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Strong-Turner Alumni Chapter hosts soul food dinner

Housing scholarship discussion tabled, lactation stations passed in SGA meeting

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Discussion regarding the abolishment of the housing scholarship was tabled during the Student Government Association's (SGA) meeting to hear public comments regarding SR 22/23 - 01.

Senator Jackson Galloway, senator for the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences, presented SR 23/24 - 03, which would abolish the housing scholarship previously created and funded by SR 22/23 - 01.

"SGA's budget is mostly percentage based, depending on how much money that the Student Government Association receives that semester," Galloway said. "If say, one year the Student Government Association doesn't get as much money and they have that \$5,500 taken out already, that could cause a problem with other aspects like an emergency."

Galloway was not available for an interview after the meeting.

Garrett Partain, former member of SGA, created SR 22/23 - 01. The resolution aimed to help students pay for on-campus housing.

Senator Jonathan Schauffer, junior nursing major from Salem, Arkansas is for abolishing SR 22/23 - 01.

"The physical writing of the

resolution is the issue that I have. The resolution has a lot of leeway in it, especially the original one," Schauffer said. "It has no really set definition of who is going to get these scholarships, who's going to decide who gets the scholarships, how many years are we going to do the scholarship?"

According to SR 22/23 - 01, eligible students must be full-time, in good academic standing and signed up for on-campus housing for the upcoming academic year. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate "financial need, academic achievement in the face of adversity and want to participate in and improve the campus community."

Students must submit an application to the Chair of the Financial Aid and Scholarships and those who do not meet the scholarship's specifications will not be considered. Students who have their cost of living paid for via other means are ineligible.

Connor Williams, a senior nursing major from Marked Tree, Arkansas is against SR 23/24 - 03. He was the first individual to motion to table the discussion of SR 23/24 - 03 due to wanting to hear public opinion before voting. His motion failed.

Williams said a complete abolition of SR 22/23 - 01 would look bad on SGA, as people could look back onto records and see them attempt and fail in creating a functioning housing scholarship. He also said that he fears that once this amendment has been



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Senator Jackson Galloway (far right) presenting SR 23/24 - 03, which would abolish the housing scholarship previously created by SR 22/23 - 01.

abolished, no one will go back and create a new scholarship.

Catherine Hernandez, a junior psychology major from Jonesboro is for SR 23/24 - 03.

Hernandez said her issue with SR 22/23 - 01 is the wording and that it doesn't "have the strength to fully do the best."

Hernandez said SGA could keep the money and put it into a new scholarship; however, she said she did not have any ideas for a new scholarship.

Lucky Gilmore, a senior political science major from North Little Rock, was the second person to motion

to table SR 23/24 - 03.

"The fact that we did not motion to table this simply because we want to get it on the way now, instead of when we could have motioned to table it and listen to the people that we're representing have to say, makes me a little disappointed," Gilmore said. "It doesn't matter how we feel about it. We can say no next week, but we can say no knowing what the public has to say about it."

Gilmore said she's an advocate for hearing people out even if it ends up being negative or unhelpful because you gave

that person a chance to be heard, which is why she wanted to make a motion to re-vote.

Gilmore's motion passed and the discussion was tabled, allowing the public to give their opinion before the resolution was voted on.

Dean MacDonald, a graduate student studying public administration from Jonesboro, came to the meeting after being made aware by friends and social media there was a resolution to abolish SR 22/23 - 01.

"It'd be nice to see them implement this program, give it to help it needs and

advertise it to the point where you actually have applicants," MacDonald said. "If you don't have applicants, that's how scholarships die. I would urge (SGA) to keep this program by whatever means possible."

Chris Smith, a junior history and communication studies double major from Cabot, Arkansas, attended the meeting with MacDonald. They said the senators should "fix it, not fail it," regarding the scholarship.

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Panel discusses memories of living in segregated Jonesboro

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A panel of Black community members discussed their experiences living in Jonesboro in the Black business district in a presentation hosted by the Arkansas State University Museum.

Jill Kary, the museum's curator of education, gave the presentation alongside a panel consisting of three Jonesboro natives; Roger McKinney, Leroy Johnson and Norma Ferrell.

The presentation was the result of four years of collaborative effort between Kary and McKinney, who is the general manager of The Craighead County-Jonesboro African American Cultural Center.

The panelists spoke of their memories growing up in a town where segregation forced the city's Black residents into a neighborhood about four blocks wide between Bridge Street and Houghton Street, which was primarily where their businesses were allowed to operate.

"My daddy shined shoes" Farrell said, "we had everything

we needed or wanted."

Despite Jonesboro having more opportunities for economic growth for its Black residents, they could not show their faces in white businesses without risking punishment.

"At that time you couldn't just walk into the (white) barber shop. We, as little kids, had to go to the front door and stick our heads in until we got the attention of one of the barbers," McKinney said.

Johnson said the city's Black residents had to know and live by a different set of rules than its white residents.

"I told my dad, 'everybody's so nice,'" Johnson said. "He (Johnson's father) said 'well, here's how they're nice; you know what the rules are: play the game by the rules and people will be nice to you.'"

Johnson said members of the community looked out for one another. He said everyone in "the village" helped to raise the children and described "the village" as being "the church, the school, and all these good people who are concerned



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Norma Ferrell, Leroy Johnson, and Roger McKinney speaking about their memories growing up in Jonesboro's Black business district.

about your well being."

The community's churches were also vital to its success.

"The churches were instrumental in the community, they even ventured out with the help of the white churches and did many, many things.

All the children would attend the various Sunday schools, Bible classes and vacation Bible schools," Johnson said.

Ferrell said it was a different culture living in Jonesboro then. She said Jonesboro's Black community had a positive

impact on her in her childhood.

"It was a good experience growing up in Jonesboro and having that all Black experience," Ferrell said. "It was because of this, this color made a difference."

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