

Haeder resigns ASUN position; Court decides on replacement

By George Miller

The new ASUN Senate will decide who it wants as its presiding officer when it takes office tonight.

Paula Haeder, elected first vice-president in the March 17 ASUN elections, has announced that she has resigned the position and will not take office tonight.

Haeder, a junior pre-law major from Omaha, said she has been accepted to the NU College of Law as an undergraduate and will not have time for first vice-presidential duties.

She said she had been accepted into a Law College combined studies course in which first-year law students take classes that are credited toward their undergraduate degrees. Only about two per cent of the incoming law class are accepted into this program, she said.

Haeder said she did not think she would be accepted into this program when she filed to run for first vice-president. She had planned to be a part-time student next year, which she said would allow enough time to be first vice-president.

However, she now will have to take 18 hours of classes at the Law College and will not be able to "devote the necessary time and interest that is expected of the executives," she wrote in a letter to ASUN President Jim Say.

"I sincerely apologize for any and all inconvenience caused by my action," Haeder wrote. "My advisor gave me all reason to believe I would not be accepted this year, since I am a junior and had not completed my Bachelor's degree."

The question of who will succeed Haeder was decided by the ASUN Student Court Tuesday evening when it ruled that the Senate's speaker pro-tempore, who will be chosen tonight when the new Senate is installed, would automatically become first vice-president. The Senate then will appoint another new senator to be permanent speaker pro-tempore.

The speaker pro-tempore replaced the first vice-president if he leaves office during his term.

Other alternatives considered by the Court were to call a new election for first vice-president or to have the candidate who came in second in the March 17 election take office.

University Student Awareness Party candidate Susie Reitz finished second in the balloting.

However, the Court ruled that when a candidate is certified as elected by the ASUN Election Commission, the office "instantaneously devolves on him." When the person is sworn in, he takes his office in "the full sense," the Court ruled.



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Paula Haeder, ASUN first vice-president-elect, has announced she will attend Law College and not take office.

Convocation honors seven seniors

Seven UNL seniors, who earned all "A's" on their graded collegiate work, were honored Thursday at the 48th annual Honors Convocation.

Honored as the seven Chancellor's Scholars were: James Eisenach, French and chemistry major from Omaha; Christyne Evans, political science major from Beatrice; Frederick Pinkerton, physics and mathematics major from Lincoln; Donald Schneider, physics and mathematics major from Heartwell; Charles Simmons Jr., zoology major from Lincoln; James Steckelberg, mathematics and computer science major from Fremont; John Varvel, mathematics major from Sioux Falls, S.D., and Mary Wacker, elementary and special education major from Hooper.

Awards were presented by Interim Chancellor Adam Breckenridge, who hosted a reception for the students and their parents prior to the convocation.

Three C.S. Boucher Awards were awarded to John

Kasza of Scottsbluff, senior ROTC candidate for an officers commission with the highest four-year cumulative grade average; Marcia Bartak, from Merna, senior athletic letterwoman with the highest four-year cumulative grade average, and Boyd Batenhorst, from Tilden, senior athletic letterman with the highest four-year cumulative grade average.

Some 331 students were cited for Superior Scholarship and 2,150 were honored for High Scholarship at the convocation.

Distinguished teaching awards were presented to history prof. Leslie Duly, agronomy prof. Dale Flowerday, elementary education associate prof. Charles Godwin and education and family resources assistant prof. Melinda Holcombe.

John Davidson, professor of botany, was presented the NU Foundation Trustee's Award.

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However, Porr said the committee "checked the ASUN Constitution" and decided to challenge the manner in which the Electoral Commission handled the case and its power to take action in removing Kray.

"We thought this just wasn't right (annuling Kray's election)," Porr said. "They (the commissioners) gave him no notice that his seat was in jeopardy, no hearing and no reasons for their decision," he said.

The "legal backing of just about everyone in the law school" will take the case all the way to the federal courts if necessary, Porr said. "We'll exhaust all the remedies the ASUN Constitution provides," he added.

"People who voted for Kray are considering filing a petition (in ASUN Student Court) saying they have been disenfranchised as voters," Porr said.

"We hope this was simply a mistake on the Electoral Commission's part," Porr said. "But if it wasn't, we want to show that you just don't mess with the law students."

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Exon expected to call session

Gov. J. James Exon is expected to decide today on whether to call a special session of the Nebraska Legislature to review the 55 m.p.h. speed limit on Nebraska's highways.

At a press conference Thursday morning, Exon mentioned calling a special session, but Bill Hoppner, the governor's administrative assistant, later said the governor will not make a decision on the matter until Friday.

The 55 m.p.h. speed limit was set by the 1975 Legislature. The bill stated that the limit would be reviewed three months after this legislative session adjourned.

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