

Most vetoes concern executive powers

(continued from page 1) of office renovations. This veto was made in case the meeting originally declared as invalid was upheld. This bill was brought up again and passed. Springs unknowingly let the 10 days go by and the

bill went into effect. However, nothing was done during the summer and the money was reverted back into the regular school year budget.

Once the school year got started, Springs promptly vetoed the Finan-

cial Procedures Act. His reasoning was the act "violated University business procedures concerning cash advances." Another big factor for Springs was he realized the student body treasurer has had the power to freeze funds also. This was discovered the second go-round and caused Springs to veto the bill again. That meant legislature was under the authority of the old act which also gives the treasurer the authority to freeze funds.

No one has contested the constitutionality of the treasurer's power as of yet. "Generally," Springs explained, "You don't have a treasurer acting in that capacity — freezing funds."

Recently, Springs has vetoed a motion limiting his presidential reports to the Student Legislature to five

minutes. "I need more than five minutes in order to fully inform the Student Legislature of activities of the past week," he said. The reason for this motion Springs feels was due to his lengthy address to legislature after allegations of his impeachment were brought up.

In the past, appointments brought to legislature for approval were done so only after the student body president had recommended the appointment. In the case of the new assistant attorney general recently approved by the legislature, the appointment had not been approved by Springs. The associate attorney general had been approved by Springs and feeling the recent approval was inconsistent with past procedures, Springs vetoed the appointment.

After legislature approved the assistant attorney general, they then voted to do away with the entire Executive and Legislative Act. This act distinguished which ap-

pointments required approval by the president. Springs vetoed the motion to do away with the act before he vetoed the appointment approval. He explained legislature should amend the act instead of "doing away with it completely."

This semester, a motion was passed to separate the Student Financial Services (student bank) from the executive branch and let it "stand on its own." Springs saw this act in violation of the constitution creating a fourth division of student government without changing the constitution. This oversight by legislature was difficult for Springs to explain. "No one bothered to talk about it or check into it beforehand," he said.

Other problems with the Student Financial Service have included their budget. The executive budget has not been approved (as of press time) and the bank was in need of funds. In an earlier meeting, their budget had been sent back to the Finance Committee. In a later

meeting, part of the budget was approved for the bank. According to practiced procedure in the legislature, a budget in Finance Committee cannot be discussed or voted on unless legislature has moved into Finance Committee as a whole body. The minutes of that particular meeting show the budget was approved without moving into legislature, which Springs sees as reason to veto the bill. Springs feels legislature should follow the procedures.

The most recent veto has been a motion to give the Executive Committee (made up of legislature committee chairpersons) the power to assign office space in the student government offices. This move was vetoed by Springs because of his feelings this would give someone authority to possibly assign the student body president's office to anyone else.

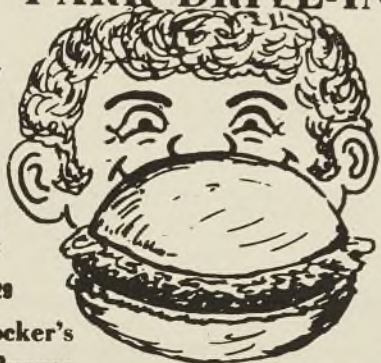
The bill to go ahead and budget money to the student bank is the only veto that has been overridden by legislature. Springs thinks it is wrong his executive budget, of which the Student Financial Services is a part, is the only budget not considered as a whole by legislature. When the Elections Committee needed funds to hold the fall elections, money was allocated from the buffer.

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