

Senate blasts possible surcharge on football tickets

By Barb Richardson

ASUN unanimously voted Wednesday night to continue opposing the stadium expansion and to oppose any proposal that would impose a surcharge on student tickets to pay for the expansion.

"It's been brought to my attention by my constituents that students are treated like second-rate citizens," Senator Dale Wojtasek told the senate. He said students must stand in lines for hours to get tickets in the upper part of the stadium, while other people get good seats for free.

Students "get shafted and sent up to the rafters," he said. "The regents are playing their little political merry-go-round games," he added.

President Bud Cuca said that the surcharge will probably be brought up at the May meeting. Chances are "pretty good" that the surcharge will pass, he said.

Scalping 'problem'

Cuca told the senate that some of the regents are looking at ways to cut down on scalping of student tickets. In open forum Cuca said, "One of the things we will be looking for is a solution to the problem—I'm not sure it's a problem—of scalping tickets."

Sen. Novak said that the resolution was not worded strongly enough. He said he would like to "throw a few four letter words into it."

Past president Ken Marienau said that although he was not sure who introduced the proposal to the regents, Regent Prokop is "pushing for the surcharge."

ASUN also passed an organic act introduced by Sen. Brad Belt that "mandates that all regularly enrolled students, as members of the Association, shall have standing in all actions brought before the Student Court questioning the functioning of ASUN."

Belt told the senate that any student who shows an interest in student government should be able to legally question the student government.

He said that the court still would be able to dismiss cases on their merit rather than if students have an interest or not.

Accountability

Sen. John Parsons asked Belt if students would abuse

the legislation and flood the court with cases.

Belt said he did not expect a flooding of the court adding that cases can be dismissed on merit. He added that he hoped ASUN would not do anything to merit a court case but in case it did, students have a right to submit a case against ASUN.

Belt said a problem with the act may be that the ASUN may be usurping the power of the court.

Sen. Dee Ann Davis spoke in favor of the act. She said the act would give students the ability to have a check on

student government and would increase ASUN's accountability to students.

Wojtasek said students should be able to check their own government and it should not be left up to the student court to decide if students have that right.

In other judicial actions, ASUN voted to create an ad hoc committee to recommend reform of the Student Court and the appellate functions of the Commission on Student Life.

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