

TO: MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
FROM: DAVID WILKINS
SUBJECT: SPECIAL ORDERS SPEECH
DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999

Mr. Vice President, members of Congress, and fellow students, let me first start off by apologizing for the way my previous public actions regarding SGA have been interpreted. I have been in SGA for one reason only, to serve the Student Interest.

In further service of that interest I wrote an amendment for the Constitution and it was reviewed by LRC yesterday. During this meeting my learned colleagues of LRC acted in what I feel was an unreasonable manner. I went in to that meeting ready to openly discuss the research of my amendment and other matters pertaining to LRC's mission and duty. What was reciprocated was something completely different. Some members of LRC attacked me for the methods that I used to bring my bill up. They questioned the research of a bill when all of the research that was needed was there. I feel that my bill was defeated in LRC because of the methods that were used to bring it up. I was acting in good faith to a ruling that the Judicial Council made in my favor. I was doing what I thought was the right thing. However, I was attacked because of this. I feel that members of LRC took out their anger with the Judicial Council on me. I feel that I was not treated fairly. The Student Interest was placed aside in LRC yesterday and replaced with personal agendas. This is not productive and a waste of time. We all suffered due to this. I feel that if SGA is going to be a truly relevant body, then we need to place aside the petty politics and work for the student body. We need to remember why we are here. We are here for the student and we need to work toward that. I thank you for your time and patience. I request that a copy of this statement be included in the official record of tonight's proceedings.