

## Wessels declared ASUN president

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For Renee Wessels it was worth the eight days of suspense.

When the long-awaited results of the March 12 ASUN election were finally announced Wessels of the US party had been declared ASUN president, defeating runner-up John Parsons, STAR party, 1,825 to 1,403.

Tim Munson, LSD party, finished with 617 votes with write-in candidate Lynn Rogers receiving 417 votes and Jay Willhoft 88.

Mark Hirschfeld-STAR party, was declared the new ASUN first vice president with Glenn Popper, US party, winning the 2nd vice president race.

Chief Justice of Student Court Scott Cook said the court acted properly in issuing the injunction last week. He said the injunction on the results was lifted because the court decided the proper time for Parsons' petition was before the election.

### Didn't look at merits

The court did not look at the merits of the case, it looked at the causes, Cook said. The court will issue an opinion on the decision as soon as possible, he added.

Wessels said she was glad the court was able to see the issues at hand.

"Improvements need to be made in the system, but I was glad the court recognized that holding another election was not the best solution," she said.

Bob Gleason, counsel for Parsons, said the court, in handing down the decision, was afraid to face the issue.

## Anderson: TNE is just a fallacy

Sitting at her desk beneath a portrait of 13 alleged TNE members, Jayne Wade Anderson said, "I don't really believe there is a TNE organization in operation on this campus."

Anderson, director of Greek Affairs and Cooperatives, said that in her opinion, the secret fraternity TNE doesn't exist. She said she found the picture about two weeks ago in front of her office door. The photograph portrays 13 people dressed in black robes and hoods standing behind the TNE symbol of a skull with crossed keys.

Robert Olson, photographer with The Picture Man, said he has taken two pictures of TNE members. Olson, who was reluctant to be interviewed, would say only that the portraits were not taken at his studio and would not disclose where the pictures were taken. He said he has never seen any faces of the members, and that only one member had ever spoken to him.

The Daily Nebraskan obtained a letter that lists alleged members of TNE. The list was printed on IFC stationery.

Anderson said Thursday the fact that the names of the alleged TNE members were written on Interfraternity Council letterhead didn't necessarily imply that the letter was written by an IFC member.

"There is nothing sacred about IFC stationery," Anderson said.

She said the stationery is not kept under lock. If someone came in and asked her for a piece of paper and a piece of IFC stationery was handy she would give it to him, she said.

Rachel Jensen, secretary for the Interfraternity Council, agreed with Anderson that there was no reason to keep the stationery under lock. She said anybody could walk in and take IFC letterhead stationery.

Because of the easy access to IFC stationery, she said she had a theory that someone outside IFC used their stationery to make it look like an IFC member wrote the letter. She said anyone writing the letter would not use their own stationery.

Jensen said before an IFC member takes office, he must take an oath vowing not to belong to any sub-rosa organization while in office.

She said no one in IFC would be in an organization like TNE.

"I've been here 13 years. I think I'm a pretty good judge of people," Jensen said.

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The court members wanted to absolve themselves of the burden of dealing with the real issues themselves, he said.

The reasons for the petition could not be brought up before the election, according to Brad Belt, another counselor for Parsons.

"I still stick by my guns in saying that if a person's rights are violated the only time he knows that is during the election," Parsons said. Accepting the court's decision, Parsons said he filed the petition with the court because students' rights were violated, not because of rumors flying around about who won.

### Strong leadership needed

Wessels said strong leadership is needed in UNL's student government, especially with the confusion that has surrounded the election.

"I'm excited and enthusiastic about student government and what it can do," she said.

Top on her priority list will be a revision of the election process, Wessels said. The new president said she would like to establish a committee to research the electoral process and come up with a better system.

Wessels also said that students must start meeting with state legislators to build lobbying alliances and she added that she is pleased with the University's budget progress.

"The percent amount (12.75) UNL is receiving is more than requested so I'm pleased with that and glad that the appropriations committee saw this campus' needs," Wessels said.

Parsons, Rogers and Willhoft were unavailable for comment but third-place finisher Tim Munson revealed what he called the true purpose of his campaign.

"It was a sociological study using participant observation," Munson said. "Our radical platform and statements were used only to observe reactions from students."

Munson said he never considered himself a "true" candidate and said he didn't feel he had much of a chance of winning.

### Not disappointed

"I'm not disappointed because that would mean I was a legitimate candidate, this was only a study," Munson said.

The other two executive candidates for the LSD party, Paul Richardson and Dan Swinarski, also knew of the purpose of the campaign, but LSD's senatorial candidates only "more or less" knew, Munson said.

The STAR and US party both had 15 candidates win senatorial positions with La Raza winning three positions, all in the graduate college. LSD had no candidates elected.

In addition to the write-in votes received by Lynn Rogers, Sen. Jim Davidson said there were 12 assorted other write-ins.

"Mickey Mouse got a couple of votes and Richard Nixon even got one," Davidson said.

The remaining results were released at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Colleen McBride (US) and Julie Keaschall (US) were elected College of Home Economics senators. College of Agriculture senators are Jane Pauley (US), Steve Alt-house (US) and John D. Massey (US).

College of Business Administration senators are Carrie Christensen (STAR), Eric Torrison (STAR), Mike Abramson (STAR), Tom Vergith (US) and Laura Burkland (STAR).

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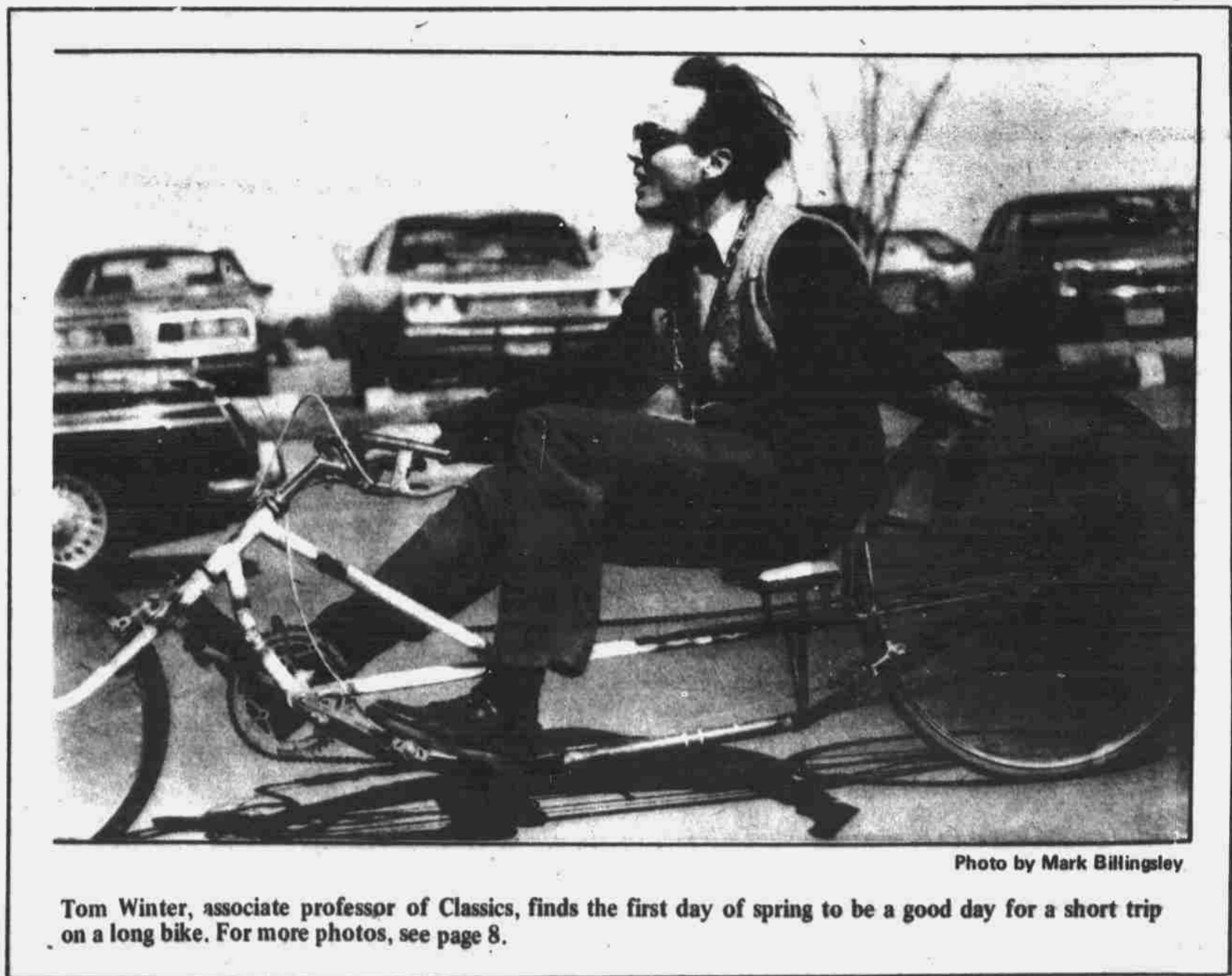


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Tom Winter, associate professor of Classics, finds the first day of spring to be a good day for a short trip on a long bike. For more photos, see page 8.

## Temporary captive

# Wheelchair an effective prison

By Mary Fastenau

**Editor's note:** This is the first of a two-part series describing the situation for handicapped students at UNL. The second part deals with the financial and legislative aspects of the available programs.

I felt like a prisoner without a crime. My guard was a panel truck parked in the middle of the sidewalk. A curb and gutter stood watch on one side while decorative rocks and wood prevented passage in the other direction.

I tested both sides for escape, but I couldn't slip between the guards. I was so frustrated I wanted to pound the truck with my fists, but I knew it would be futile. There I sat imprisoned on a sidewalk in the middle of the UNL campus with throngs of people passing by.

The truck was my temporary guard, but my real captor

was a wheelchair which for three days stifled my movement more effectively than a ball and chain.

I was a voluntary prisoner, living in a wheelchair to learn firsthand about the life of a disabled person at UNL. During my captivity, I found that panel trucks were only outposts of greater enemies such as attitudes, lack of financing and personal mental and physical frustration.

I learned to slowly pull myself up ramps and to slow down during descent, but I failed to understand the inconsideration of people who blocked sidewalks, parked in spaces reserved for the handicapped or used access ramps when it wasn't necessary.

I also learned that although UNL adequately provides for its handicapped students, most of the programming and financing comes as an afterthought. A shortage of funds and definite guidelines multiply the difficulties when working with disabled students.

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