

# SAB Rejects SABU Proposal

by Frank Billingsley

A proposal to appoint a representative from the Student Association for Black Unity to the Student Activities Board failed 25-0-2 at an SAB meeting Sunday night.

Co-Chairman Jamie Small, who cast one of the two abstentions, proposed the motion at the suggestion of SABU Secretary Mark Smith. Smith, who is also Head of Public Relations for SABU, said he made the sug-

gestion because he felt that "SABU had been apart from the mainstream of social and extracurricular activities on campus, for reasons unresolved."

Smith said, "SABU is trying to make a greater effort to contribute to the social and extracurricular life at W&L and we felt the SAB could serve as one of the vehicles for this."

Co-Chairman Pryse Elam, voting against the motion, said, "The members of SABU had

ample time to apply for a member-at-large position on the SAB and none of them did. SABU will not be given any special consideration that wouldn't be given to anyone else." Small also noted that Smith approached him before the deadline to apply for appointments this fall.

Responding to this, Smith said, "I grant them we didn't follow the normal procedure for

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membership, but SABU did not fully decide to take this step until after the deadline. This was a pioneer move of SABU's made after considerable deliberation — not just a whim."

Elam said the Board feared setting a precedent. "If we appoint an ad hoc member from SABU, we might as well appoint one from the Cold Check committee or any other committee that wants us to," he said.

Smith disagreed. "I think SABU is a special entity at

W&L, but if the SAB does not see our situation as extenuating then we are prepared to work through other modes this year. Next year we will definitely have a representative in there."

Smith said, "I feel that a SABU member could represent the black minority here. I believe we have something to offer that would benefit the SAB and W&L community as a whole. We would like to contribute and be heard."

Both Elam and Small said they hoped that SABU would not

be upset over the SAB decision and emphasized that all members of SABU are welcome to attend open meetings. However, Smith said he didn't think SABU's presence would be effective without voting privileges.

Still, Elam said a personal invitation to attend all open meetings would be sent to Jim Herbert, president of SABU. Elam added that he could not stress enough that anyone's views are welcome at the meetings.