

Candidate promises attention to details

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His persistence in finding a solution that best suited students made his voice one that could not be ignored.

"One of the assistant vice chancellors of business and finance comes in, throws down the packet and says, 'You guys, don't say anything - this plan should even satisfy Paul,'" Schreier said.

Seeing his persistence rewarded, Schreier decided that his philosophy of hard work and attention to details could be beneficial to ASUN's top office, and more importantly, to all UNL students.

"Although some people may say that attitude seems hard to work with, I think when it's coming from the students, that's good," Schreier said. "It shows students will stand up and say, 'We need to be heard on this.'"

One loud voice for all

Being heard at the Chancellor's Cabinet wasn't the only time Schreier stood up to make sure decisions being made would ultimately benefit students.

As Committee for Fees Allocation chairman, he made sure CFA received the information necessary to make decisions on budgets. Helping to pass a resolution to ensure fee users seriously justified their budgetary needs is another example of Schreier's persistence and attention to details.

"I don't think the fee users are going to forget me soon," Schreier said.

Although Schreier has held many positions on campus during his time at UNL, the idea of holding presidential office was never the driving motivation for his actions, he said.

But through what Schreier called fate or coincidence, he kept being put in influential positions that prepared him for the office. In addition to his position as CFA chairman, Schreier has held a seat on the campuswide information systems committee, and is currently chairman of the technology fee advisory board.

Though he was appointed to influential committees that ultimately decide the fate of students' money, Schreier said he was initially leery about running for president. But after talking to people and getting involved in issues such as the UNL Master Plan, Schreier decided to enter the race.

Now, he is in the midst of the election with a platform centered on the very thing that made him want to run - making sure the focus is on the students.

Learning lessons

Through his positions, Schreier

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Focus presidential candidate

has learned some valuable lessons he wants to take with him into the office of president, if elected.

Schreier has worked with many branches of the administration - some of which are more aware of students' interests than others, he said.

"I have learned there are a lot of great people on this campus in every area," Schreier said. "I have also learned there are other people who have never thought to give students what they really want."

Along with learning the importance of student representation universitywide, Schreier said he had gotten a real-life lesson on management - something that his business courses couldn't completely prepare him for.

"You have no idea what goes into making policies or managing until you have sat in those discussions and tried to make those decisions yourself," Schreier said.

Making the decisions doesn't always come easy. Schreier said being a part of CFA taught him to get as much information as possible and to stick by his decisions - even if it meant taking heat for them.

Schreier's brother Luke, who has helped the presidential candidate with numerous election campaigns, said one of his brother's biggest strengths was his ability to make the tough decisions that would ultimately benefit students.

"Working on CFA, there was no doubt he was going to take a lot of flak for the decisions he made," Luke Schreier said. "But he's able to differentiate what's in the students' best interest and what isn't."

Building a team

Along with fellow Focus candidates Jon England and Trisha Meuret, Schreier said Focus could bring a group of ideas to the table that were as diverse as the candidates were.

England, who is the first vice presidential candidate, resides on East Campus and is from Kearney.

Meuret, the second vice presidential candidate, lives off campus and is from Brunswick.

Each brings different views to the campaign, said Schreier, who is from Omaha and lives off campus.

With their vast differences in interests and their connections with different groups of people, Schreier said, members of the Focus party executive ticket have the ability to talk to a wide group of people.

"When you think of a diverse group of ideas - they bring them to the table," Schreier said. "I think the student body would be lucky to have them representing students."

Along with being committed to representing students' concerns with the UNL Master Plan, scrutinizing the costs of attending the university and evaluating the business practices of the athletic department, the Focus party has taken a firm stand against a proposed constitutional amendment that would add representation to the senate based on a student's living unit, as well as add five at-large seats. Schreier said the amendment would not accomplish what it was intended for - giving representation to underrepresented students - because those running for the seats would have to be the largest vote-getters on campus.

Because students in the College of Arts and Sciences and College of Business Administration have the largest classes and interact with the most students during the day, they would continue to dominate the senate, Schreier said.

Instead of endorsing the constitutional amendment, the Focus party went to work to come up with the idea of a presidential cabinet made up of representatives of underrepresented groups on campus.

The group - which could also contain members of groups who are not necessarily underrepresented but have a background or interest in the issues - would give a report every week and introduce legislation through the president, Schreier said.

With these and other ideas, Schreier said the Focus party would bring many new perspectives to ASUN.

"We're proven leaders," Schreier said. "We want to show off our ideas and say to the student body, 'If you want us to, we would love to represent you.'"

Legislature considers extending bar hours

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among liquor establishments.

"I think you have to make the whole city 2 a.m. or none of the city," committee chairman Sen. Stan Schellpeper of Stanton said.

It would be hard to explain to a business why it could not be open until 2 a.m., but some of its competitors could, Schellpeper said.

Hilgert said he had no answer as to the constitutionality of the bill, except to say the idea had never been challenged.

"I didn't address that. I don't want to address that," he said. "That's the City Council's problem, not my problem."

Joel Pedersen, Lincoln assistant city attorney, said litigation had ensued over unfair hours. Recently, off-sale liquor establishments in Lincoln were allowed to sell on Sundays as their on-sale counterparts had been doing for years.

Although discussion centered primarily around extending bar areas for the Old Market in Omaha, areas such as Lincoln's Haymarket could also be eligible.

Pedersen doubted 2 a.m. closing times would have much support in Lincoln.

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Lincoln," Pedersen said.

Pedersen was also concerned about the vague definition of "trade areas," saying almost any area could be considered a trade area.

Anticipation of objections to the bill was partially why Hilgert gave local municipalities control to set closing times.

"This is permissible language," Hilgert said. "If this passes, it does not mean there will be a single bar open until 2 a.m."

Jim Moylan, a lobbyist for the Nebraska License Beverage Association, said he favored the bill because 53 percent of the state's population lived within a half-hour drive of a state with a 2 a.m. closing time.

Hilgert said he chose 2 a.m. as the closing time because that was the hour that Iowa bars closed.

Nepali program set for today

From staff reports


Students interested in learning more about the culture of Nepal will have that opportunity today.

"Introduction to Nepal: The Hidden Valleys and Crystal Mountains" will take place in the Neihardt Residence Hall Blue TV lounge from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the International House, the program will center around educating others and sharing information about Nepal and its culture.

Kerk Fong Kee, event organizer, said a slide show and video would be shown and Nepali food and tea would be served.

The event is free of charge and Kee said everyone was welcome to attend.



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Former teacher admits affair with murder-trial defendant

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Brown resigned from the regional center last month after the details of her yearlong affair with Hopkins started to become known.

Hopkins has changed his story considerably since his first confession.

Originally Hopkins said that Schmader had sexually assaulted him, but he has since admitted that he lied then.

Hopkins said that he was trying to create an insanity defense so he could go to the regional center instead of jail.

During Hopkins' three days of testimony, Galligo's attorney, Kirk Naylor, tried to break apart Hopkins' story and show where he had lied.

Several times Naylor used docu-

"I was not sure he was truthful. I thought he may be having trouble with his medication."

— KAREN BROWN
former Lincoln Regional Center teacher

ments from Hopkins' defense attorney, Scott Helvie, to show where Hopkins had lied.

The most drastic change in Hopkins' story came after he entered a plea agreement with prosecutors in June 1998 in exchange for his testimony against Galligo.

After the plea agreement was signed, Hopkins told police a story of premeditated murder that Galligo

played a small role in.

Galligo's trial is expected to run through Thursday. Today Naylor will cross-examine Brown.

The prosecution is expected to call Helvie and Lincoln Police Detective Greg Sorenson, who was the chief investigator in the case. Then the defense will present its case.

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