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36 Legislative Council Bill #24

University of Colorado  
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A BILL

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BILL HISTORY

For the past 9 years, the CU Speech and Debate Association has received moneys from a referendum in order to fund the CU Speech and Debate Team expenses. Each year the team travels to approximately 12 tournaments throughout the nation. This referendum has become extremely important in helping students enrich their cultural and artistic education. It has also allowed CUSDA to provide free nationally ranked performances to all CU students.

Students have been able, through the CUSDA referendum, to develop and increase their communication, organization, and research skills. The competitors, all CU-Boulder students, compete in a variety of public speaking events including cross examination debate, impromptu speaking, informative speaking, persuasive speaking, poetry interpretation, prose interpretation, duet interpretation, and many others.

Team membership ranges from 25-50 people, with an average traveling squad of about 20. Although competitive success is usually enjoyed, it has no effect on priority in traveling. This rule however, is not recognized in reference to national tournaments for which students must qualify.

Perhaps most interesting is the fact that CUSDA is one of the only student run speech teams in the nation. IT IS THE ONLY STUDENT RUN TEAM TO BE NATIONALLY RANKED. At most Universities and Colleges around the nation there is a full time coaching staff, sometimes there is a research staff, and students complete in Forensics on full ride scholarships. CU students, however, compete in the activity because they enjoy it. We are currently ranked 13th in the nation out of 234 schools that qualified to attend the last national tournament.

The referendum consists of 35 cents per student per academic semester. In the past, this has come to equal approximately \$16,000/per year for the corresponding referendum account. In the

spring of 1992, this referendum requires re-approval by the students. CUSDA requests the Legislative Council and the Executive to place this referendum question on the Spring 1992 UCSU Election Ballot.

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

**SECTION 1:** The Legislative Council hereby directs the Election Commissioner to place a referendum question on the Spring 1992 UCSU Election Ballot.

**SECTION 2:** The question shall read:

"Will you continue to give 35 cents in student fees per semester for the next three years in support of the nationally ranked CU Speech and Debate Association?"

YES ( )

NO ( )

**SECTION 3:** This bill takes effect upon passage.

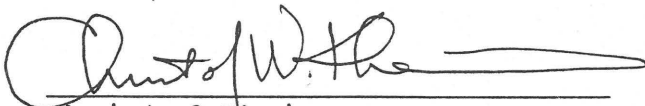
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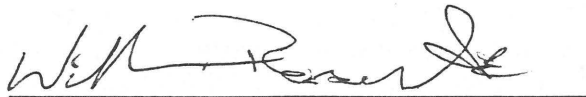
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