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32 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BILL #19

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

STUDENT UNION

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BILL HISTORY

The fourth annual National and College Student Conference on Non-Violent Social Change, is a conference which has been developed by the Martin Lugher King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change, Inc. This five day conference is comprised of workshops on basic training in non-violent social change, advanced workshops on applied non-violence, leadership development and the forming of interracial and intercultural coalitions. The conference will also include keynote speakers whose purpose are to inspire, educate and motivate conference participants to not only take part in the conference but to take it back to their prospective campuses.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill shall allocate \$1252.00 + GAR from Central Reserve to fund airfare for 4 people and accomadations for 4 people to attend the fourth annual National College and University Conference on Non-Violent Social Change, on Jan. 11-15. Two people from Legislative Council and two people appointed by the Executives will attend this conference.

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

| SECTION 1: | An amount not to exceed \$1252.00 + GAR shall be |
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| | allocated from the UCSU Central Reserve for 4 RT |
| | tickets to Atlanta, GA and accommodations for 4 |
| | people. |
| SECTION 2: | A written report shall be submitted pursuant to 24 ECB #4. |
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| SECTION 3: | This bill takes effect upon passage. |
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| BUDGET | |
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| 4 RT tickets @\$238.00 ea. (requested from UCSU) | \$ 952.00 |
| Registration fee @ \$65 x 2 (requested from delegates) | 260.00 |
| Hotel (6 nights @\$50/ngt) | 300.00 |
| Total Cost | \$1512.00 |
| Unmet need | \$260.00 |

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THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

a report pursuant to 24 ECB #4

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THE CONFERENCE FOR NON-VIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE BASED ON THE IDEAS OF REV./DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

PREFACE: One must understand that my thoughts on this conference, and my time spent there was heavily influenced by the fact that I was the only white male from the 12 member CU delegation, the only white male in my lecture group of over 30 people, and one of few white males at the conference. I feel pretty priveleged to have gone on this conference, and I thank council for sending me, because it was especially educational on a personal level because of the reasons above, and also because of the intellectual reasons given below.

THE GOOD: The conference was divided up into two kinds of events, the big speakers, and then smaller lecture groups where we had homework each night, discussed it the following day, and also looked at ways of applying Kingian Non-violence principles and methods.

The best speakers were Jesse Jacson Jr. and Bernice King. There was also an organizer from the Tianemen Square protests this summer in China, and Coretta Scott King. There were a few other speakers, but they were kind of boring.

We discussed and applied the six principles of non violence:1.Nonviolence is a way of life;2 Nonviolence seeks to win friendship and understanding;3 Nonviolence seeks to defeat injustice and not people; 4 Nonvilence holds that suffering can educate and transform; 5 Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate; 6 Nonviolence believes that the universe is on the side of justice. The triple evils are:Poverty, Racism and Violence. Six steps for nonviolent social change 1. Info. gathering; 2. Education 3. Personal Commitment; 4. Negotiations; 5. Direct action; 6.Reconciliation. There is a ton of hand-outs on all of these subjects, so if you want further info. check in the office or with me.

We also got a chance to listen and read a lot of Dr. King's speeches, here's a few samples that impressed me:

"Morality can not be legislated, but behavior can be regulated." "social progress never roles in on the wheels of inevitably." "Destinies of white men and negros are tied together...there is no seperate path to power and fullfilment without intersecting white roots..." "Racism is evil because its ultimate logic is genocide;" "Racism is not empirical observation but ontological affirmation." "Time is neutral, it can be used either constructively or destructively."

" Riots are destructive and socially self defeating."

THERE WERE A COUPLE OF OTHER GOOD QUOTES BY OTHERS:

"Freedom from emancipation for the blacks was freedom for hunger." -Fredrick Douglas "Students arn't apathetic, they are uninspired." -Jesse Jackson Jr.

THE BAD: Sometimes the people in my group didn't respect my opinions/comments very much because I think they didn't think I knew what it was like to be black. This of course was a pretty valid point, but was unfortunate for communication purposes. Also, USSA was heavily apparent and recruiting at the conference; I would be doing the same thing I guess if I were them, but I felt that they were recruiting people based on goals for USSA I don't necessarily agree with.

THE UGLY: The worst part was my facilitator; she was incredibly biased and didn't try to hide them. She agreed with one speaker that the reason the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on Japan and not Germany is because Germans are white and Japaneese are yellow skinned, and that the reason Bush meets with Gorbachev and not Ortega is because Ortega is hispanic and Gorbachev is white. During the course of our discussions, she made no effort to oppose or balance statements by people wanting to pursue violent solutions based on Malcolm X, instead of peaceful ones based on Martin Luther King. She also said it was impossible for a black person to be racist to a white person because to be racist you have to be in a position of power. Iasked her about these things later, and she didn't back down from the position. I saw attitudes like hers to be a real hinderence to getting rid of racism because the african americans at the conference were untrusting of whites already.

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