

EC divies up \$102,000 pie

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As has become both a tradition and a necessity, the representatives from W&L's large variety of clubs and organizations met with the members of the E.C. last Wednesday and Thursday nights, begging for scraps from the Committee's \$102,000 budget.

Requests ranged from the Mock Convention's request for \$300 to cover office expenses to the SAB's gargantuan request of \$58,370.

The first evening's business was uneventful until the International Club came up to request \$1,837.

When Senior Rep. John Vlahoplus moved to appropriate \$1,400, club president Henry Baey's reaction was "It could be worse." EC President Bennett Ross reminded Baey, "It might still be." It was; the club got \$1,100.

Phil Murray of the Calyx made what he called a "more than reasonable request of \$10,900." The next evening, while searching for money to give the SAB, the EC made it an even more reasonable \$10,000.

The biggest discussion of the Wednesday night meeting was about Focus and its publication, Excelsior. Focus was set up by last year's committee to establish a symposium every four years to consider philosophic

scientific, economic aspects of specific issues, for example, "nuclear energy."

"What we're looking at here is another damned expensive Mock Convention," Vlahoplus said. "I think it's only fair that the Administration foot the bill because it is an academic pursuit."

The question became not how much money the EC should give it.

"We expect to have lectures, seminars, pamphlets, and displays at the Symposium and if the money and the commitment aren't there on the part of the university, we might as well forget it," said Chris Bouquet, chairman of Focus. The general feeling on the Committee seemed to be one of "let's keep it afloat but not support it completely." As a result the Committee voted to give them \$600 of their requested \$995.70, hoping that the university would get the message that the EC would rather not support the group completely.

The Student Bar Association, represented by John McGarry and Fred Earley, had a novel approach to the proceedings. Before they got very far into their presentation, the SBA made voluntary cuts of \$2,000. This was not quite enough, for the EC however, which eventually gave them \$16,800 of their originally requested \$19,455.

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"Realistically, we know we can't ask the EC for \$19,000," Ron Magee of the Student Association for Black Unity told the EC Thursday night. Originally, it was thought that SABU was going to ask the EC for \$19,000 at the hearings. As it turned out, this was the entire budget and the organization was only asking for \$10,000.

The EC decided to try to meet the need for minority-oriented speakers and entertainment by funding groups other than SABU.

"It's an interest we can meet through a more careful direction of our other committees. We can tell Contact, "you will bring in one speaker agreed upon with SABU," Vlahoplus said. In the end, the EC appropriated \$1,200 and stipulated that SABU and Contact agree on a speaker together. The vote was unanimous.

With \$59,872 left to appropriate, the EC heard from Kevin Brown and Luke Cornelius of the Outing Club who presented their "bare-bones budget of \$1,342.86.

Vice President Morgan Griffith moved to appropriate \$400 and Rep. Ken Terwilleger said that he hoped the money would be spent on "safety items." The \$400 figure passed.

Contact

"We're ticked ... we're ticked

at the Interfraternity Council for one thing. We can't be expected to foot the bill for every committee," Ross exclaimed about the Contact speakers series. Contact was funded by both the IFC and the EC.

But Thursday night the EC had no idea whether Contact would get any money from the IFC.

"The IFC is mismanaged to begin with. We've got to get some kind of permanent funding for Contact. I don't know what the solution is," Ross said.

"It would be very nice for a permanent fund system; I'm just trying to cover the bases for this year," Mike Drinkwater of the committee replied. The general feeling among the EC members seemed to be one of wanting to cut the EC portion of the Contact budget to force the IFC to pull its fair share.

The IFC was not present.

"Inherent in any motion is the idea that we're going after the IFC," Ross said after it was moved that Contact be given \$8,500 of its requested \$12,000.

"What else do they do besides pick up their trash? They should want to do this — it's good PR for them," Griffith commented. The \$8,500 figure passed.

Todd Smith and Steve Perry represented the Ring-tum Phi before the EC. The Phi requested \$12,309 but was told by

ORGANIZATION	LAST YEAR ALLOCATION	THIS YEAR ALLOCATION	COST PER STUDENT
Hockey Club	---	360.00	.21
Mock Convention	---	300.00	.18
International Club	150.00	1,050.00	.61
Rugby Club	609.56	495.38	.28
Fencing Club	600.00	700.00	.40
Film Society	1,125.00	1,200.00	.70
W&L Political Rev.	900.00	1,150.00	.67
Ariel	2,100.00	1,800.00	1.05
Excelsior/Focus	---	600.00	.35
Calyx	10,000.00	10,000.00	5.83
SBA	15,825.00	16,800.00	9.80
SABU	---	1,200.00	.70
Contact	9,000.00	8,500.00	4.96
Ring-tum-Phi	10,180.00	11,750.00	6.85
Outing Club	---	400.00	.23
SAB	38,915.23	40,022.00	23.35
EC	8,145.00	8,300.00	4.84

the EC that since the Publications Board had so much money (over \$7000) that The Phi's budget would be cut.

"I don't see why we should give them that much when they've got money in that fund," Terwilleger commented.

Griffith replied to his fellow EC member, "The purse strings control an awful lot. I don't think we have a right to tell them to dip into their fund."

Smith explained to the EC that the purpose of the Publications Board and the fund is to "insulate" the EC from law suits and cost overruns. Consequently, the Publications Board also insulates The Phi from the EC, theoretically.

"I feel like we're no longer a semi-autonomous body," Smith stated. The Phi was given

\$11,750, and Ross commented that "\$11,750 will say that we realize the paper can be great. I think the Pub Board would be amenable to paying \$600 or \$700 for operating expenses."

The SAB was the final organization to come before the EC. Lanier Edge, this year's chairman, ended up taking the remainder of the funds and some extra. In order for the EC

to give the SAB the predetermined \$40,000, it was necessary to cut \$200 from the SBA budget, \$50 from the Political Review, \$50 from the Calyx. The SAB ended up with \$40,022. Ross closed the meeting, saying, "There is no money anywhere else."

These appropriations are only tentative, pending final EC approval October 18.

Tuesdays