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38 Council of Colleges and Schools Bill #7

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### BILL HISTORY

The greatest successes in the half-century between 1942 and 1992 can easily summarize the important role that international law has played in shaping a new world order, one no longer governed by isolationism but by interrelationism, one that needs well trained professionals capable of leading it. Consequently, international law and issues are gaining much interest among law students.

New international law courses are offered at the University of Colorado School of Law to meet students interests. Visiting professors have and will continue to be brought in. This semester the Law School has few but well attended classes covering international law: International Business Transactions, International Tax, and an International Environmental Law Seminar. Next Fall, a special course on the North American Free Trade Agreement will also be offered.

Although the Law School administration has been academically responsive to the needs of its student body, the School of Law still lacks an organization that can adequately represent the growing interests of law students in international law. Thereby, we are in the process of forming a chapter of The American Society of International Law (ASIL) at the Law School. ASIL, one of the oldest and most prestigious international law societies in the U.S., is currently forming a Young Lawyers' Interest Group with its respective chapters in individual law schools throughout the nation.

The purposes of the Interest Group will be three fold. First, the group will create career-oriented programs as part of ASIL meetings and general activities, such as panels explaining how to pursue specific career paths, forums to share information on career opportunities in the U.S. and abroad, and possibly a resume databank to encourage ASIL members to "look within the family" when seeking new talent. Second, the group will focus on creating opportunities for students and recent graduates to play a larger role and to more actively take part in ASIL activities. Thirdly, the group will focus on outreach to students and young lawyers around the world by working through ASIL, the European Law Students' Association, and other student or young lawyers' groups to encourage broader student/young lawyer membership in ASIL and to investigate opportunities for ASIL in increased cosponsorship of student activities.

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The benefits for University of Colorado School of Law students will arise from having a resourceful and prestigious organization sponsor activities and career oriented programs. In addition, the University of Colorado will gain exposure to international law. The benefits for ASIL will derive from membership fees (\$20 student annual fee), as well as from additional exposure of their activities in Colorado.

The Young Lawyers Interest Group (YLIG) has scheduled meetings at ASIL's Annual Meeting to discuss further the group's activities with law student representatives and to formally elect a governing board. ASIL's 87th Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. from March 31 - April 3, 1993.

We have already expressed our interest to YLIG in forming a chapter at the University of Colorado School of Law. We have also contacted the meeting coordinator and submitted applications to serve as Proceeding Reporters during the meeting so that the \$135.00 registration fee will be waived. This trip is essential for the formation of the needed international law society at the School of Law. The new international law society will benefit law students by increasing their participation and exposure to international law and issues.

#### BILL SUMMARY

This bill allocates \$825.00 + GAR from Council of Colleges and Schools account #1391200 to send 2 CU Law School students to Washington, D.C. for ASIL's 87th Annual Meeting, March 31 - April 3, 1993.

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of Colleges and Schools of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

This bill allocate \$825.00 + GAR from Council of Colleges and Schools account #1391200 to send 2 CU Law School students to Washington D.C. for ASIL's 87th Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2: Written reports and editorials shall be submitted pursuant to

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

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