

## SGA passes E-SPAN bill, change in Senate Rules

### E-SPAN bill meets with dissent

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The Student Government Association (SGA) passed bills to establish "E-SPAN" and to make a written agenda for Thursday meetings readily available to senators and to the public at the Feb. 11 meeting.

The establishment of E-SPAN allows for a camera to be set up to film the Thursday night SGA meetings. The videotape of the meeting will then be replayed on ESTV channels 5 and 14 two times a week.

The bill met with some dissent in the Senate, as the necessity of making the proposal a bill was questioned.

"The bill that passed concerning televising SGA meetings was a waste of the Senate's time," Senate Parliamentarian Eric Hurwitt said. "There is nothing to keep anyone from coming in and taping our sessions at this time."

Although the bill passed in the Senate, the question of its necessity is also prompting questions about a possible reversal of the decision from the executive president.

"This is a situation where

hopefully Mark [Richter, SGA Executive President] will use his veto power," Hurwitt said. "Not to say that this bill is a bad idea, but it would set an example for any future ill-conceived legislation."

The second bill established a change in the Senate Rules which moves the deadline for all new business to be turned in to the executive vice-president. The previous deadline for all bills and resolutions to be proposed at the Thursday meeting was the Tuesday preceding. The new bill pushes this deadline back to Monday.

The bill was proposed so that a written copy of the meeting agenda could be prepared for distribution to SGA senators, *The Pendulum* and to the general public attending Thursday meetings.

The stipulation that all new business should be turned in by Monday was made so senators would have more time to review the proposals before the meetings, giving them more time to contact their constituents and find out their opinions.

The two bills were reintroduced to the Senate by academic council senator Jim Crotts after one was tabled and the other was withdrawn at the Feb. 4 meeting.

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In the other races, Akilah Weaver is running uncontested for Executive Vice-president and LaRhonda Johnson is running uncontested for Executive Secretary.

All but seven positions in the Senate have candidates and three of them, junior class president, sophomore class president and sophomore class vice-president, are con-

tested races.

"I think we have a wide array of candidates," Richter said. "We have people who have been in SGA for numerous years and then we have newcomers."

"Students need to look at candidates and decide who will best serve their needs," he said.

The highly contested execu-

tive races, the publicity for the executive president race in the form of the televised debates and a wide field of candidates for Senate positions are expected to bring more voters to the polls this year.

"I expect to break the record for voter turnout," Angel said.

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Suber encourages all people to come and watch or participate, regardless of their major or where they are from. He stresses this as a chance for students to have fun and watch how state governments are run. "The primary purpose of the

NCSL is that we teach and learn from each other how to make decisions that will help to form a better future for ourselves as citizens of the United States."

There will be sign-up sheets posted in Long on Saturday morn-

ing for people interested in joining the club.

For more information, please contact Travis Suber at 538-3303, or Chalmers Brumbaugh, the NCSL advisor, at 584-2577.

## Students protest phasing out of single-sex Greek houses

### College Press Exchange

HANOVER, N.H. (CPX) - Dartmouth College's decision to radically change Greek life has angered students at the Ivy League school and resulted in the cancellation of all major parties on campus this semester.

Members of the the College Fraternity Sorority Council nixed all 21 events planned for this year's "Winter Carnival" after reading a letter sent to students this week that announced plans to phase out the current Greek system, make college life "substantially coed" and encourage more "respectful relations between men and women."

The annual carnival, sched-

uled throughout the weekend of Feb. 12, includes the popular "keg jump" on ice skates, an 18-year-old tradition.

Council members said the cancellations are designed to show school officials that without Greeks, there's nothing much to do at Dartmouth.

That perception, school officials say, is precisely the problem. Aside from concerns about abusive alcohol consumption, officials say they are also troubled by the exclusive nature of the college's Greek system.

"Dartmouth must provide students with an environment that encourages them to reach their full potential in non-academic as well as academic activities, that sees them as individuals, that permits them choices in social life and that encourages respectful relationships between men and women," the college's board of trustees stated in

the letter.

Trustees went on to outline five principles that "should characterize the residential and social system." Their first two goals called for "greater choice and continuity in residential living" and "additional and improved social spaces controlled by students." The third principle is what has kicked up controversy: "The system should be substantially coeducational," it says.

Administrators say they want students to make suggestions that will shape any upcoming changes, but many students say they're especially upset that they weren't consulted before trustees made their announcements.

"Every time they plant a tree or modify the curriculum, they constantly have student meetings and discussions," sophomore Catherine Curran told the Associated Press. "For something this drastic, they should have gotten student input."

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