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## BSU Request Prompts Heated Exchange

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Acting upon proposals by its Ways and Means Committee, Student Legislature allocated additional funding to campus organizations presenting new budget needs.

Most of the requests were voted upon in a single motion. A legislative rule requires that legislators who are members of groups being funded abstain from voting. Only nine members were eligible to vote on most of the requests.

Requests from the Allied Health Club, Association of Biology Graduate Students, the Wildlife Club and the Black Student Union (BSU) were considered separately.

A BSU request for \$100 to cover the cost of telephone installation in their Cone Center office stirred the biggest debate in Tuesday's meeting.

Renee High, chair of the Ways and Means Committee, yielded her affirmative debate to a BSU representative who said the organization had contracted for a telephone before securing funds, confident of securing legislative approval.

Laurah Van Poole, senior class president, offered the only direct opposition to the fund request. "We don't provide a phone for any other campus organization. Why the BSU?" she asked.

Phase II/III Representative Jan Hobbs responded, "All primary chartered groups have the right to use the money we give them the way they want to. Why can't they use this to install a telephone?"

High added, "There is nothing illegal about this request. The BSU doesn't have a phone. If they had come to the Ways and Means Committee and simply asked for 'telephone expenses' we wouldn't be arguing like this. They are being honest."

Several legislators asked if any other chartered clubs have telephones installed by the legislature-allocated funds. Frank Joseph, assistant dean of students, said he did not know who paid for the phone's installation. Long distance charges have been included on other club's budgets.

Sharon Chisholm, Sanford Hall representative, moved that the

legislature table the action on the BSU telephone, pending an investigation of previous funding for phone installation.

Baker Smith, who represents undeclared majors, opposed any tabling of action. "By the time you get through with the investigation, the BSU won't be needing a telephone," he said.

Legislative Chair Barry Brown stepped off the podium, replaced by Speaker Pro Tempore Leah Williams to participate in the debate from the floor.

"At Ways and Means, they investigate and approve a club or organization budget. They know what they are doing," Brown said. "All an investigation will prove is that BSU needs a phone. Carol (Lesley, the student government secretary) has to take all of the phone calls now."

The legislature rejected, by voice vote, Chisholm's motion to table the BSU fund request. After a roll-call vote, the proposal passed 26-1-4.

Van Poole, who cast the single "no" vote, drew heavy criticism from legislator Debra Thompson. She directed her complaint toward the senior class president. "I'm usually pretty quiet in here, but after observing that you have brought personal feelings against two clubs today, Biology and the BSU, I want to say that it makes me feel very uncomfortable to sit here and listen to these stupid arguments. The Ways and Means Committee decided that the BSU needed the money. You should leave your personal feelings outside the door when you come to legislature."

Van Poole responded, "I know Ways and Means does a great job. But I have a responsibility as a legislator to stand up for what I believe in. I am not against the BSU. I do have a right to question any expense."

Ed Hausle and Kim Fortanbury both decried what they termed a personal attack on Van Poole.

Legislator Debra Martin offered her assessment of the major topic of debate, "Maybe because it is the BSU getting the money, we fight."

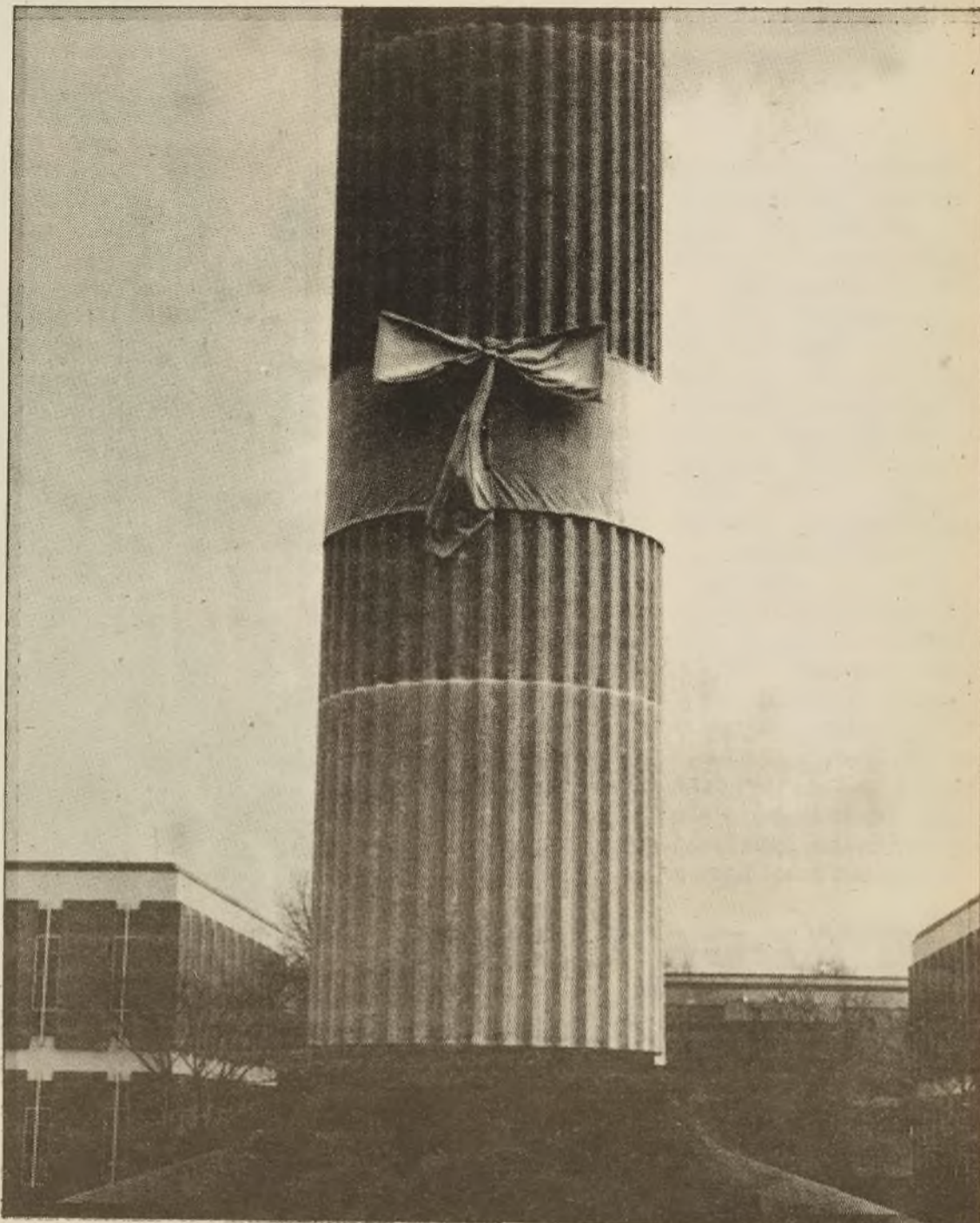


Photo By Debbie Miller

Students of Sanford Hall's 4th House decided to honor the 52 hostages in grand style Tuesday by placing an enormous yellow ribbon around the Belk Tower.

Irene Clodfelter came up with the idea and started the ball rolling by taking it to 8th floor resident advisor Karen Sebralla. After an enthusiastic reception, the idea was taken to Student Body President Ron Olsen, who consequently went to Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Leo Ellis. The upshot of all this was that the Physical Plant staff tied the ribbon

early Tuesday morning, after nine yards of material were obtained from a local department store.

Clodfelter explained that she had followed the reports on the hostage crisis from the beginning, because, she said, "I have an uncle who's stationed in Germany, and something like that could possibly happen to him."

President Ronald Reagan declared Tuesday a day of national Thanksgiving, and it was marked by parades, firework displays, and ribbon tyings across the nation.

—Ray Gronberg

The Student Legislature allocated funds to the following organizations:

Allied Health Club, \$500 for gasoline expenses.  
Association of Biology Graduate Students, \$500 for refreshments, flowers, timers, printing and membership fees.  
Wildlife Club, \$500 for lecture and trip.

Black Student Union, \$100 for telephone installation and service charges.

Cercle Francasis, \$500 for puppet show, dinner, student orientation and movie.

Circle K, \$50 for projects.

Commuter Association, \$510.63 for supplies, phone, commuter luncheons and travel.

Executive Budget (student president and appointed

assistants), \$650 for travel and contingency.

Model United Nations, \$350 for ground transportation and delegate fees.

Geography and Earth Science Club, \$150 for travel and printing.

North Carolina Student Legislature, \$286 for transportation, printing, housing and reception expenses.

Sanford Hall, \$150 for stereo.

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