

Post-retreat funding request by BSM is basis of CGC penalties

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The Campus Governing Council voted Tuesday night to penalize the Black Student Movement for violation of Student Government Treasury Laws.

The CGC, as part of a bill approving actions of the summer CGC, charged that the BSM had violated Treasury Laws by requesting funding for a summer retreat after the event had already been held.

When presented with the late requisition, the summer CGC voted to pay the \$202 cost of the retreat with money transferred from the BSM's telephone budget. But it ruled that the BSM can only replenish money taken from the phone category by raising funds beyond those already required by the organization's 1983-84 budget.

The CGC's action Tuesday affirmed the additional fund-raising requirement.

Last April, the CGC approved a \$15,615 budget for the BSM, requiring the BSM to raise \$1,200 of the total. Tuesday's action saddled the BSM with raising an additional \$200.

BSM President Sherrod Banks did not attend Tuesday's meeting, but in an interview later, he said he had committed an oversight in not requesting money for the retreat as part of the 1983-84 budget.

But Banks said he had incorrectly assumed money for the retreat would have to come from the summer CGC.

Banks said that prior to the retreat he had attempted to arrange a meeting with Jack Mohr, summer CGC finance chairman, and Rochelle Tucker, then acting student body treasurer, to arrange a transfer of funds from the telephone

category to pay for the retreat.

But, because he was working full-time in Durham, Banks said he was unable to arrange such a meeting. The retreat went on as scheduled on July 12, and Banks made the request for transfer of funds following the event.

While admitting he acted improperly, Banks said he did not realize he was violating Treasury Laws.

The retreat could not have been rescheduled because all arrangements had been made and all Central Committee members had been contacted, he said.

"It was the only time we could have the retreat," Banks said.

CGC member Steve Reinhard (District 1), also a member of the summer CGC, said the error was a careless mistake rather than deliberate negligence by the BSM.

"We did not feel it would be fair to penalize them and say, 'Eat the whole bill yourself,'" he said.

Mohr said the penalty would remind the BSM to obey the Treasury Laws without taking money from any of the BSM cultural subgroups which he said had suffered from money transfers in the past.

But CGC Finance Chairman Doc Droze (District 22) said the CGC itself was violating the Treasury Laws by passing the bill.

Droze said the bill improperly takes away the power vested in the student body treasurer and Finance Committee chairman by the Treasury Laws to approve transfers of funds from different categories of an organization's budget.

According to the bill, the BSM cannot transfer funds into the phone category until it raises \$200 above its \$1,200 fund-raising quota.



Sherrod Banks

The Treasury Laws state that a group may place money raised above its fund-raising quota in any category it desires, Droze said.

The CGC should have referred the matter to the Finance Committee for appropriate action, including the possibility of freezing the BSM's funds, Droze said.

In an exchange following the meeting, Mohr suggested Droze take up the matter with the Student Supreme Court.

"We don't have to take up everything with the Supreme Court," Droze said.

Banks said that the retreat, held at the Pine View Conference Center in Carrboro, was essential to the effective functioning of the BSM.

With all but two of the 13 Central Committee members being newly appointed to their positions, the retreat helped members get to know each other and learn to work together, Banks said.

Banks said he could not ensure that the BSM would meet its new fund-raising requirements.

"It just depends on how the year goes," he said. "I can't make any promises."

R.A.P.E. service rejuvenated

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A rejuvenated Rape and Assault Prevention Escort Service is back in business this year to prevent assaults on UNC women.

The service will go into action Sept. 12. A series of assaults on women in the spring in residence halls and apartments near campus heightened the need for an escort service, said Tim Severt, director of RAPE.

Anyone wanting an escort for walks on or near campus can call 933-7602 and give their location, name, destination and desired meeting time. The caller will be put on hold while an escort is contacted, and names will be exchanged.

When the escort arrives, he will tell the woman his name, and she should ask to see his student ID, Severt said.

The hours of the service are 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Weekend escorts can be arranged if re-

quested, Severt said. Escorts live in Olde Campus and Morrison residence areas, and they volunteer one hour a week.

"We want to revitalize rape escort," Severt said. "The volunteers are waiting for calls, and if they don't get any, they're disappointed."

There weren't many calls to the service last year because of a lack of publicity, he said.

Severt said he hopes to have at least 400 volunteers from Olde Campus and 200 from Morrison.

Dorm and floor coordinators chose prospective escorts for the service. The volunteers' resident assistants and area directors are also consulted in the screening process.

The service has been given a \$1,100 budget which is spent on phone bills for two phones, publicity and office supplies. The Olde Campus night attendants answer the RAPE calls.

The escort service was started in 1980 to help the women of Carolina and give them

a feeling of security, Severt said. Joe Buckner and a group of students in Mangum Residence Hall organized the service with University housing.

University police Security Officer Ned Comar said women often walk alone at night, but they should realize they are taking a risk.

"They've got the right to walk alone at night, and I've got the right to swim the Atlantic — but my chances of reaching Paris aren't very good," he said.

Comar said women should walk with a friend or take the bus at night. They also should walk in lighted areas and avoid the woods around Kenan Stadium, he said.

"Women are most vulnerable when they sleep with their doors unlocked," he said. "Lock those doors."

Women also should keep an eye out around their areas and call the police if they see anything suspicious, Comar said, adding that calls can be made anonymously.

Chapel Hill's traffic record cited by motor club

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Despite the high volume of traffic on its highways, Chapel Hill has not had any traffic fatalities in the past two years.

Chapel Hill has been recognized for two consecutive years by the Carolina Motor Club for having no traffic fatalities inside the city limits.

Factors contributing to town traffic safety include numerous traffic lights throughout downtown and low citywide speed limits, said master officer Greg Jarvies of the Chapel Hill Police Department.

The highest speed limit in Chapel Hill is 45 miles per hour. But Jarvies said that the town has its share of minor accidents. Most are fender-benders that result from the congestion. During the rush hour, he said there are from 12,000 to 15,000 cars on the main roads.

Jarvies said that pedestrians can pose traffic hazards. "Anyone who lives in Chapel Hill knows to expect the unexpected from pedestrians," he said. "They are not a problem if they stay congregated, but when one decides to go his own way,

it interrupts the flow of traffic and that's when accidents occur."

The NCNB plaza crosswalk is the busiest in Chapel Hill and will be monitored by foot patrol during rush hour," Jarvies said. Jaywalkers can be cited under state law for dangerous movements against traffic, he said.

In discussing the congestion problem, Jarvies said that the biggest problem area for motorists was at Stroud Hill, the long winding stretch of East Franklin Street between the Chapel Hill Public Library and the University Mall intersection.

"That curve has the highest speed in Chapel Hill and people veer over the dividing lines into the oncoming traffic," he said. Jarvies said that football games are not usually a problem for the police department unless more than one area school is having a home game.

"We are used to dealing with football game traffic," he said. "But when we have traffic going to Durham and Raleigh also, then we really have problems."

One change that will occur during football games this year is the end of random parking. Fans used to be able to park in any bare space available, including the grass and sidewalks.

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