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## Andrews under investigation



By LIDIJA MILIC News Editor

The Student Congress President found himself in hot water again last week.

Some 100 students who gathered outside the OC for room sign-up at 5 a.m. last Wednesday were surprised to see their government leader get kicked out of the building before any of them even made it through the door.

Congress President Scott Andrews and three other individuals are currently under investigation for allegedly entering the OC before the building was officially open Wednesday, March 17, the morning of room

signup for the next school year. The investigation is being conducted by the Office of Student Life. The four were questioned about the incident yesterday.

Shajan Kay, junior human resource development and staff writer for THE OAKLAND POST, was among students waiting in line outside the OC.

Kay said he saw Andrews and the others walk out of the Heritage Room (where the Congress office is located) at around 5 a.m. and proceed to the Fireside Lounge.

"They came out (of the Congress office) when the (building) doors were unchained, probably because the

rattling of the chains was very loud," Kay said.

Eleanor Reynolds, director of the Residence Halls, said she came in around 5:20 a.m. through the west side door next to the Oakland Room, and found Andrews and three other unidentified individuals in the building. She ordered them ejected from the building.

"I asked them to leave," Reynolds said. "To my knowledge, they were not authorized to be there."

Reynolds said the four were very cooperative.

Andrews and the others, who See ANDREWS page A5

## Congress elections underway

By SHAJAN KAY Staff Writer

- More congressional representation; and
- Plans to direct the budget back to students.

The time has come, once again, when the various campus buildings are inundated with literature requesting your vote in the upcoming Student Congress Elections.

There are three teams running for the positions of Student Body President and Vice President.

Michael Ott and Linda Hickmott, Nick Mitchell and Rob Filer, and Carina Moore and Adam Kochenderfer are the three teams, respectively.

The Ott/Hickmott platform focuses on the following issues:

- Bringing leadership back to the highest office that represents the students;
- Tackling diversity issues;
- Support for the OU Trustees Academic Success Fund, which supports diversity events;
- A complete upgrade of every computer on campus; and
- Increasing school pride.

The Mitchell/Filer platform focused on the following:

- Creating a solid link between the students and their governing body;
- Building upon diversity that already exists at OU;
- Increasing student involvement;
- Putting students first when looking into new projects; and
- Asking questions regarding whether the reader has ever been asked for input on the new golf course, how to fix parking problems, and the possibility for a hotel and conference center on campus.

While a complete copy of the Moore/Kochenderfer platform was unavailable at press time, their fliers indicate the following focus:

- Creating an OUSC Scholarship program;
- Continue building on the Course Evaluation Program;
- Bi-Weekly public forums for input;

Admission is free.

The reading will be from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

In addition to the three presidential teams there are also Legislative positions to vote for as well as a Referendum question.

About 10 people are running for the 25 Student Congress Legislative seats, however the exact number or names of those persons were unavailable at press time.

There will be one question on the ballot that could impact the amount of money you pay to the University next year. The referendum question is asking for a raise in The Student Activities Fee.

If the question passes the fee could be raised by \$5.00 for Fall and Winter Semester, and \$2.50 for the Spring and Summer sessions.

The Student Activities Fee benefits the Student Program Board, University Student Congress, WXOU, the Oakland Post and the Forensics team.

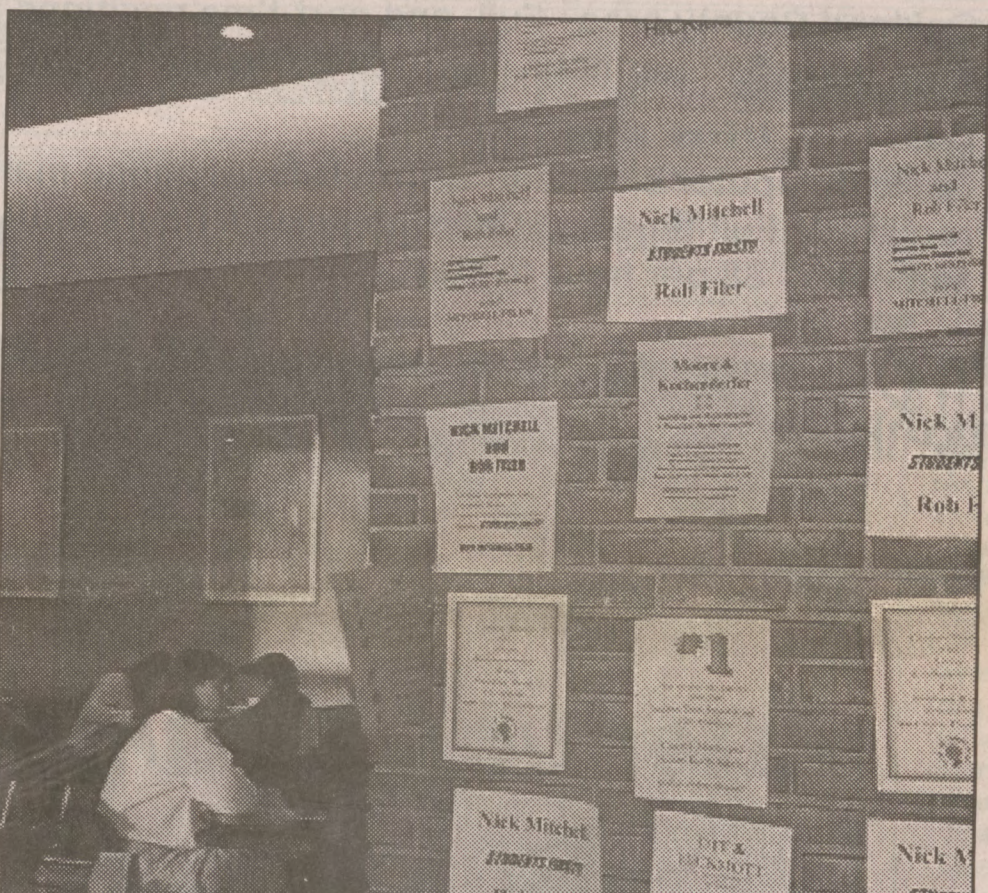
Voting for the Student Congress Elections starts Tuesday, March 30th and goes through Thursday April 1st. The times for voting are:

- Tuesday: 9:30-4:00 (Oakland Center)
- Wednesday: 9:00-4:00 (Oakland Center)
- Thursday: 9:30-11:00 (South Foundation)

A resolution regarding the new bookstore contract, as well as a bill to allocate \$16,000 of the OUSC annual budget towards a student scholarship program will also be discussed.

## Time to Vote

Political literature became the wallpaper of the OC, as the three teams began the race for the student body leadership. The voting population can cast their ballots Tuesday through Thursday.



Post Photo/Jenn Madjarev

## Raise in student fee on ballot

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY Editor in Chief

Students reporting to classrooms on campus see something different on their tuition bills from those who only attend classes off campus.

It's the \$90 Student Activities Fee that those students will find, but rest assure, this money goes back to those who pay it in many ways.

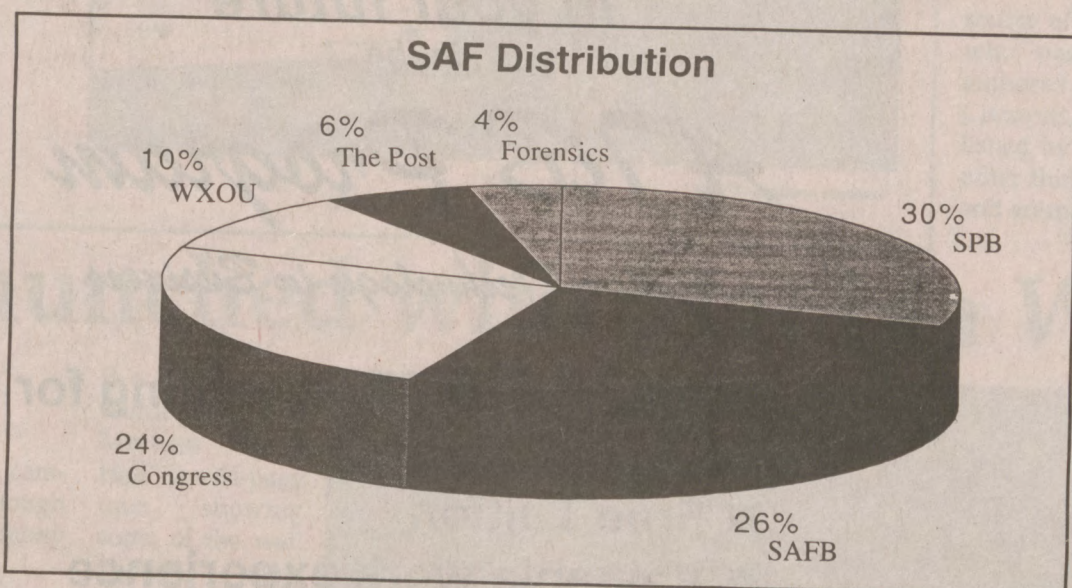
Coordinator of Finance and ID Card Operations, Don Ritenburgh, said the fee is actually split and is transferred to two different areas.

The fee is split with \$75 going for access to the new Rec Center and \$15 to fund student organizations.

That may go up, if Congress has its way and students pass a proposal that would add \$5 for the Fall and Winter terms and \$2.50 for Spring and Summer to provide additional support for students organizations.

The referendum vote is scheduled for next week during Congress elections on March 30, 31 and April 1.

The referendum was approved to be added



to the ballot at the March 8 Congress meeting.

Raymond Landsberg, SPB chairperson, strongly supports the referendum.

The current fee of \$15 was passed five years, he said "A more tangible point is that with just \$5 more per person, much more can be done.

"(For example) at SPB, we can take a stab at

something bigger (in terms of speakers and entertainers) ... such as Adam Sandler."

Since the opening of the new Recreation and Athletic Center this Fall, the activities fee increased by \$75, but the fee is still on the low side as compared to other universities. Students at other universities pay anywhere

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### FAST FACTS

• Department of Mathematics and Statistics is sponsoring colloquium entitled "Statistics: A Technology for the Millennium" presented by Prof.

Radhakrishna Rao, fellow of the Royal Society, UK and Eberly statistics professor at Pennsylvania State University.

The colloquium will be Tuesday, March 30, from 3-4p.m. in room 372, SEB.

Admission is free.

For more information, contact Ananda Sen at (248)-370-4029, or view the colloquium series link at [www.math.oakland.edu](http://www.math.oakland.edu).

• Department of History's annual lecture "The Road to Oklahoma City: How some Americans came to hate their national government" will be presented by Dan Carter, Kenan University history professor currently at Emory University in Atlanta.

The lecture will begin at noon on Friday in Gold Room A in the OC, and will be followed by a

seminar on klan leader Asa/Forest Carter at 3 p.m. in the Kresge Library Archives Room.

• Phi Alpha Theta History Film Series presents "Williamsburg: The Story of a Patriot" Tuesday, March 30 in the Meadow Brook Room, OC.

An introductory presentation, given by assistant history profes-

or Todd Estes, will begin at 5p.m.

Admission is free.

• Works in Progress reading will be presented Thursday by Brian Murphy, Associate English Professor, novelist and playwright.

The reading will be from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

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## Student Affairs Student Affairs EVENTS

### UPDATING OU

#### • ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH. Answer the Cage Questionnaire:

Have you ever felt you ought to Cut down on drinking? Have people Annoyed you by criticizing your drinking? Have you ever felt bad or Guilty about your drinking? Have you ever had a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or get rid of a hangover (Eye-opener)?

One "YES" response should raise suspicions of alcohol abuse. Call Graham Health Center for more information at 370-2341.

• **CHEAPER THAN A MOVIE TICKET!** For one of the best entertainment values around, check out the Student Rush Tickets at Meadow Brook Theatre. For only \$5 per ticket, you can see productions at this award-winning professional theatre. Buy 1 or 2 tickets per ID for \$5 each at the Box Office in Wilson Hall the day of the performance. Call 377-3300 for more information on current productions.

• **DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE.** Nearly every Tuesday at noon (with very few exceptions), the MTD department hosts "Arts at Noon," a showcase for the talents of all our students. These performances take place in Varner Hall in either the Studio Theatre or Recital Hall.

• **STUDENT LIAISON TO OU BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** Applications and nominations for this position are still available at the following locations: Student Affairs Office, 144 OC, Student Congress, 100 OC or Center for Student Activities, 49 OC. Completed applications are due at the Student Affairs Office March 31, 1999. Call (248) 370-4200 for more info.

• **ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER.** 103 North Foundation Hall, (248) 370-4215 - Free Tutoring services, old math exams for review, math review video tapes, STOP BY! Looking for campus work? Tutors are paid to work in the Academic Skills Center. STOP BY!

### THIS WEEK

• **INFORMATION SESSION.** On Wednesday, March 24, 1999, from noon to 1 p.m., the company Lab Support will conduct an information session for students in Room 125 of the OC. OU alumna Kristie Maciejewski will discuss employment opportunities for Bio and Chem majors. Refreshments provided.

• **SIDNEY FINK MEMORIAL AWARD.** Nomination forms for the Sidney Fink Memorial Award are still available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. These \$100-\$200 awards are given to Oakland University on-campus student employees nominated by their supervisors who have demonstrated an aptitude and ongoing commitment to improve race relations. Deadline for nomination applications is Friday, March 26, 1999. Call the Dean of Students Office at 370-3352 for more information.

• **CAMPUS RECREATION.** The Department of Campus Recreation is accepting applications for Spring, Summer and Fall employment. Applications are available through March 26. Positions include: life guard, group exercise leaders- all types, especially water aerobics and hip hop/funk, fitness assistants, facility assistants, welcome center and sports officials. Stop at the Welcome Center in the Recreation Center for an application.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

• **CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CRC).** Attention Liberal Arts students: you are invited to attend a workshop to establish your career goals and to identify and learn how to market your skills on Wednesday, March 31 at 1 p.m. in Room 154 of North Foundation Hall. During any week, students are encouraged to stop in at the CRC to explore career options. Hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information on workshops and services, call the CRC at 370-3263.

• **Visitor from Singapore.** Jonathan Bensky, an Economics graduate and OU alumnus who has excelled during his more than 20 years with the U.S. Foreign Service, will speak about careers and opportunities with the Foreign Service in Asia with students, faculty and staff on Friday, April 2, from noon to 1 p.m. in the SBA Conference Room, 4th Floor, Varner Hall. Besides serving as the Head of the Commercial Section of four American Embassies throughout the world, Bensky also served in the Peace Corps in Nepal. Placement & Career Services joins the university community in welcoming Mr. Bensky back to campus. All are invited!

• **SECOND ANNUAL WINNERS CIRCLE RECEPTION.** Mark your calendars now to attend this reception on Thursday, April 8, 1999 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, OC honoring all student nominees and recipients of various university awards. The university community is invited to attend this celebration of its students and their accomplishments.

## Fee

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from a \$50 to \$100 student activities fee, Ritenburgh said.

Before the Rec Center the fee was \$15. That has not changed. The difference is a Rec Center fee of \$75 that has been lumped into the Student Activities Fee.

Ritenburgh said the balance of the fee is computed on a daily basis at the start of each semester until the final drop day. It then is transferred into two accounts, the Rec Center's and Student Affairs.

For the Fall 1998 semester, Student Affairs received \$188,529.18. This semester, with the slight dip in enrollment, \$183,424 was received, he said.

Student Affairs then distributes 30 percent to the Student Program Board (SPB), 26 percent to the Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB), 24 percent to Congress, 10 percent to WXOU, six percent to THE OAKLAND POST and four percent the Forensics.

The \$15 fee and the percentages in which it is distributed was voted on by student referendum in a Congress election years ago, Ritenburgh said. There has

only been two slight adjustments since he began at OU (Fall '94), he added.

Before WXOU went FM, it only received eight percent and SPB received 28 percent.

If this year's SAF referendum passes, Landsberg said "(The percentages) will be chopped up the same."

The fees Congress, WXOU and THE POST receive contributes greatly to their operational costs. Additionally, for THE POST it allows for students to have a free subscription to the weekly newspaper. The four percent the Forensics team receives allows it to travel to tournaments and pays registration fees.

Landsberg said, the portion SPB receives from the fee allows the organization to fund the many events SPB sponsors every year.

SPB gives the money to different areas including Recreation & Leisure, Concert & Dance, The Underground Coffeehouse, Visual and Performing Arts, Mainstage and Lecture & Special Events.

The money allocated to these area greatly varies from semester to semester, Landsberg said. The scheduled events and their costs are the deciding factor, he said.

This semester Visual and Performing Arts, bringing students the Boehmer Family Jugglers, \$3,460 and Nikki Giovanni, \$3,000, received the most funding with \$9,265.

Landsberg said the Spring, Summer and Fall budgets will be finished in April and the Winter 2000 budget will be completed in November.

The SAFB budget helps to fund the student run organizations on campus, said Joe Mierzwinski, Congress financial assistant.

This semester SAFB received \$47,690.24 from the activities fee. Last semester, \$49,017.59 was received.

"We have just about 90 student organizations this year, and as a matter of fact, they're still registering. It's so cool, we're still getting phone calls," said Jean Ann Miller, assistant director of student activities and leadership development.

She said the number of orgs does fluctuate year to year, and that in the past it has exceeded 100.

According to Mierzwinski, SAFB guidelines recommend that each student organization is allowed to request up to \$2,000 from SAFB each semester. "Approximately ten organiza-

tions take advantage of that (\$2,000) each semester," he said.

However, according to Miller, last year \$2,000 was a cap, but this year SAFB looked at the requests on a case by case basis and has been a bit more lenient.

"They've (SAFB) been extremely accommodating to the organizations thus far in funding their programs and activities," she said.

Miller said club sports and organizations having to house activities off campus generally request and receive more from SAFB.

Last semester, GCSA received \$5,000, Meadow Brook Ball \$4,540, Ice Hockey \$4,160, Men's Volleyball \$4,089 and the Law Society, Society for Auto Engineers and Women's Ice Hockey \$4,000 apiece. Those were the highest of allocated funds, according to the SAFB Fall 1998 Allocation Summary.

Mierzwinski said a summary has not yet been completed for this semester and applications are still being accepted for funding.

Landsberg hopes students approve the fee increase.

This is the one fee students have control over, and the one fee spent by students, he said.

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