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Correction: In a story about student court hearing testimony over a student's bid for an ASUN seat, Sandy Haughton's name was spelled incorrectly. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

WEATHER

Monday, partly sunny and cool, high in the mid-50s, north wind 5-10 miles per hour. Monday night, 20 percent chance of rain, low around 40. Tuesday, mostly cloudy, 40 percent chance of rain, high in the upper-50s.

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ASUN president helps Haughton fight for senate seat

Student court refuses to amend constitution

By Emily Rosenbaum
Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Court decided there is no room for interpretation in the ASUN Constitution to allow Sandy Haughton to serve as a senator for the Division of Continuing Studies.

Haughton was elected Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senator for the division, but later was informed she could not serve because of a rule requiring senators to carry at least 12 credit hours. She carries six.

Haughton said she decided to fight the rule, and ASUN President Phil Gosch drafted a request for a student court judgment.

In his request, Gosch wrote, "representation is deserved but obstructed by an outdated

and inflexible provision."

The student court dismissed the request, stating that, "... when the language of the constitution is plain and unambiguous in its meaning, there exists no room for interpretation."

The ASUN Constitution states that to be eligible for the senate, a candidate must "be regularly enrolled as a full-time student, either as an undergraduate or graduate student."

Haughton said the decision seems to be a case of "taxation without representation."

Continuing studies students began paying student fees this year so they were given a senate seat for the first time.

"They seem to be saying they want our money, but they won't give us a senator," Haughton said.

Haughton said the 12-hour requirement is unfair for continuing studies students because they work during the day and have to take night classes.

Only seven of 795 continuing studies students carry 12 hours, and they would not be able to attend ASUN meetings Wednesday nights because of their night classes, she said.

The court's ruling stated that "although this situation presents obvious issues of fairness and equity, it is not within the power of this judicial body to amend the constitution on its own volition."

Despite the ruling, Haughton said, she isn't giving up.

"I can't just stop now," she said.

She said she and Gosch want to gather

enough student signatures to allow students to vote on amending the constitution. The constitution states that 5 percent of students must sign the petition in order to have a student vote. The student vote has to come within 10 days after the petition is given to the ASUN Electoral Commission.

The amendment would make it possible for students from continuing studies with fewer hours than the needed 12 to run for ASUN, Gosch said.

Gosch said he's disappointed with the court's decision, and he will continue to help Haughton by drafting a petition.

"Perhaps there's a greater leeway in the interpretation of the constitution than the court chose," he said.

NU greek officials say companies try trickery to sell unordered items

By Matt Herek
Staff Reporter

For several years, University of Nebraska-Lincoln fraternities and sororities have received unordered supplies in the mail with unwanted bills for them.

According to sorority house mothers and greek affairs officials, companies try to trick fraternities and sororities into buying unordered items in several ways.

Sometimes a sales representative calls a house to find out the name of the house manager. Soon after, the house receives supplies in the mail, along with a bill to the treasurer with the house manager's name on the invoice.

Other times, a salesperson calls a house manager or house mother to ask if they want to reorder something that never was ordered. If they say no, they often receive the supplies anyway, along with a bill.

When Pipi Peterson, house mother of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, was offered a camera just for talking to a telephone sales representative, she didn't accept.

But she received the camera anyway, along with a bill for supplies that she didn't order.

In the last four years, Peterson said, she has received cleaning sup-

plies, light bulbs and bills that neither she nor the house manager ordered.

The bills Peterson received were for about \$150 to \$180, she said.

Alpha Delta Pi sends the supplies back or makes a reasonable effort to do so and then keeps them, she said.

Peterson has sent letters to the Better Business Bureau about the problem, she said.

Greek houses elect new officers every year, and companies prey upon their lack of knowledge of the previous year's business, she said.

Dave Willman, Interfraternity Council president, said companies try to take advantage of the greek system because it's self-governed.

Greek houses have no reason to go outside Lincoln for their supplies and they should be wary of companies that call from out of state, he said.

Jayne Wade Anderson, director of Greek Affairs, said her office started a vendor policy in 1987 to protect fraternities and sororities from dishonest door-to-door salespeople.

The policy states that if salespeople want to sell their products at greek houses, they have to obtain permits at the greek affairs office, Anderson said.

Before granting a permit, a vendor's references are checked and a \$50 registration must be paid, she said.

Gosch says code changes make violations clearer

By Jennifer O'Ciłka
Staff Reporter

Although student and faculty representatives Friday recommended removing the "fighting words" and sexual harassment provisions from revisions to the Student Code of Conduct, they recommended keeping other changes.

Phil Gosch, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said the changes made in the code of conduct have been needed for a long time.

Gosch said officials involved with student judicial affairs kept a list of problems they had with the code and portions of it that confused students.

"It all came to a point where it had to be changed," he said, because too many students were confused about the code and there were too many loopholes, he said.

If the regents approve the recom-

mendations, Gosch said, students will have a better understanding of what they can and cannot do.

"They don't have to guess if they are violating the code" because the new code will be clearer, he said.

Gosch said the old code contained only 10 misconduct violations, while the new one lists 29.

"This will help the student judicial office," he said.

The new code includes problems that have come up in the last 10 years, such as computer fraud, he said.

And it gives students a clearer message about the process they must go through if they violate the code, he said.

The recommendations include the following:

● Changing academic dishonesty to include those "soliciting to help another" student cheat. The current



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Mistaken identity

Deana Meisinger, a sophomore theater major, portrays a woman who mistakes her husband's twin brother, played by Lance Lippold, a graduate student, to be her husband in "The Comedy of Errors." The Theatre production will be held May 3, 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. at the Studio Theatre in the Temple Building, 12th and R streets.

200 attend ceremony

New research buildings dedicated

By James P. Webb
Staff Reporter

CLAY CENTER -- Animal agriculture production was bolstered when two new research facilities were added at the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center near here, speakers at the dedication of the buildings said Saturday.

More than 200 livestock industry representatives were on hand for the dedication of The Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center Building and the Animal Health Systems Research Laboratory Building.

University of Nebraska researchers at the \$7.5 million center and laboratory, called MARC, will conduct veterinary and education research in conjunction with officials at Kansas State University and the U.S. Agricultural Research Service.

The veterinary center contains classrooms, a library, computer teaching and clinical laboratories, treatment, surgery and post-mortem areas, and a 20-student dormitory.

Gary Rupp, the center's director,

said the veterinary center will provide one to eight weeks of training on a rotating basis for more than 100 veterinary students in KSU's program, including 30 from the University of Nebraska.

A minimum of two years of pre-veterinary study are required before students may enter the KSU program, he said. One-quarter of the KSU's 90-student veterinary program will begin training in May, he said.

NU will provide instruction for veterinary students and participate in the medical care of 25,000 research animals, he said.

Martin Massengale, University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor and NU interim president, said the center will help U.S. livestock production compete in "rapidly changing world markets."

"If we're going to compete and stay ahead of this great world of ours, we must do it on our intellectual capacity," he said.

Dean Plowman, ARS administrator, said that despite challenges by animal research critics, animal agriculture will remain strong because of

an expected doubling of the world population in 30 to 40 years.

"That's a tremendous challenge to feed the world," he said.

"We have vast acreages and land areas in this country, as well as other parts of the world, that would not be suitable to growing any other crops except those that can be used by animals," Plowman said.

Gene mapping, which will be added to the ARS program next year, and biotechnology are two expanding areas of research that promise to improve livestock quality, he said.

"We need to be able to evaluate genes that control growth and reproduction, and resistance to disease... and really speed up the progress that we make in making animals better," Plowman said.

Plowman said Congress is considering giving the center a start on such programs.

Currently, MARC's budget is \$10 million. Congress is considering a 15 percent increase of \$1.4 million.

Rep. Virginia Smith of Nebraska,

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