on advisory boards and allocations committees across campus.

And that attention to detail was ultimately what confirmed his decision to run for student body president, Schreier said.

Accompanying current ASUN President Sara Russell to the Chancellor's Cabinet one day, Schreier became one of the lone voices of dissension when discussing a parking proposal.

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HEATHER GLENBOSKI/DN  
FOCUS PARTY presidential candidate Paul Schreier said he would bring his philosophy of hard work and paying attention to detail to ASUN's top office. Schreier, a senior computer engineering major and current chairman of the Committee for Fees Allocation, has held many positions at UNL.