

# Funding panel to appeal Own GSU appropriation

By Doug Edwards

The Student Council Appropriations Committee will appeal its own decision to fund the Gay Student Union (GSU) in order to force a University Board of Visitors policy decision regarding the GSU.

The GSU had formerly been considered a social organization, which the committee is prohibited from funding, according to Board policies.

The GSU this year revamped its constitution to allow classification as a service organization, however. Under Board guidelines, the GSU could now be funded.

The committee funded the GSU because it wanted a final Board guideline decision on funding the GSU, committee member Stefan Underhill said, adding the appeal is not made because the committee is opposed to the GSU.

The GSU received \$485 of its original \$579.42 request. The services that were funded include advertising and expenses for two speakers, a Hotline telephone, several books dealing with sexuality, and another pamphlet listing GSU services.

The Hotline would be run by a committee, chaired by a person with two years experience on a Maryland Hotline. It will refer people with mental and health problems to Student Health, lend a "sympathetic ear" to callers with problems, and give information about the GSU.

The GSU is also planning to sponsor three speakers during the year. The Appropriations Committee funded advertising and expenses for the appearance of former Air Force Sgt. Leonard P. Matlovich, and Frank Kameny, a lobbyist in Washington for gay rights.

The GSU allocation is also being appealed by graduate student Sandy Williams, who was unavailable for comment yesterday.

The deadline for filing appropriations appeals is today. The appeal will be presented to Council next Tuesday. The matter will then be

referred to the Student Activities Committee (SAC) for consideration.

The appeal will be referred to University President Frank Hereford Jr., who will decide if the matter merits Board attention.

The GSU had no prior knowledge of the Appropriations Committee's appeal, GSU Secretary/Treasurer Russell Williams said. Williams said GSU's requests were strictly within Board guidelines, adding he can see no reason for denying GSU funds.

## Delegate plans re Of statewide lotte

By Frank Cushman

State Delegate Ira. M. Lechner (D-Arlington) will reintroduce a bill that would create a statewide lottery for Virginia in the 1976 session of the General Assembly.

Under Lechner's proposal, the new lottery would help finance the current voluntary tax relief program which provides financial assistance to eligible Virginians, 65 and older.

The state does not currently reimburse localities which lose revenues through participation in the relief plan.

Lechner's lottery system, if accepted would provide such reimbursement and expand the program to all cities and counties in the state.

Only 30 counties and 25 cities currently participate in the tax relief program, according to Lechner.

If the bill is approved by the General Assembly the lottery question will be placed on the November, 1976 ballot in the form of a referendum.

"This will allow Virginians to have the final decision as to whether or not they want