

# Chaloupka knocks Senate apathy

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Reviewing his ten months in office, ASUN President Bill Chaloupka Tuesday criticized the performance of the student senate, but praised the accomplishments of other ASUN sponsored programs.

"We haven't had a very effective Senate this year," he said. "But with regard to services and programs offered by ASUN, it has been ASUN's most effective year."

Chaloupka said that such ASUN sponsored programs as the World in Revolution conference, Nebraska Free University, Faculty Evaluation and the student record store were highly successful.

The ASUN president said that ASUN's biggest problem this year has been trying to make the Senate a viable body.

"The existence of the Council on Student Life made the fact apparent that the Senate is trying to be a legislative body when it has little legislative power," he said. "It will be difficult in the future for the Senate to pretend it is a legislative body."

The ASUN Senate has had other problems this school year. Ten senators have resigned since last spring and the Senate has been frequently troubled by lack of quorum.

Chaloupka said the Senate has been ineffective due to its own inefficiency, a lack of executive leadership, and the fact that talented people are involved in other activities. He added that student apathy was not responsible for the Senate failings this school year.

But the ASUN president noted that the Senate could be an innovative force next semester.

To accomplish this Chaloupka suggested that the Senate become more involved in the total process student government and that the Senate establish a better rapport with students serving on important University committees.

Efforts have been started this semester to make the Senate more effective. Last month ASUN started investigating the

possible restructuring of the Senate and the Senate itself requested the University Rights Committee to consider the creation of a student-faculty senate.

Chaloupka said he favored the concept of a student-faculty senate. But he noted that such university senates in the U.S. have only been created as the results of serious campus disrupt

Commenting on the usefulness of the World in Revolution conference in which ASUN spend \$3,000, Chaloupka said, "There is cause to question a program when you spend that much money in a week. But it was a justified expense. It was the most successful student activity ever done on the campus."

"We've achieved many things this year and we have opened alternatives for future ASUN leaders," he continued. He mentioned student cooperatives and faculty evaluation as the main innovative areas of the current ASUN.

Chaloupka, an engineering major, said he would probably be attending the University next year. If he is at the University next year, Chaloupka said he would consider about applying for manager of the student record store.

Chaloupka's one year term as ASUN president ends April 29.

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