

## State of Union: 4-month delay

By Ellyn Hass

Wondering about the state of the Union? The budget remains the same—\$3 million. But a 4-month delay probably will push the opening date of the new East Campus Union to September 1976, reported Daryl Swanson, Nebraska Union Planning Committee member. He said alterations in the plans submitted to the committee by architects is causing the delay.

Swanson said a second set of plans for the proposed East Campus Union now is being revised by the Virginia-based architectural firm of McGaughy, Marshall, McMillan and Blackiund.

He said the firm submitted the first set of plans to the planning committee in August 1973, but the plan was "rejected for all practical purposes."

He said the committee wanted the firm to include a public entrance on the north side to serve a proposed pedestrian mall north of the Union.

The committee also wanted a service entry and loading dock on the east side instead of on the north side, as proposed by the firm.

Finally, the committee wanted a southwest public entrance instead of the southeast public entrance proposed by the firm.

When the second set of preliminary drawings was submitted Jan. 14, the changes had been made, said Swanson, but the committee wanted further alterations.

The committee recommended a reduction of window size in view of the energy shortage and wanted the firm to develop a new stairway location scheme.

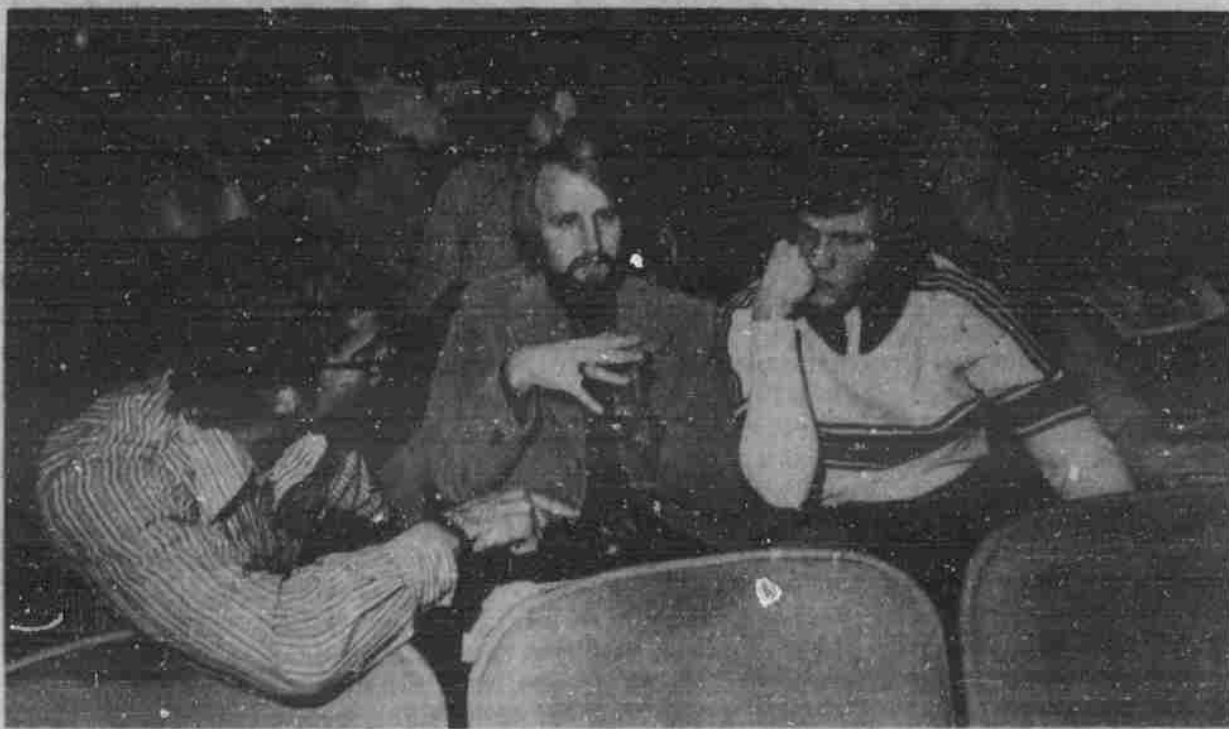
The layout for the food service and dining areas, as proposed in the second set of plans, also was not acceptable to the committee, and should be changed according

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ASUN Senators Karl Cochrane, Brian Waid and Dave Thurber discuss abolishing the current Senate constitution.

## Constitution reform resolution killed

UNL students this week will be asked to sign petitions that would allow them to vote on abolishing the current ASUN constitution.

In a special meeting Sunday, the ASUN Senate voted 15-11-2 against placing a resolution for an interim ASUN constitution on the March 13 ASUN ballot. A two-thirds vote (24) of the Senate was needed.

The resolution, in the form of a constitutional amendment, still could be placed on the ballot, however, if 1,000 student signatures are obtained before the Wednesday filing deadline.

Written by ASUN First Vice-President Mark Hoeger, the resolution calls for the dissolution of the current ASUN constitution; it would be replaced with an interim organization. The interim body's main function would be to draft a new constitution by November 15.

The temporary structure, however, would be a board of trustees, comprised of 38 representatives, including a chairman and two vice-chairmen.

The current Senate structure provides for an executive branch, made up of three persons, and a legislative body.

The division between executive and legislative areas now "is a real deterrent to ASUN's effectiveness," Hoeger said. "But we've included a chairman (and vice-chairmen) in the interim body for organizational purposes."

The duties of the Senate could be divided more evenly among all senators if the temporary structure were created, he said.

"All those in Senate would have a chance to be more active in Senate affairs," he said.

Sen. Sharon Johnson, College of Home Economics, countered that belief.

Establishing a broader power base might be a "real threat to the continuation of (current ASUN) programs," Johnson said.

For example, the second vice-president now is in charge of all ASUN committees. Who would fill that role under the temporary government?, she asked.

Hoeger said someone could be designated by the Board of Trustees.

## ASUN to sponsor open meeting

"To show that the students on campus mean business," ASUN Senate will sponsor a mass meeting Wednesday, according to ASUN Sen. Jim Macomber, meeting coordinator.

The session is designed to allow students to voice their opinions on campus alcohol and visitation policies, he said.

A panel of representatives from the Residence Hall Assoc. and the Interfraternity Council will be available to answer questions, "but the session is not designed to be a question and answer session," said Mark Hoeger, ASUN first vice president.

"It is designed so that students will have a means to directly give their views to the Board of Regents and not have to go through CSL (Council on Student Life) or ASUN," he said.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Ballroom.

## Pass/fail blessing could curse those seeking more education

By Wes Albers

The option of taking courses pass/fail may seem a blessing now, but students applying to graduate or professional schools may change their opinion of that grading option.

Undergraduate taking many courses pass/fail may be at a disadvantage when applying for post-graduate study, according to UNL graduate and professional school officials.

Officials said there was uncertainty, however, as to how many hours of pass/fail are considered excessive.

A survey last fall by the Educational Record, a national educational publication, indicated that students taking more than 10% of their course hours pass/fail would be at a disadvantage when applying to graduate and professional schools.

The survey polled 200 graduate schools, 50 law schools and 50 medical schools.

"It's almost impossible to say how much pass/fail is too much," Graduate College Associate Dean James Drew said.

Students now can register for a maximum of 24 hours pass/fail, subject to approval by the individual colleges or departments.

Drew said, however, that students taking pass/fail in their major courses or areas of a "closely supportive nature" could be at a

disadvantage when applying to the graduate school.

He also said the students could have trouble getting scholarships from the college.

Chief pre-med adviser, Paul Landolt, said the NU Medical Center favors graded courses.

"If a student's record is overloaded with pass/fail courses, the admissions committee begins to wonder why he didn't take grades in those courses," he said.

Students taking a lot of pass/fail still have a chance, Landolt said. He said admissions tests and interviews, however, are stressed more for such students.

Law College Dean Henry Grether said the college has no rule setting an acceptable amount of pass/fail hours.

"It's a little like pornography," he said. "You can't define it, but you know it when you see it."

Associate Dean Donald Shaneyfelt, a member of the Law College admissions board, said he looks askance at anything beyond 15 hours of pass/fail.

"Students won't be removed from consideration for too many pass/fail hours," he said. "More emphasis will just have to be put on other factors like their Law School Admission Test."

