

ASUN Hare ballot system fails senate approval

By Patti Gallagher

A bill supporting continued use of the Hare ballot system for ASUN elections failed on a 13-14-1 vote Wednesday night at the ASUN Senate meeting.

The Hare ballot system allows voters to list their chosen candidates in order of preference. In the event of a nonmajority total, votes excluding the first choice go to the other candidates.

The system, supporters said, prevents requiring a run-off election.

The Hare system was used in last year's ASUN elections and the 1979 election. Both elections required a run-off.

The alternate to the Hare system is a general election and run-off system.

Four supporting points

The ASUN Special Topics Committee, who submitted the bill supported it on four points. They include:

—a cost of \$725 less than the general election system. The committee said the Hare system would eliminate that sum from the total election budget of about \$2,300 because it would not require a run-off.

—understandability. Although some senators argue that the Hare system was confusing to voters and cause voter apathy, the committee proposed using some of the funds saved for voter education about the Hare.

—public relations. Because of past elections problems ASUN has received negative response from students, those opposing the bill said. The committee said that was the result of poor management in the Electoral Commission, and could be eliminated by planning more thoroughly to insure smooth operations.

Unanswered problems

Speaking against the bill was ASUN First Vice President Mark Hirschfeld. He said many of the problems posed by the Hare system were not answered, and said his experience in the past two elections have proved the Hare

unworkable.

Hirschfeld said that last year's use of the Hare, which caused one candidate to file suit against the electoral commission, damaged the credibility of ASUN.

Senator Tom Vergith said that the amount of time required at the Senate meeting to explain the bill was proof of its confusing nature.

ASUN president Renee Wessels spoke in favor of the Hare system because she said it provides a clear majority when processed correctly. She also said an election system which provides a majority was mandated by the NU Board of Regents two years ago.

Routine lawsuits

And lawsuits are almost a routine part of ASUN elections, one being filed for nearly the past ten years, Wessels said.

Because the Senate killed the bill, and very little discussion was heard on its alternate, Wessels said the Senate is not left without an election plan.

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Entry forms for the races are available at Phidippides in the Atrium.

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