Some people are dedicated to Council, but this meeting Eze raised the bar for all of us . . .

As luck would have it, JOSE was one of the things deleted by the reinstall.

Tom drew nervous laughs from members as he informed us we’re back to a buggy older version for now.

Committees and groups, where art thou?

Funding given:
Voice for Choice, $65
Club Hockey, $765

. . . Eze’s seemed flawlessly placid, any nervous tics no doubt dressed up as eagerness to speak on an issue . . .

The Greatest Story Ever Told . . . In the CC Minutes
College Council’s Minutes for the
7:30 P.M., 21 January 2004, Regular Meeting in Hopkins 1964 Classroom
Fraternities Letter, Williams Transport

Open Time starts every meeting

Tom White and Jacob Eislter of Williams Students Online WSO came to address the Council on the recent problems with WSO’s services. Tom told Council that WSO had taken down its services Sunday, January 18th, and had been working on it pretty much since then. “Some root people did not sleep for 48 hours,” said Jacob.

Tom told Council that very little information would be lost. “We think about 12 emails were lost,” he said. It was possible that someone could have looked at any email sent, but unlikely due to the large amount of information. Still, he advised that students make sure they had not sent credit card or social security numbers, or the like, by email.

Federico Sosa treasurer asked how the incident would affect the relationship between the Office of Information Technology OIT and WSO. Tom replied not at all, and commented that one of the best things about the incident was the relationship. “I think everyone who’s worked on this has been great.”

Aaron Wilson all campus asked if there was any investigation into how it happened.

Tom confirmed there was one, but declined to comment, and declined comment on similar questions, about the intruder’s identity or intent, from members. Ananda Burra sub for MinCo asked if there was a possibility the intruder had left a back door. “We combed through very carefully and reinstalled the whole system,” answered Tom.

Drew Newman announced that Ephmatch had been extremely popular, with over 1000 students signed up in only the day and a half of its existence.

Committees and Groups

Mark Orlowski said the Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility had not met since last fall, and had voted on only one shareholder resolution. He also said it was too late to file another shareholder resolution at this point.

Sophie Hood reported nothing new from the Committee on Undergraduate Life since last week.

Aaron Wilson all campus spoke for the Housing Coordinator/Community Life Coordinator Committee. He started that the committee had been supplanted by “Doug’s student group,” RLAG the Residential Life Advisory Group. “Our group is trying to figure out what we’re going to do for the rest of the year.”

Budgets Voice for Choice, Club Hockey

Federico Sosa treasurer presented the Financial Committee’s recommendations for the groups that petitioned it. Voice for Choice requested $95, but was recommended 65 after FinCom cut the food in the budget. Club Hockey requested 880, and was recommended 765 after FinCom cut out skate sharpening, which can be done for free at a College facility.

Fede also presented an adjustment to the budget, specifically a deduction of 2966 to reflect student activity tax not paid by students studying off campus.

Ratifying FinCom’s funding recommendations PASSED, 28-0-0.

College Council Logo

Sabrina Wirth Prospect offered long ago to design a logo for College Council, and this meeting presented three she had designed. The originals were in shades of blue; grayscale versions are reprinted below:

Highlights

- Council goes to bat on the frats with the administration, and with each other.
- The child of the Motor Coach introduces himself.
- A couple of cool projects to bear concrete contributions to student life.

☐ Ezemudi Okaonu gives his life for student government.
Philipp Huy explained that the goal was to have something recognizable for Council business communications, such as requests for selfnoms and other publications. It should be distinguishable by color from other groups’ insignias, hence the use of blue.

Council discussed the options but did not reach a consensus on a favorite, nor was there a dominant lean towards one option. Nasser Al Sabbah suggested having a contest on campus to draw designs for the logo, but Aaron Wilson countered that that move would get “a lot more laughs than people taking it seriously.”

The discussion was closed to move on to other business, with no resolution.

**Williams Transport Service to replace Council’s Motor Coach service**

Drew Newman, manager of the College Council Motor Coach, opened his comments by informing Council that his top Ephmatch was Class of 2006 representative Jessi England. A disproportionate number of Council members also indicated that she had found her way onto their top ten lists.

Drew introduced the proposed Transport Service as “A new organization bringing together transportation on this campus, including the Motor Coach.” The new organization would be more efficient. It would operate four main services: The Motor Coach, the local shuttle that goes to Stop and Shop and other areas, a potential student taxi service, and advise other groups in their transportation needs.

Below is the proposed constitution for the Williams Transport Service:

**Proposed Constitution for the Williams Transport Service**

- The Williams Transport Service is an organization bringing together transportation on this campus, including the Motor Coach.
- It will operate four main services: The Motor Coach, the local shuttle that goes to Stop and Shop and other areas, a potential student taxi service, and advise other groups in their transportation needs.
- The organization will be more efficient than the current Motor Coach service.
- The proposed constitution outlines the goals and services of the organization, including the provision of transportation options for students.

Sabrina Wirth designed and made all the logos. Thank you, Sabrina!
Eze was participating in something that occupies far more than a two-hour meeting each week. After five cruel days of the Darwinian game, only 24 players of KAOS remained in the game.

Eze could have been proud to boast that he was one of those lucky few, and others would have held their manhoods cheap. Yet he told no one. . . .

Note that the new service intends to subsidize the local shuttle to Stop and Shop and other places, presumably using funds from motor coach ticket sales.

The administration currently contributes $7,500 to the shuttle, down from $10,000 needed for past years. The $2,500 from Transport is meant to make up the difference.

I couldn’t resist.

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Drew Newman and Jacob Scott, directors of the Motor Coach, drafted this constitution.

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WILLIAMS COLLEGE
Williams Transport
Constitution

I. NAME: Williams Transport

II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Williams Transport is an independent, non profit student business of Williams College whose primary purpose is to serve the Williams College student body by providing safe, convenient, comfortable and affordable transportation both locally and regionally.

III. ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE
A. Williams Transport shall be run by a management team of one or more Williams College students along with a number of student employees.

B. A Board of Directors shall oversee the management and finances of Williams Transport.

1. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following individuals:
   a. Two students appointed by College Council;
   b. Two members of the management team; and
   c. One former member of the management team, ex officio.

2. Decision making by the Board of Directors shall be made by consensus, unless where otherwise indicated within this constitution.

C. Williams Transport shall operate the following services:

1. Regional motor coach transportation during breaks in the academic year;
2. Local van shuttle transportation during the academic year;
3. Student taxi transportation pending administrative approval; and
4. Transportation advisement and referrals for other student organizations.

VI. HIRING
A. The Board of Directors shall hire the salaried management team of Williams Transport.

B. The management team shall hire other employees on a per task basis.

C. Per Williams College policy and federal law, Williams Transport is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, color, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, religion, handicap or disability, lifestyle, or national origin.

VIII. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE
A. The three non employee directors of the Williams Transport Board of Directors may terminate the contract of the management team by a unanimous vote.

X. ADVISEMENT
A. The following employees of Williams College shall act in an advisory capacity to Williams College Transport:

1. Campus Activities Coordinator; and
2. Community Life Coordinator for Student Organization Services.

B. These advisors shall have no vote in decision making for the organization, and shall act in an advisory capacity to the organization, only providing professional support, opinions, input and advice.

XI. FINANCES
A. Williams Transport is a non profit student business of Williams College.

B. All operations, except for weekly local shuttle transportation, shall be self sustaining.

C. The weekly local shuttle transportation service shall be funded through an annual $7,500 grant from the administration supplemented by $2,500 in profits from the rest of Williams Transport, until it can be made self sustaining.

D. As a non profit student business, all net profits neither reinvested into Williams Transport nor retained as a buffer for future years shall be returned directly to the students who purchase tickets no later than the end of the academic year.

E. Whenever possible, operational expenses shall be contracted through a competitive bidding process.

F. All financial information shall be public information and the management team shall be required to publish an annual financial report by June 15 of each year.

XII. ACCOUNTABILITY
A. Williams Transport shall be held directly accountable to the student body of Williams College while maintaining autonomy. Positive interaction between Williams Transport and outside groups, such as College Council, ACE and The Record, in the area of student transportation, shall be encouraged.

B. The Williams Transport Board of Directors shall be required to survey the entire student body at the end of each year in order to ascertain the student body’s opinion of the organization and how it can be improved.

XIII. AMENDMENTS
A. This Constitution may be amended by a three fourths vote of the Williams Transport Board of Directors.
financial information would be made public, and yearly a satisfaction survey and finance report published.

Drew said what was asked of Council was that it appoint two members to the organization’s Board of Directors.

**Ananda Burra** sub for MinCo asked about potential losses. Drew answered that that had been discussed with Fede. A buffer to guard against bankruptcy is mandated in the constitution, but “It doesn’t take a genius to run the Motor Coach in a way to break even. It’s a monopoly for all practical purposes.” **Fede Sosa** treasurer added that one reason for the CC appointed members was that, in the future, “CC may have to bail it out because it is such a sensitive service.” “A meteor could strike Chapin steps too,” said Drew, “but I can’t see that happening.”

**Federico Sosa** treasurer asked if the service was requesting now, or would be returning to Council to request, that the funds from the Council Motor Coach service be transferred to the new group. Drew said they hadn’t thought about that, but that, “As of right now, I can imagine that members of the administration would be very upset if the funds were rolled back into the CC accounts.”

### Other Projects
**equipment for DJs, and a new machine to put money on IDs**

**Ilunga Kalala** Junior Advisors addressed Council on a project to use funds to buy equipment for disc jockeys. In the long run, he said, it would save money by saving money every week, as the largest starting up cost for DJs is the cost of equipment. **Aaron Wilson** all campus mentioned that this was something ACE wanted to do, but “sort of couldn’t do.” Also, logistics such as where to store it were a concern, he said, but “This is a really good idea.”

**Federico Sosa** treasurer picked up the thread. “It’s a good idea, but it needs to be well analyzed and thought through. One of the reasons DJs can have this equipment is that they are always on the lookout to stop people from, say, putting beers on top, etcetera. A good program will have some of the DJs money invested because, as we all know, public property is nobody’s property.” Drew concurred, and Ilunga admitted that there were some things left to think out.

**Jim Irving** Class of 2005 spoke to Council on a project that **Ikem Joseph** Dennett and he started on last fall. They sought to get another card machine, like the one in Baxter, that adds money to cards. “Thanks to Irene Addison, it’s going to happen,” said Jim. The new machine will be in Mission, installed next fall. It will cost “a couple thousand dollars.” The one currently in Baxter will go to the ground floor of Hopkins Hall. He said they were considering going to one of the local banks to see if they can get another ATM, “but that’s the next step; we’ll see.”

Chin Ho asked **Ananda Burra** sub for MinCo to talk about his “MinCo thing.” This referred to Ananda’s sustained concern over the procedure for reporting of minority related incidents by College administrators, sparked by what he felt was improper handling of the alleged bias incident on Homecoming weekend reported in the **Record** 11 Nov 2003.

Ananda said that he wanted to work on a protocol for for the administration, “a guideline to how they should react.” He heard there was a protocol for the sexual assault response team, and he said he intended to look at that for ideas. However, he said he spoke to the Director of Educational Health and found that the protocol is not formal, but just an understanding that the Health Center has with the administration, and it involves many steps at which a dean can decide whether or not to go ahead. “I have problems because it’s a very sensitive topic,” said Ananda.

**Aaron Wilson** all campus gave another side: “I’m confused. Isn’t the law the most important thing in that situation? Doesn’t the **Record** article prove that in that case the information was released too quickly?” Ananda answered, “As soon as that kind of information is received it should be spread to the community because this is such a direct threat to the community, and if information comes in later to say it’s not the case, that information should be spread as well.”

### New Business from the Agenda

**Letter About Fraternities At Williams**

**Gerry Lindo** all campus drafted and read to Council a letter composed to try to encapsulate the position sketched by Council at the prior meeting. To reflect proposed amendments, deletions from the original draft are stricken, additions bracketed:
You received this letter, penned by Gerry Lindo, by all-campus email.

Was Council paranoid? If so, was it representative of campus sentiment?

Dan, con letter:
- unnecessarily vindictive
- prosecuting students not for CC to call for
- problem is not as widespread as suspected
- questions danger of frats

Gerry, pro letter:
- problem has widespread roots
- inconsistency of enforcement is worst aspect
- motives for response are suspicious

...As the meeting ran its fateful course, members of the KAOS Death Squad encircled Hopkins Hall, and peeked in through the door to the meeting room.

The Death Squad can and does make its kills anywhere, but none interrupted the meeting. Apparently, there are places even the Death Squad fears to tread ...

The occurrence of secret fraternities at a school that has committed itself to openness and community for more than forty years is troubling. More troubling still has been the reaction of the administration to the issue.

The prohibition on fraternities is among the most unambiguous and energetically stated rule of the college. The College views a violation of this rule as grievous enough to warrant expulsion. And yet, the response of the administration to the violation of its own decades old policy has been weak: a period of amnesty during which no one came forward and now, apparently, nothing.

That the administration of the College should be so silent on the issue is most disheartening, and offensive to those who take the stance of the College to heart. As representatives of the student body, we require that you take steps to remedy this situation.

We request openness and information. We students know little more than rumors: we believe the administration knows much more, and request a dialogue with the administration in which all known information regarding the fraternities is disclosed. An investigation into the presence of fraternities at Williams is in order, with a clear report to the student body and with the attendant penalties. We are unable to tolerate any gamesmanship: this is a time for absolute clarity.

This investigation is a necessary step for the restoration of trust and the resolution of this community issue. We fear that the unseen forces that sustain the fraternities may collate at the highest levels to stymie such action. If the College cannot manage to uphold its principles in this matter, then our fears are confirmed.

Aaron Wilson all campus mentioned that Athletics Director Sheehy had been quoted in the Record as talking about what might happen if an athletics frat were uncovered. "Would he say that if he didn't know it existed?" asked Aaron.

Dan Rooney Mills, Thompson was the prominent voice against the proposed letter, and taking action against fraternities in general. "Most people I've talked to thought that for the CC to send out a letter like this is unnecessarily vindictive. I think that talking about expulsion and calling down the wrath of the administration upon the people who went to their cabin I just think it's excessive. I don't feel comfortable with us trying to prosecute our fellow students. The administration is capable of handling this policy, I think." Dan later questioned the felt danger of fraternities. "What exactly is the great danger everyone keeps talking about? Because without all these secret frats we'd all be friends? I mean, I'm not a member of the tennis team and they have all these parties I'm not invited to. I don't think that is because of frats."

Gerry Lindo all campus defended the point. "It's a secret organization; I think colluding in secret is well within what they do. I wouldn't trust people who say it's just a literary group. ... We also know there have been requests to the provost's office, etcetera. There's a lot going on behind the scenes. There's a national St. Anthony's Hall network..." Gerry also personally cast aspersions on the lack of enforcement, and speculated that it may be due to the influence of a frat alum donor. He concluded with the point foremost to him: "What I object to is the College having this rule, and then backpedalling."

Jim Irving Class of 2005 and Jessi England Class of 2006 called for a strong response. Jessi called the ban on frats "the #1 rule at this college" and Jim said frats are "all about inequality, a dishonorable secrecy that undermines the integrity of our school and the diplomas we're getting just by their very nature."

Veronica Mendiola Gladden endorsed a new take. "If frats are so prominent on this campus, then there's something not happening on this campus that needs to be happening. ... All a letter like this one is going to do is get a bunch of kids in trouble."

Philipp Huy all campus read to Council the pertinent rules from the student handbook:

Williams students may neither join nor participate in fraternities during their time at the College. This policy was developed in 1962 and is strongly supported by the College community. The college will take disciplinary action against students who are found to be participating in such organizations. Penalties may include suspension or expulsion from the College.

"It is important to find if they fall under this policy, and if they are damaging to the community," said Philipp.

Aaron Wilson all campus suggested that "Maybe this needs to be more than just a letter in its current form." He suggested opening a dialogue as to why the ban exists in the first place, see if the administration is willing to reaffirm and recommit to the policy.

Philipp Huy all campus added his voice to suggest a public forum, and Jonathan...
... When the meeting adjourned, Eze noticed the Squad’s ten-person ambush. He gave Gerry Lindo his hoodie to wear, and had him leave first. In a master ploy, Gerry froze, uttered a curse, and bolted, as if trying to flee the Death Squad, who fell for the decoy and gave chase. Eze then made his move, sprinting top speed in the other direction, leaving the entire Death Squad to chase the wrong person. . . .

. . . except one. Eze made it as far as Goodrich, then was run down and shot by a speedy and crafty hunter who shall remain nameless. . . .

HEY! If you’re reading this, stand up and look around. Is there a curly-haired guy wearing a flannel at a table near you? If so, go and tell him you love the minutes.

**Landsman** secretary later concurred in detail: A forum might be a very good way to gather what information while also letting students confront the issue and forcing administrators to, he said. Students could work through whether they felt the ban was still necessary or not and why, and administrators would have to speak directly to student on the issue, and explain their choices. If they remained evasive, then an adverse letter was in order. He advocated postponing the letter.

**Fede Sosa** treasurer objected to postponing. “The Record just published an article on the issue. There is momentum now.”

**Philipp Huy** all campus moved to strike the portion of the letter calling for “attendant penalties” after an investigation. Consensus was requested by Mike Henry, Jonathan Landsman objected. Philipp’s request was considered as an amendment, which quickly went to a vote.

☐ Amending the letter to strike “with the attendant penalties” **FAILED, 12-15-o.** Returning to the argument to postpone, **Aaron Wilson** all campus moved to postpone “with the corollary that I will work with you on this, Gerry.” **Andrew Nathenson** co op, off campus asked if it would be possible for the Council officers to go to the appropriate deans and say ‘Next week, we’ll be coming out with this letter.’ Maybe on their own, they’ll come out with more information. **Mike Henry** co pres replied that he had talked to Dean Roseman, and asked for information off the record. She said no.

☐ Postponing discussion of the letter **FAILED, 9-18-o.**

**Peter McManamon** Williams moved to amend the letter to make the indicated change in the fourth paragraph. Members then fell to discussing the appropriate tone of the letter. **Veronica Mendiola** Gladden restated her view that the letter did not address the problem’s roots, and said the letter would “just get people upset.” **Gerry Lindo** all campus explained that the letter took an aggressive tone because he believed the administration is lying, and it made him mad. **Jim Irving** Class of 2005 concurred, saying “There is no more honorable tone to be bold.” **Godfrey Bakuli** Sage added assent: “I don’t think they can get mad at the student body for having an opinion about the student body. I think either you have a hard line in the letter, or you have no letter at all.” These opinions proved the minority, as . . .

☐ McManon’s amendment to the letter’s fourth paragraph **PASSED, 22-5-o.** Passage of the letter now came to a vote.

☐ Endorsing and sending the amended fraternity letter **PASSED, 17-9-o.**

At this point, the anathema of amending the letter after its passage was committed, as the secretary bit his tongue. The change from “require” to “ask” was made, by consensus. Further discussion on whom to send the letter to ensued. Dean Roseman, President Shapiro, the Board of Trustees, Harry Sheehy, Dick Nesbitt, and Doug Bazuin, were all chosen without objection, but the decision whether or not to send the letter to the student body was debated.

**Colin Yee** asked if it will go into the minutes, and upon receiving an affirmative response, asked about the readership of the minutes. **Jonathan Landsman** secretary related how he walks into lunch and scans the scene to see who’s reading it, on days when the minutes have come out. He said he felt they were pretty well read, but wasn’t sure.

**Absentees** Two absences in a row or three in a term result in a members’ expulsion, unless overridden by the secretary’s discretion or petition to the Council

William Forcenh Frosch Council
Chris Ryan Brookes, Chadbourne, Perry
Andres Schabelman all campus

Chris Ryan and Nora Burns resigned before the meeting. This meeting would have been their third absences.

This is the third absence for William Forcenh and Thomas Kunjappu. They have been expelled from Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jonathan Landsman,**
Secretary of College Council