Exum used incorrect procedures in Union

By MARK STINNEFORD Staff Writer

James Exum, a candidate for student body president, has held campaign meetings in Carolina Union rooms that were reserved in the name of official student organizations.

Exum said Wednesday that he had held "three or four" campaign meetings in the Union, reserving the rooms in the name of the Campus Governing Council or the Black Interdenominational Student Association.

Exuin, speaker of the CGC, said he used the groups' names with the knowledge and approval of their members.

"From what I understood, no one could get one (a room) unless you were a recognized University organization," Exum said. "In the case of a presidential campaign, which lasts two months at the most, it wouldn't be feasible to go through and get recognized."

Groups seeking official recognition must apply through the Student Affairs Division.

Exum said he was not secretive about what the rooms were being used for. But Pam Kyff, central reservationist for the Union, said she was unaware that the rooms were being used for campaign meetings until she was told by a reporter Wednesday.

"That was something that slipped through the cracks," Kyff said. "We weren't aware what the rooms were being used for."

Exum said he included his name in requesting the rooms so that it would be clear that a campaign meeting was being held rather than an official meeting of the CGC or BISA.

"We used the name of 'CGC Exum' or 'BISA Exum,' " he said.

Officially recognized student organizations are given priority in the use of rooms at the Union, Kyff said. Students may use rooms for other purposes, including campaign meetings, if space is available after official. groups have been accommodated, she said.

For the CGC or BISA to reserve a room for a candidate, it would have to be endorsing the candidate as part of its ornicial function, Kyri said.

"The CGC would be saying 'James Exum is for us,' which I don't think they can do," she said. Exum said he was unaware he had been violating

Union policy. "If it was a policy violation, I would have thought it would have come out a long time ago, and we would

have taken care of it then," Exum said. After discussing the situation with Exum, Kyff said she believed he simply misunderstood the room reserva-

tion policy. "I don't think it was something he was necessarily pulling over our eyes," she said.

Exum said he held the meetings in the Union to make his campaign accessible to all interested students. "That's why we arranged to have our meetings in the

Union, so that we could have as many diverse people as we could.

"If there's a question about that (reserving Union rooms), we just won't do that," Exum said. "We can get rooms (elsewhere). We're not concerned about

RHA may sponsor spring concert in March

By STEVE FERGUSON Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association is considering sponsoring a spring concert featuring local bands such as Radio Berlin and Muse, according to Mark Dalton, RHA president.

The tentative date for the concert would be the last weekend in March and would be held at Ehringhaus Field, he said.

RHA is expecting to spend about \$2,000 and may ask Student Government for funding help, Dalton said. An RHA meeting will be held Monday to discuss the proposed concert.

Dalton said the RHA was trying to avoid the mistakes made by the organizers of last year's "Chapel Thrill" event, in which Student Government lost approximately \$50,000.

"We're not trying to say 'let's have another Chapel Thrill and lose a lot of money," Dalton said. "We will not have a concert if we will lose money."

Last year's organizers waited too long to set up the event and didn't seek professional help, Dalton said. A decision must be made within two weeks, and Enterprose Booking Agency will help with the organization, he said.

By having a variety of music, less expensive local bands and good publicity, the show should be profitable, Enterprose President Tim Brice said. If 3,000 attend, the sponsors should at least break even, he said.

Beer and/or other alcoholic beverages will be allowed at the discretion of the UNC administration, Dalton said. If it is allowed, it will be BYOB.

Profit from the concert will be "put back into the system," according to Dalton, in order to buy new equipment or sponsor future events.

Student Body President Kevin Monroe called the proposed concert "an extreme risk." "I don't think we (students) should be the sole financer," Monroe said. The idea of a concert is a good one, but promoters should take the financial risk, he added.

Student tickets should cost \$4 to \$5. Dalton said.

"There's got to be some secret to drawing people in, and unless we find that secret, we can't have a concert," Dalton

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Destroying campaign posters could postpone election date

By MARK STINNEFORD

Students bombarded by campaign material during the campus election season may be tempted to rip down posters for relief.

But not only is the practice against the Honor Code, it could postpone the election date, Elections Board Chairman-designate Andy Sutherland said Thursday.

If posters are ripped down, it could force the Elections Board to delay the balloting or hold a second election, Sutherland said.

David Zubkoff, co-chairman of the board's publicity committee, said it was an Honor Code violation to "remove, deface or mutilate" posters.

"A disregard for the rules concerning campaign material could very well jeopardize the election," Zubkoff

Custodians may have removed some posters in classroom buildings but the misunderstanding has been cleared up, Zubkoff said.

Additionally, candidates may face fines if their campaign material defaces school property, Zubkoff said.

Candidates will not be prohibited from putting posters in classroom buildings, but the practice may be banned in future elections if paint on the walls has been damaged, he said.

Despite a late start, board members are working at a fast clip to organize the elections, Sutherland said. Sutherland was nominated earlier this week to serve as Elections Board chairman. He and the proposed members of the board are expected to be confirmed by the Campus Governing Council Wednesday.

Because of the delay in organizing a board, there have been problems in informing students of elections procedures. Sutherland said. Sutherland emphasized that the Elections Laws require forums to be scheduled through the board. Some groups have attempted to organize forums on their own, he said.

Students will go to the polls Feb. 14 to elect a new Student Body President, Daily Tar Heel editor, Residence Hall Association President, Carolina Athletic Association president, senior class president and Campus Governing Council members.

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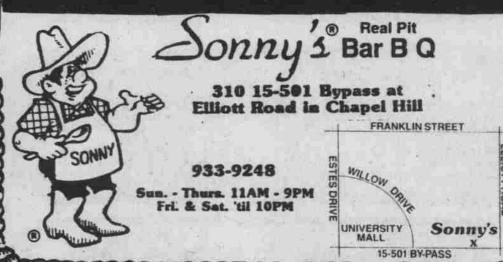
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