

Panel discusses Hill's charges

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The USC Student Senate Powers and Responsibilities Committee met with Student Government Association (SGA) President Steve Hill and SGA Vice President Trey Lott in a closed meeting Tuesday to discuss allegations made by Hill against Lott's ability to fulfill his official duties last summer.

Committee Chairman Bruce Carter said that there was "a tremendous lack of communication in the SGA executive branch." The meeting was called to help restore this communication, he added.

"The meeting was closed because we were discussing personalities (Hill's and Lott's), and we (the committee) felt it (the closed meeting) would let Steve (Hill) and Trey (Lott) speak more candidly," Carter said.

At Tuesday's meeting, Hill said Lott was appropriated funds by the Student Senate to codify senate statutes, hire a secretary for the student legislature and to maintain correspondence with senators during the summer. Lott was negligent in these duties, Hill charged.

Lott responded that he was not at USC for half of the summer and was working and going to classes when he was here, which limited his available time. Lott noted that the SGA office went through two housing changes during the summer that

caused confusion in the office. Lott also said he felt further senate correspondence was unnecessary after Hill sent out two such letters during the summer.

Hill said for the first time Tuesday that Lott did not give him certain bills passed by the Senate last spring until Tuesday. Willis Walker, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Hill's allegations are suspect because one of the bills Hill mentioned was the SGA summer budget. Walker said that if Hill never received this bill then the SGA could not have functioned this summer. The Senate Judiciary has started an investigation into Hill's allegations.

Carter said it was difficult to place blame on either Lott or Hill. He felt the "misunderstanding" was "the fault of the (SGA) constitution and the senate." Carter speculated that the "inexperience" of the senate and the rush to get bills passed at the end of the spring session caused the confusion in official duties.

The senate was not specific enough in its designation of Lott's duties, according to Carter.

SGA Attorney General Steve Brown said if the senate actually expected Lott to be fully active in his office during the summer, then the senate was setting a "precedent." Brown said this had never been demanded of a SGA vice president before.

Brown felt that when the senate requested Lott to codify the senate statutes during the summer, they were unaware of the amount of work involved. The senate statutes have only been codified once. This was in the summer of 1973. Brown suspects it is a job requiring at least four or five persons. Lott is still working on the certification.

Extra student patrol added to ramp

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An extra student patrol for the Bates House ramp area began operating Tuesday night.

George A. Key, director of Public Safety, Security and Communications, told the special Student Government Association (SGA) committee investigating safety problems in the Bates House area that the patrol would be on the ramp each night.

THE SGA committee was formed after five separate robberies occurred in the ramp area since the dormitories opened. The last reported incident occurred on Sept. 16.

Chief Marvin D. Harrelson, the committee's campus police representative, said that the patrol is an extension of the work-study funded student-night patrols already on campus. He said that the students will always patrol in pairs and be in direct contact with campus police. He said that they will report any suspicious activity via walkie-talkie. Harrelson told the committee that their request for additional lighting will be evaluated after reports from the student patrols.

Sam Kaplan, committee chairman, said that he was pleased with the cooperation the committee got from campus security. He said that the committee got the student patrol one week after requesting

Key asked the committee's assistance in preventing false fire alarms and damage to fire hoses in Bates House.

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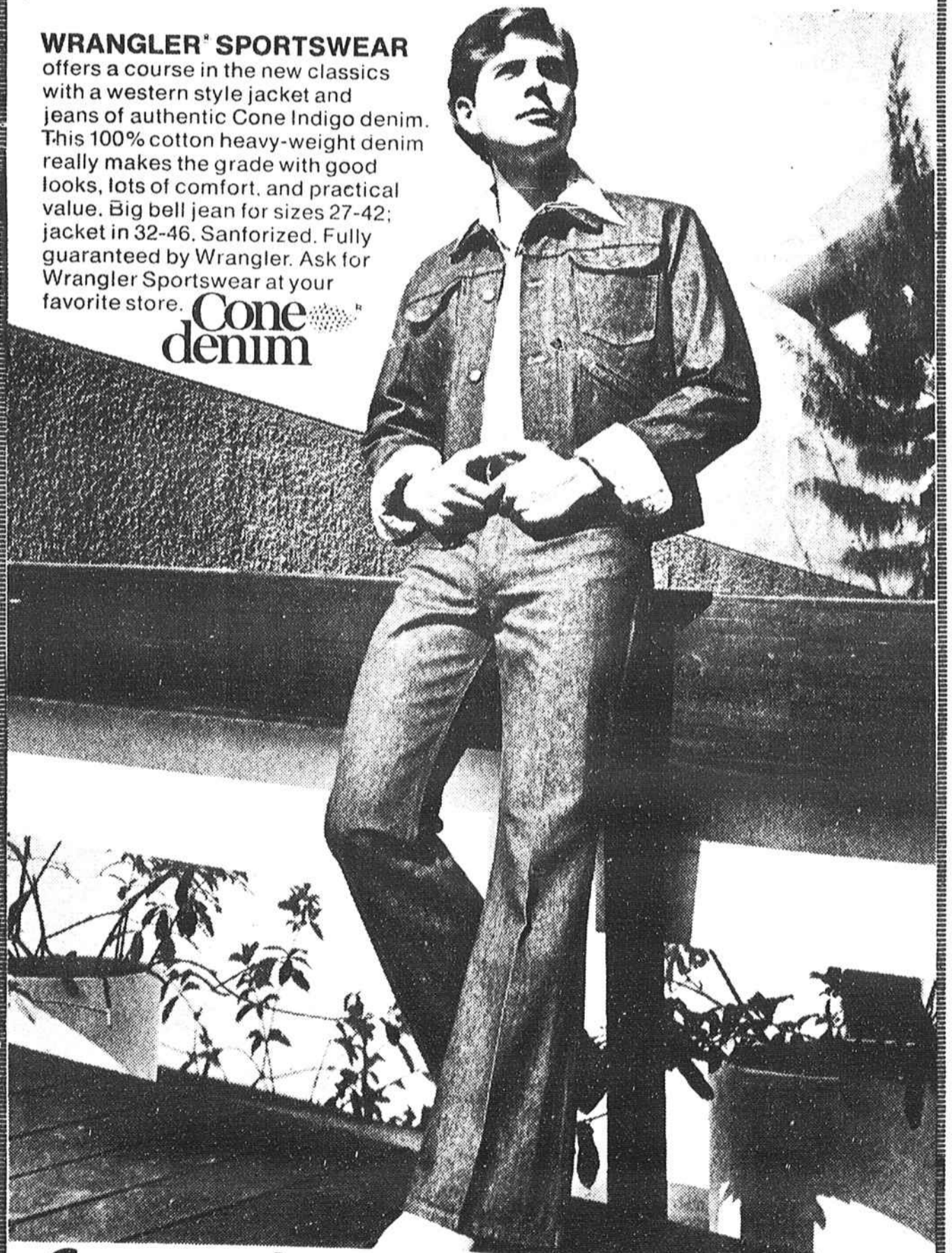
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