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37 Legislative Council Bill #16

University of Colorado  
Student Union

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A BILL

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BILL HISTORY

Students at the University of Colorado all too often can't afford to join the CU Speech and Debate Association. While we, as a team, compete with scholarship programs that offer economic gain to its students, our perspective competitors opt not to compete and work weekend jobs to pay bills. While we are thankful for student aid and are still competitive nationally, we hold a certain sadness over unrealized possibilities of national dominance.

Now we find ourselves within the reaches of a horrid decision. We are running out of money and we don't want to limit student involvement. We can't and don't want to make this decision.

Why we have no money:

1. Team Size Increase

Budgetary projections are formulated on the basis of the travelling squad. Last year, in determining the referendum request, the travelling squad was estimated at seven and three new members. The projections were underestimated. This year's travelling squad consists of seven returning members and eight new members. Without additional revenue, the team will be unable to accommodate the growing travelling interest in forensics on this campus.

2. Cost increase

The last referendum increase for CUSDA was during the spring election of 1989 (while many of us were still in high-school). Since then, hotel rates have increased five to ten percent. The Transportation Center has passed on yearly increases in both rental cost and fuel cost. Concurrently, tournaments have increased registration fees. Finally, the ability to have a nationally competitive team has diminished with increased airfare costs. Clearly, tournament costs have burdened our budget.

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Effects on Students

1. students now pay research cost
  - a. copying
  - b. travelling to other libraries
  - c. paper to brief on
2. students donate cars for travel more often as a result of Transportation Center increases students drive cars - we reimburse for fuel only.
  - a. no insurance
  - b. no wear and tear on car
  - c. no possible damages on vehicle covered
3. students receive less per diem - almost none.

Even with this money, students still pay for some research costs, travelling costs, food during travel, filing cabinets, and a myriad of other expenses. Obviously, the team members also invest an exorbitant amount of time. We only hope that members don't have to suffer financial ruin in order to grow forensically.

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**BILL SUMMARY**

This bill directs the Election Commissioner to place a referendum question on the Fall 1992 UCSU Election Ballot regarding the funding of the CUSDA.

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

**SECTION 1:** The following question shall be placed on the UCSU Fall 1992 Election Ballot:

"Do you support a \$.10/semester increase from 35 cents to 45 cents in your student fees, for the next 2 years, to help pay the increased expenses of CU Speech and Debate?"

YES ( )

NO ( )

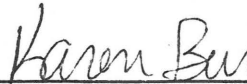
**SECTION 2:** This referendum shall be placed on the UCSU Fall 1992 Election Ballot upon passage.

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

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10/1/92-Passes as amended-Legislative Council-1st Reading-Accl.  
10/8/92-Passes as amended-Legislative Council-2nd Reading-Accl.

  
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