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33 Legislative Council Bill #8

### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

#### STUDENT UNION

Sponsored by:

Graduate Representative Graduate Representative Co-Executive

Sandra McRae Malinda Matney Scott Urban

Authored by:

Graduate Representative Sandra McRae

### A BILL

#### BILL HISTORY

Since its formation in the Spring of 1990, the United Government of Graduate Students has been active planning and implementing strategy to improve the living and working conditions of graduate and other students at the University of Colorado in Boulder. For example, they now have a ratified constitution and an elected Executive Board, and have appointed representatives to several committees. In addition, with affordable health care for all students as one of their primary concerns, they now have a representative on the UCSU Health Board and two representatives on the University-wide Health Insurance Search Committee.

On their student empowerment campaign, UGGS and the Graduate Student Advisory Council network with other student governments, including the State Universities of New York. Chris Vestudo, longtime student advocate, has offered to speak at CU-Boulder on the finer points of student organizing and empowerment. Chris has been active in establishing powerful student unions on all four SUNY campuses, where they successfully lobbied to increase the base pay for graduate assistants by \$1,200. His experience working with university administrations and the state legislature to promote student rights and concerns makes Chris Vestudo an invaluable resource for the UGGS, not only for the inspiration, but for practical strategies as well.

#### BILL SUMMARY

This bill allocates \$498 plus GAR to bring graduate student organizer Chris Vestudo to the United Government of Graduate Students Fall Event on September 6, 1990.

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

SECTION 1: Legislative Council allocates from Central Reserve an amount not to exceed \$498 plus GAR to bring student organizer Chris Vestudo to the United Government of Graduate Students Fall Event.

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SECTION 2: A written report will be submitted within one month after the date of the event (September 6, 1990) pursuant to 24 ECB #4.

SECTION 3: This bill will take effect upon passage.

BUDGET

Airfare-Roundtrip New York/Denver, 7-day notice (for some odd reason this is cheaper than 14-day notice) \$386.50

Speaker's Fee

<u>200.00</u> Total \$586.50

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# 33 Report for/Legislative Council Bill \* 8

Report by:

Graduate Representative

Malinda Matney

## **Report Summary**

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## **Report History**

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Chris spoke to audiences of about 200 students, as well as attended our health insurance fair, where he spoke to about 300 more students. Overall, the event was a big success, and UGGS has incorporated many of Chris' strategies toward improving graduate student life, particularly in 1990-1991 in the area of health insurance.

Thanks for helping make this event successful!