

# ASUN shelves move to call constitutional convention

The ad hoc ASUN constitutional convention committee recommended that an act to call the convention be defeated in ASUN action Wednesday night.

The act to call a convention was in response to a petition which called for revision of the present constitution "to promote student involvement." The petition, signed by the required 3 percent of UNL students, specified April 5 as the date the convention be called.

Sophomore Bob Gleason, arts and sciences senator from Omaha, noted several problems with calling the convention, including hampering the ability of the administration of ASUN next year, wasting "energy that could be better channeled to other areas", bringing unjustified suspicion on the constitution and the tendency

for most problems not to be part of the constitution itself.

"We couldn't find any faults," said Gleason. "We're not saying that no faults exist, just that we couldn't find them in the last week."

Gleason reminded the senate that it can submit amendments for ratification or to call a convention at a later date. "All we're saying is let's not act hastily," he concluded.

The act was subsequently defeated. An ad hoc committee was then formed to study the necessity of calling a constitutional convention.

In other business, the rules of the new senate were passed after discussion and minor amendments. The act gave ASUN President Ken Marienau the power to appoint former vice-president Charles Fellingham senate parliamentarian.

Mark Knobel, Union Board president, spoke to the senate on the proposed changes in the union during open forum. Knobel expressed the wish to work closely with ASUN next year, and carefully outlined all the renovations and proposed shops now under consideration.

However, sophomore arts and sciences senator Tom Beyer, of Omaha asked "Isn't

all this turning the union into another Gateway Mall? Some of the establishments here can really exploit the student - I don't feel its helpful to replace the Crib with candy and ice cream (one of the proposed renovations.)"

Knobel replied, "To get people into the union, we must find a way to attract people. These things have worked on other campuses - we hope they'll work here."

Graduate student Steve Upton, of Madison, was elected speaker pro tempore for the new senate. Sophomore engineering senator Nathan Wesley, of Oakland, was elected sergeant-at-arms.

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