

October 1, 1992

37 Representative Council Bill #5

University of Colorado
Student Union

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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

Over the last eighteen months the political situation in Somalia has degenerated into anarchy. Urban centers are 'hostage' to the whims of armed 'gangs' that have found along clan lines. Rural Somalia is similarly afflicted, and on-going civil war has disrupted agricultural activity by peasants and led to massive displacement of the rural population. Somalia is also subject to the four year drought that is affecting the horn of Africa as a whole. The overall effect of these combined crises is a famine/food shortage of appalling proportions.

Relief organizations have put the number of those at risk of immanent starvation at 1.5 million. An estimated 25% of all children under the age of 5 have died this year, as a recent Oxfam report put it "an entire generation could perish". Some 300,000 Somalis have fled to neighboring Kenya and thousands flock to major cities seeking food, all these people are now dependent on food aid. Somalia is certainly the worst human tragedy of this year, and quite possibly of the decade. It is unacceptable that a catastrophe of this magnitude pass without comment and unnoticed on this campus.

We would like to have a public lecture by Ms. Janet Green and Mukhtar Alas on October 9, 1992 at 7 p.m. We have reserved a room, Math auditorium 100 and made reservations for a ticket (Oxfam H.Q. in Boston)

BILL SUMMARY

This bill allocates \$692.00 plus GAR from Representative Account #1391121 to fund expenses of a public lecture by Ms. Janet Green and Mukhtar Alas on October 9, 1992.

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

SECTION 1: This bill allocates \$692.00 plus GAR from Representative Account #1391121 to fund expenses of a public lecture by Ms. Janet Green and Mukhtar Alas on October 9, 1992.

SECTION 2: Written reports and editorials shall be submitted pursuant to 36LCB#20.

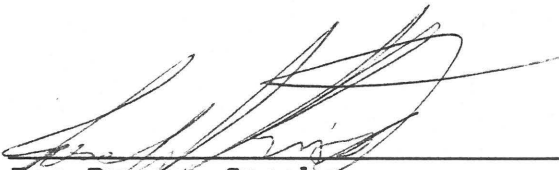
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SECTION 3: This bill takes effect upon passage.

BUDGET

Airfare	\$437.00
Accommodation	\$ 70.00
Microphone	\$ 59.00
Meals	\$ 26.00
Ads	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$692.00</u>

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- Acclamation**

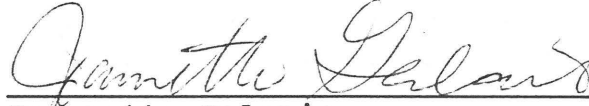


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Biographical Sketch

JANET GREEN

Janet Green is Oxfam America's director of education and outreach. As such, she oversees a vital part of Oxfam America's program work—educating people here in the United States about issues of hunger and development.

In addition to working on such campaigns as the annual Fast for a World Harvest, Green is involved in developing educational material for schools and working with legislators to educate them about how U.S. policies affect our project partners overseas. She has been a key organizer of the Mickey Leland Memorial Hunger Banquet since its inception.

A nurse by training, Green has been at Oxfam America since 1984. She has visited Oxfam America projects in southern Sudan and returned yesterday from famine-stricken Somalia. She has also travelled in Central and South America.

Green also sits on the development education steering committee for Interaction, an umbrella group of more than 125 development organizations nationwide.

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