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Students fail to veto athletics fee

By DAVID ROSS

The proposed sports and recreation student fee easily survived the challenge of a student referendum by gaining 660 "yes" votes while needing only 464 to insure its favorable recommendation to President Donald O'Dowd.

A record 1407 students voted in the referendum held Oct. 26 and 27. The majority of students voting, 745 (53 percent), voted against the proposed fee. But their votes will not affect the decision because of a Constitutional provision stating two thirds, or 938 "no" votes, were needed to overturn this University Congress decision.

A memorandum written by Congress President Don Fuller states, "According to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of the University Congress, the referendum question is passed, and the previous Congressional recommendation to the University President stands until further notice."



Student referendum draws record vote in assessment of new fees. A record 1407 students voted. (Photo by David Ross)

THE PROPOSAL NOW goes to President O'Dowd who had adopted a "wait and see" attitude toward the proposal until the referendum question was resolved. "I will

now seek information from a variety of sources," stated O'Dowd after receiving the referendum results. "I will then formulate my recommendation to the Board for its

December first meeting." O'Dowd further commented, "I think the critical thing is to provide more times when the athletics building is open for students' use."

There are several options open to President O'Dowd. "I may simply wait and make no recommendation to the Board at its December first meeting," he stated.

Delaying the recommendation until after the Dec. Board meeting could effectively delay the institution of the sports fee until next year. He could also formulate a compromise proposal with a reduced fee but still enough to satisfy the needs of the athletic department.

O'Dowd plans to use the strength of student sentiment as an important factor in reaching a decision. He feels the referendum results were "not really conclusive" and that the force of feeling behind the vote is more important than the numbers.

THE FEE, IF ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees, will charge \$5 per term for graduate and undergraduate full time students and \$3.50 per term for graduate and undergraduate part-time students. The estimated \$45,000 that (continued on page 9)

Congress considers tuition rebate

By DAVID PROUT

University Congress is presently considering a student tuition rebate as a result of the three-day faculty strike in Sept. This action follows an announcement of approximately \$30,000 in surplus state appropriation monies.

As reported by the *Sail* in its Oct. 6 issue, the university withheld \$74,000 from faculty payroll. In a subsequent state action, over \$41,000 was deducted from OU's state allotment

for the month of Sept. The resulting surplus of approximately \$30,000 has been placed in an escrow account until various pending legal actions are resolved.

President O'Dowd has tentatively proposed that surplus funds remaining after any and all legal actions be used towards library acquisition. O'Dowd explains that his decision was reached following a search for a project that would "serve the university generally."

O'Dowd said that the

\$30,000 figure could change with pending legal actions and 200 hearings requested by individual faculty members following the withholdings from their Sept. 30 payroll.

UNRELATED DIRECTLY to the state fund surplus is a proposed tuition rebate for lost classroom time during the faculty strike. O'Dowd states that he understands the students' position, however, he terms the rebate idea, "an unfruitful and costly solution." Any refund would involve complicated figuring of each student's schedule and which class time he missed, according to O'Dowd.

O'Dowd states that the (continued on page 2)

registration begins Nov. 8

By NATHAN MENOIAN

Students who are presently enrolled at OU will be able to enjoy the convenience of advanced registration Nov. 8-18.

All you need do is go to the registrar's office and pick up a winter schedule and course-request form.

Confirmation notices will be sent to local addresses and actual billings will go to your home residence. (continued on page 3)

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Faculty strike may result in tuition rebate

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university expenses were not lessened significantly as other university services continued operating. He feels the application of surplus funds toward library acquisition as the most "economical, sensible and feasible response" to the dilemma that has no completely "good solution."

According to Congress President Don Fuller, in terms of a possible rebate, \$1.60 per class hour has been determined as a fair and equitable reimbursement. This amount would be multiplied by those classroom hours attended by students during the strike and not attended by any instructor

or professor.

FULLER SAID HE is tired of the reasoning by university officials that any refund or rebate would "cost too much and be too hard to do." Fuller feels the university should provide the student body with "facts rather than conjecture" regarding the feasibility of a tuition refund.

According to Fuller, the university has the means to establish the total amount of a tuition refund and the cost of associated paperwork and necessary manpower. Until this information is forthcoming, Fuller believes students should "continue to exert pressure" towards implementation of a tuition

refund program.

Congress Research Committee on Student Tuition (RCOST) is presently gathering the opinions of various administrative officials regarding a possible reimbursement for lost classroom hours. In interviewing the various university business officials, the committee hopes to determine

the feasibility of a refund program.

Before any recommendations to Congress, RCOST is interested in obtaining student opinion on a tuition rebate or utilization of surplus funds towards a general service project. Fill out the poll ballot below. Rip it out and return it to the Congress office, 19 O.C.

Dear Editor,

The power of the President of University Congress, when utilized, is almost to the point of being dictatorial. Under the present Constitution, the President has complete control of the \$60-65,000 activities fees collected by the University, by virtue of his appointment of Student Activities Board (SAB) and Concert Lecture Board (CLB) chairmembers.

I would like to point out that the SAB and CLB chairmanships are paid positions and collectively have control of \$48,000 per year. The only other paid positions in Congress are the Assistant Executive,

appointed by the President, and the President himself.

University Congress can veto these appointments, but in view of the recent turmoil and excess number of resignations on Congress, I doubt if this power is being exercised.

Congress is in the process of changing the Constitution and I sincerely hope they keep in mind this concentration of power allowed the President, and devise some way to separate and distribute this power more evenly and fairly to alleviate some of the petty politics that could so easily enter our present system.

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BALLOT

Should UC demand and work for rebate of student tuition based on student schedules and number of class hours not taught by professors.

Should UC support application of surplus state appropriation funds towards general service projects?

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OU's crime down from last year

Increased patrols and student awareness seem to be taking effect since crime on campus is down 23 percent from last year.

Thefts from autos, dormitories and vending machines have all dropped and Public Safety Administrator Earl Grey credits student assistance and a better class of students with the drop in crime.

After a rash of citizen band radio thefts last spring, parking lot patrols were stepped up. The result is fewer attempts of auto break-ins.

registration

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Bills will include tuition, fees, past debts and the first housing installment for dorm students. The billing due date is Jan. 3.

IF YOU ARE notified that a course you signed up for is filled, adjustments may be made Dec. 6-10.

Regular registration will be Jan. 4. Late registration will be Jan. 6-8.

For further information, call the Registrar at 377-3450.

WHILE SOME OF the crimes are solved, Public Safety urges anyone witnessing vandalism, thefts, apparent break-ins, or tampering with automobiles in the parking lot to call Public Safety. An officer will respond.

Calls at this time last year totaled 647. This year, with increased patrols, calls have numbered little more than 500.

"Student help is what we

are looking for," explained Grey. "And with it I'm sure that we can cut the crime rate at Oakland further."

Around-the-clock security is another reason for the drastic drop in crime.

Grey also said that OU seems to have students that aren't as malicious as they were in the past. Destruction in the dormitories and theft of student property have dropped.



Jim Pequette, Director of Student Organizations

Pequette leaves OU

By KEN MUIR

After a "fulfilling" two years at OU, Jim Pequette, director of Student Organizations and Campus Programs, is leaving the university.

Pequette will be transferring to Northern State College (NSC) in Aberdeen, South Dakota to assume the position of Student Life.

At NSC Pequette will be heading ten departments. They include student housing, student government, health services and student organizations.

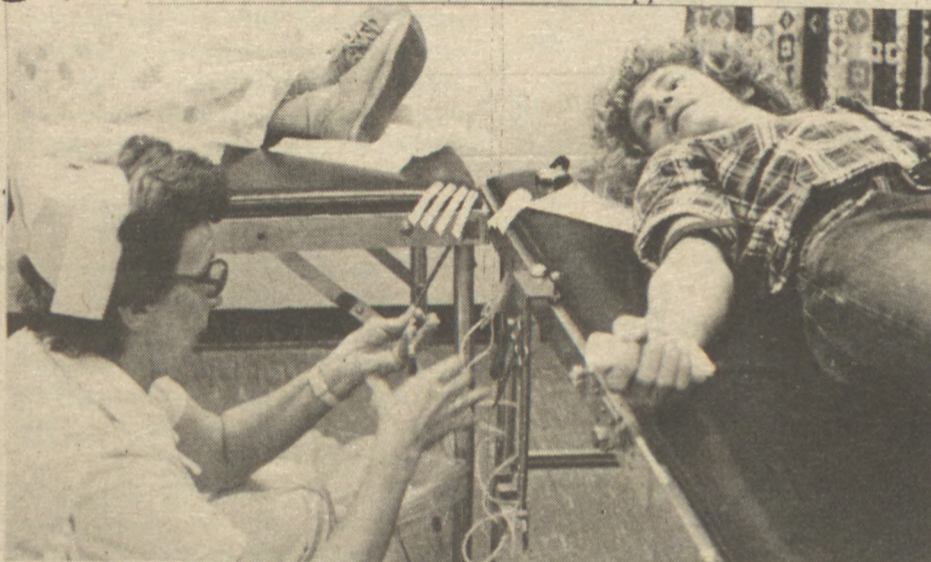
All those responsibilities are of little worry to Pequette who sports a long list of credentials.

HIS EDUCATION includes a BA in math and physics from Hastings College in Nebraska, a MA in counseling psychology from the University of Nebraska and a PhD in administration of higher education at the University of Oregon.

Pequette said he will miss OU because he made many friends. "He added, "Oakland has been an enjoyable experience and I learned a lot."

He said, "This is a stimulating institution in which to work, especially with my excellent staff and students."

Pequette is spending most of his time lately preparing to move. He begins work at NSC on Nov. 8.



OU donors contributed 370 pints of blood Thursday to the Red Cross Blood Drive, according to Drive Chairman Art Heaten. (Photo by David Ross)

Public Interest Research Group in Michigan (PIRGIM) is holding an election for reconstituting the OU PIRGIM Board.

The election will be Nov. 4 in the PIRGIM office, 19C Oakland Center.

All students who paid the PIRGIM fee at registration are entitled to vote.

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Graham Health Center (GHC) advises that persons with uncomplicated medical histories may receive the monovalent type A New Jersey swine flu vaccinations at the clinics.

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