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25 EXECUTIVE BILL #7

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### BILL HISTORY

Participants in UCSU and many students at large have expressed a desire to go to Nicaragua in order to participate in some apolitical, constructive manner, much the same as many internationalists from Europe are doing. Steve Kerpin, Phoebe Hirsch, and Jeffrey Bishop have created a construction project in Nicaragua called APSNICA. An organization with which UCSU is highly involved, USSA, will be organizing and funding groups of students from all over the country to take part in this construction project. We feel that there is a need for and a demand for this type of involvement from many students at CU.

APSNICA (Architects and Planners in Support of Nicaragua) is a federation of groups and individuals concerned with the lack of shelter for many large families in Nicaragua. This organization grew out of a delegation of architects and planners who visited Nicaragua in June of 1984. While there, they were asked by many Nicaraguan villagers to construct 50 units of housing in Pancasan, an area of the Matagalpa region of north central Nicaragua. Now, as the organization and its responsibilities have grown, APSNICA has the three following components:

Building Housing- The Pancasan Construction project

Technical Assistance Program- Providing technical assistance in the building fields, to various ministries and agencies in Nicaragua

Delegations- Ten day tours focusing on housing and planning issues.

Steve Kerpin, president of APSNICA, runs the organization from Los Angeles. Phoebe Hirsch and Jeffrey Bishop live on site in Matagalpa, Nicaragua and organize the construction that takes place there. They have overcome the tremendous hurdles of international communication, the difficulties and limitations that exist in many developing countries, and countless other problems that come up in the formation of an organization such as this one.

All three coordinators will be in the U.S. in October and have agreed to speak at CU then. They will be able to give the students the most recent information on the situation in Nicaragua with respect to constructive U.S. student participation possibilities. UCSU has encountered much interest from students at CU who have voiced concerns about U.S. policy and involvement in Central America, but do not know how to get involved. We, at UCSU, would like to present options for humanitarian actions and the international construction brigades are a positive way of expressing concern.

Within U.S. international relations with a democratic nation, the government of this country normally expresses for us that which we need to say as citizens. But in this case, as independent polls indicate, the U.S. government is funding a Contra war that the citizens of the United States do not support. We know from the student referendum of April, 1985 that the majority of the UCSU voting students condemned the actions of the CIA in Central America. What we, as students, can learn from the APSNICA speakers is that we have the power and ability to take constructive action in a legally and culturally sensitive manner.

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**BILL SUMMARY**

This Bill shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$534 to go towards three round trip air fares from Los Angeles to Denver @ \$178 each. The money shall come from the Executive Council Discretionary Fund.

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**BE IT ENACTED by the Executive Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:**

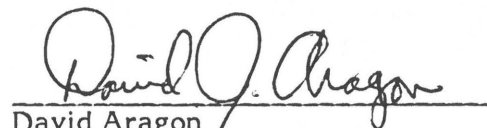
- SECTION 1: An amount not to exceed \$534 shall pay for the round trip air fares, from L.A. to Denver, of Phoebe Hirsch, Jeffrey Bishop, and Steve Kerpin of APSNICA.
- SECTION 2: Each plane ticket costs \$178.
- SECTION 3: Other organizations on campus have been solicited and have agreed to fund all advertising costs for the event. The speakers will pay for their own room and board fees.

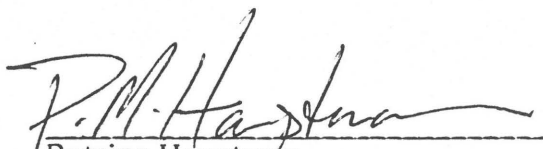
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