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34 Legislative Council Bill #17

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION

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BILL HISTORY

The Office of Victim Assistance has been created to offer a caring, supportive place to go when someone within the campus community has been involved in a crime, accident, or an assault. The office functions, in many cases, as a liaison between the victim and other campus offices and/or services which are already available on and off campus. The program coordinator can also work with the victim to contact parents, and/or professors at times when it is difficult for the individual to directly notify these people of the current predicament being faced.

Clients are often referred to this office by other agencies and/or offices, such as The Boulder Rape Crisis Team. On occasion, the coordinator works with the parents, and/or friends of the victim, in addition to the actual victim, in order to help all involved to smooth the transition between occurrence of the trauma, and the eventual re-entry into daily life.

A high number of the victims helped through this office are victims of sexual assault. Other incidents which have created the need for our services are: loss of possessions due to fire, theft, car accident, climbing accident and armed physical assault.

In some of the above mentioned incidents, the event has caused not only physical and/or mental trauma but also the loss of and/or the need for such things as rent and grocery money in the case of robbery and loss of clothing and books in the case of fire.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill allocates \$350.00 + GAR to a UCSU Special Events account designed to help with relieving the undo financial burden placed on those students who have been a victim of a crime, an accident or an assault.

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

SECTION 1: An amount not to exceed \$350.00 + GAR shall be allocated from the Legislative Council account to a UCSU account designed to allocate funds to those who have been a victim of a crime, an accident or an assault.

SECTION 2: Allocation of funds shall be determined by
by Legislative Council Committee and Victim
Assistance to insure that funds are allocated
to students.

SECTION 3: This account shall be closed on June 30, 1991.

SECTION 4: This bill takes effect upon passage.

3/14/91 - Passes - Legislative Council - 1st Reading - 9-3-3

3/21/91 - Passes - Legislative Council - 2nd Reading - Acclamation



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