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26 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BILL #24

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BILL HISTORY

For the last five sessions the party system has had a lock on all elected representative positions in our student government. Students who are not affiliated with parties are unable to win a seat on Council and as a result, many views go unrepresented. Although there is some degree of diversity represented through the parties, students who are not affiliated with party members have no realistic chance of sitting on Council. Many pieces of legislation are able to pass through Council easily and unquestioned due to the lack of diversity in opinions present.

One facet of the parties' control over the elections results from their ability to work around the spending limit. Regardless of the spending limit, independent candidates are at a severe disadvantage due to the cost effectiveness of the party system. For example, posters, buttons, balloons, brochures, etc. are cheaper when bought in high quantities. Independent candidates cannot share these fixed expenses and cannot stretch their campaign dollars as far as party candidates.

In addition, Council's ability to work together effectively is hindered by party oriented conflicts. This is particularly true at election time when the atmosphere on Council is extremely tense and the Representatives are not able to look beyond their party ideologies in order to carry out the responsibilities they were elected to perform.

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BILL SUMMARY

This Bill shall amend the current UCSU Election Code.

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

SECTION 1: The attached revisions will be added to the UCSU Election Code and the appropriate sections shall be changed.

SECTION 2: This Bill takes effect upon passage.

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Proposed Election Code Changes  
February 5, 1987

ARTICLE I. PRINCIPLES OF THE ELECTION CODE

Section 3 - Terminology

Section 3.15 - Define CAMPAIGN ASSOCIATION -- the collective organization of two or more candidates with the intent of combining resources to pursue an advantage over other candidates.

ARTICLE V. ELECTION PROCESS

Section 10 - Campaign Regulations

Add:

- 10.10 No campaign association shall endorse any candidate or candidates.
- 10.11 Two or more candidates may not use identical layout or graphics on campaign materials.
- 10.12 For a period of two weeks prior to the week of the election, candidates may not carry on their persons or display anything identifying them with a campaign association.
- 10.13 There shall be no identifiable characteristics, logos, or personal statements by the candidates linking any candidate to any other candidate or campaign association.
- 10.14 One candidate's name shall not appear with any other candidate's name or any campaign association's name on any campaign material.

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