



## Kubik magic

Nicole Kubik led a spirited Husker group to a 60-55 win over Texas in the second round of the Big 12 Tournament. **PAGE 9**



## He keeps going

Everlast, who has recovered from a heart attack, appears this weekend in Omaha with Sugar Ray and 2 Skinnee J's. **PAGE 12**

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SUN-OFF VOTE

Partly cloudy, high 48. Cloudy tonight, low 25.

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## Legislature



# Chambers fails to get bill to floor

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Mandated insurance coverage of contraceptives got a quick second look Wednesday on the floor of the Legislature after an all-male committee killed the bill 7-0 last week.

“But after an hour of passionate debate, senators, including seven of the 11 women legislators present, voted down 29-10 a motion by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers.

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SEN. ERNIE CHAMBERS

The motion would have voided the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee's vote and brought LB845, which would make insurance companies cover birth control prescriptions,

to the full Legislature for debate.

“For an all-male committee knowing about Viagra and its coverage by insurance to treat this in such an insensitive manner is inexcusable,” Chambers said. “It is the worst example of male arrogance I have seen.”

Omaha Sen. Deb Suttle, who introduced the bill, said the committee's vote was symbolic.

“The committee spoke volumes to the women who must spend their hard-earned wages to buy birth control,” she said.

But Hastings Sen. Ardyce Bohlke said she failed to see bias in the committee's vote.

“I am not convinced that if it had been four women on the banking committee that it would have been any different,” Bohlke said.

The veteran senator also said she would not vote to pull LB845 out of committee because she was against that practice philosophically.

Lincoln Sen. LaVon Crosby also discounted the contention that the committee's vote was gender-based.

“I can't vote for a bill this morning on the basis that men are my enemy,” Crosby said.

Lincoln Sen. David Landis, chairman of the commit-

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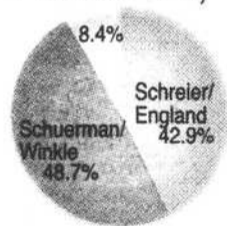
## ASUN



ASUN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PAUL SCHREIER, left, Beth Lee, campaign manager Andy Faltin and Joel Wiegert discuss what they will tell Focus supporters after finding out neither party was a clear victor on Wednesday night. Faltin and Schreier told about 150 supporters at Main St. Cafe that everyone must continue to work hard on the campaign until the runoff election next week.

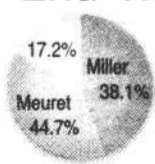
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## The votes are in President, 1st V.P.



VOICE  
FOCUS  
Others

## 2nd V.P.



Unofficial results from Wednesday night.

JON FRANK/DN

# Too close to call Runoff to be held next Wednesday

By VERONICA DAEHN  
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What was supposed to be a climactic end to months of campaigning will have to wait another week.

A runoff election for the ASUN offices of president, first vice president and second vice president will be held next Wednesday. No candidate received enough votes to officially win this year's Association of Students of the University of Nebraska election.

According to election guidelines, an

executive candidate must receive a majority — at least 50 percent — of the total votes cast. No candidates garnered 50 percent of the vote.

If a majority is not achieved, the candidates are victorious only if their vote total is higher than their opponents' by at least 10 percent of the total number of votes cast.

A total of 2,709 votes were cast Wednesday.

Voice party executive candidates Andy Schuerman and Rachele Winkle received 1,320 votes, while Focus candidates Paul

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# Galligo takes stand in Schmader murder trial

By JOSH FUNK  
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Tony Galligo took the stand in his own defense Wednesday and told a very different story of the 1995 murder of Michael Schmader.

The other man implicated in the murder, Timothy Hopkins, testified that Galligo had an active role in planning and carrying out the murder.

But subsequent testimony conflicted with Hopkins' account of events.

Hopkins said he and Galligo killed Schmader because he stole their cigarettes, but Galligo said that is not the case.

“Hopkins was saying that Schmader was

bisexual,” Galligo said when asked what was Hopkins' motive.

Galligo's jury will have the chance to resolve the conflicting testimony after closing arguments this morning.

Galligo said he had no idea Hopkins was going to attack Schmader that night.

Hopkins, 20, who confessed to the murder in September 1997, testified against Galligo, 19, as part of a plea agreement he signed June 24, 1998.

Hopkins pleaded guilty to manslaughter and the use of a weapon to commit a felony. In December, he was sentenced to 15 to 20 years in prison for the weapons charge, and he will be sentenced for manslaughter after Galligo's trial.

But on the stand this week, both Hopkins and

his lawyer said that he is guilty of first-degree murder, not manslaughter.

Lincoln Police Detective Greg Sorensen, who was the lead investigator in the case, said he never considered Galligo or Hopkins suspects until Hopkins confessed.

But Galligo's involvement in the murder was hardly mentioned until Hopkins was negotiating a plea agreement.

On Oct. 18, 1995, Schmader was brutally beaten and stabbed to death in an Antelope Creek storm-drainage tunnel under 48th Street.

Schmader's body remained buried in the storm-drainage tunnel until two other teen-agers uncovered the body Dec. 22, 1995.

At the time of the murder, Hopkins, Galligo

and Schmader all lived in the same south Lincoln group home along with six other boys.

But Hopkins and Galligo differ in their portrayals of the events leading up to — and including — the murder.

Hopkins said that he and Galligo decided to kill Schmader because he stole cigarettes from them the day of the murder.

But Galligo and another teen-ager who lived in the group home testified that the cigarettes were stolen several days before the murder.

“The cigarettes were not a big deal to me,” Galligo said. “I could always go get more.”

And Galligo said that by the day of the murder,

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