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Trustees hike students' costs

Tuition up 3.1%, fees by 49%

By Gail DeGeorge
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A 3.1 percent increase in OU's undergraduate tuition, a 4.5 percent increase in graduate tuition, and several changes in fee assessments filled in the "blank space" that students found under "tuition and fees" in the Fall 1978 Schedule of Classes. The increases and changes were passed at the July 26 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Undergraduate tuition will increase from \$24.25 to \$25.00 per credit hour, and graduate tuition will increase from \$33.50 to \$35.00 per credit hour. OU President Donald O'Dowd referred to the changes as "a modest tuition increase."

Revenue collected from student fees will increase by \$120,000 (49 percent) this year. The fee changes include: a new \$5 Graham Health Center fee; an increase in the Oakland Center fee (based on full-time, ten credits or more, undergraduate rates) from \$10 to \$16 (60 percent); and an increase in the enrollment fee, \$5 to \$10 (100 percent). A decrease in the transportation fee, \$8 to \$6 (minus 25 percent) and the elimination of special course fees were also approved. In total, undergraduate, full time students will pay \$47 per semester in fees, \$14 more than last year.

The Graham Health Center fee was implemented because the "legislature does not want tuition or general fund monies used for this service," said O'Dowd at the meeting. "This (fee assessment) reflects in the low tuition increase," he continued. Ray Harris, budget director, indicated in a later interview that tuition rates would have increased roughly "30 to 40 cents more a credit hour" if the new fee had not been charged.

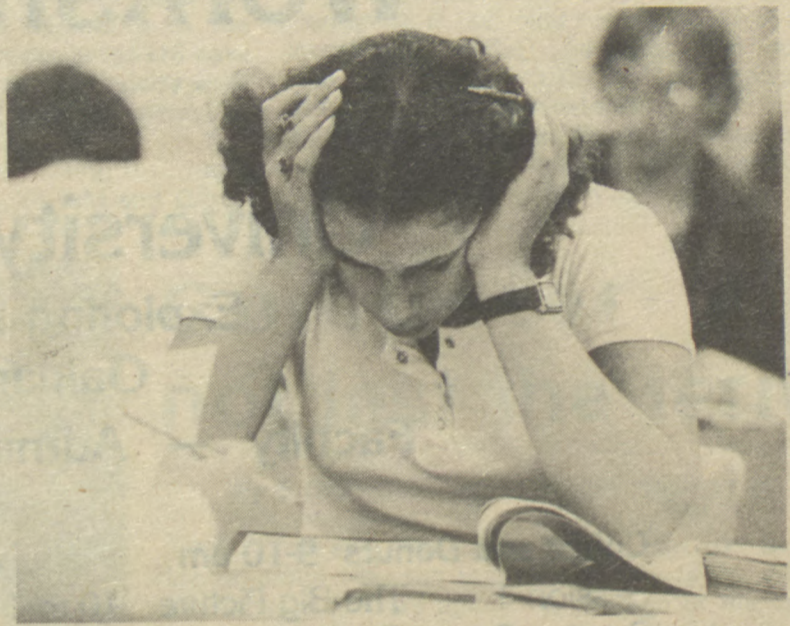
Only 5716 students visits and 1071 faculty-staff visits were made to the health center last year, according to university sources. Gary Foster, University Congress President, indicated that neither the hours nor the facilities were adequate enough to warrant the fee.

"Because we have such a large commuter population," said Mary Sue Rogers, Congress Executive Assistant, "most students have insurance, either through their parents, or business, and don't use the building." She added that "8-5, Monday through Friday hours are not feasible. . . injuries and illness are not set on hours." She also said that she would "rather see the place shut down" than the fee charged.

"Commuters do use the center," said Kenneth Coffman, vice-president for student affairs, "because the cost of services is much less (than off-campus health services)." He added that: "Generally speaking, (the center) is adequately equipped. . . it is not an in-patient hospital."

A student visit to the center to see a doctor is \$7, according to Clare Sawhill, staff nurse. No charge is made to see a nurse. Faculty and staff members are charged \$10 for a doctor's visit, but they do not pay a Health Center fee.

The increase in the Oakland Cen-
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It's registration and back to the books for OU students, which involves preparations which include standing in line to register and at the bookstore, and, for resident students, moving into the dorms. For "moving" pictures, please see page 10. (Photo by Dave Ross)

Time on policy limited, Students not notified

By Gail DeGeorge
Sail Staff Writer

A number of upperclass OU students will not be allowed to register and receive credit for advanced courses due to a new university policy being implemented this fall.

The policy, known as "writing proficiency requirements," state that all non-transfer students and those transferring fewer than 32 credits must meet the university standards for writing proficiency by the completion of 48 credits, or they will not be permitted to

register for courses numbered 300 level or above.

Students transferring more than 32 credits must fulfill the requirement by the completion of 16 credits at OU or they will be subject to the same penalty. This policy affects all students regardless of year of admission to the university, not only the entering freshman class.

The Registrar's office was unable to provide an exact count on the number of openings left in Learning Skills classes after freshman orientation registrations.

However, according to a secretary in the Undergraduate Advising office, there are approximately 20-25 places remaining in LS 100 courses. As of 4:30pm Friday August 25, according to the list of closed classes posted at the registration area, four out of eighteen LS 101 courses were filled.

The legislation affecting the writing proficiency requirement was approved by the University Senate on April 21, 1977. When Keith Kleckner, Associate Provost, was questioned on why notification of the requirement was not posted in the Winter 1978 schedule to allow students to fulfill the requirement, he replied that "it hadn't been cleared until after the winter schedule of classes had been prepared." According to a secretary in the Registrar's office, the Winter schedule was sent to the printer in October of 1977.

A notification was placed in the spring schedule of classes in addition
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11th hour LS test added

Due to some last-minute preparations and compromises reached between University Congress and the administration on Friday, August 25 regarding the policy, another section of LS 101 was added to the fall schedule.

In addition, two block times to take the writing proficiency exam have been arranged for Monday and Tuesday from 10 o'clock am to noon in 775 Vandenberg Hall (west). It is a two hour test, and the Learning Skills staff "will make every effort to make results available as soon as possible," said Billie DeMont, secretary for the

Associate Provost's office.

If a student does not place out of Learning Skills classes, they will be allowed to register for an LS class, and advanced courses concurrently. If a student signs up for a LS class and is unable to get in because they are closed, according to Gary Foster, Keith Kleckner said an exemption will be made for this semester only.

Students affected by the policy are urged to contact either the Learning Skills office, or University Congress (19 OC) for information on other ways to meet requirements and referrals.

University Congress Workshop Series

Sept. 24

University Governance

Exploring the Mechanics of
Oakland University

Faculty — Administrators — Students

Coffee and Donuts 9-10 am

Session 1 The Big Picture 10 to 11:30 am.

Session 2 The Faculty and Administration 12 to 2 pm.

Session 3 The Students 2:30 to 5:00 pm.

Session 3 will be an informal discussion on

developing a congressional policy paper.

October 14

Programming/Planning

Making Ideas Into Events

Coffee and donuts 9-10 am

Session 1 A. How To Decide What To Do 10 to 12nn

Session 1 B. How to Finance Your Events

Session 2 How to's

Session 3 How to Co-plan, Co-program

Dinner—5 to 7 pm.

CLB movie—7 to 10 pm.

Join Us For A Session — Or All Day

Abstention Coffeehouse

Your Voice — University Congress

Trustees OK computer purchase

By S C Derrick
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The purchase of a \$1.6 million computer was approved by the OU Board of Trustees last Wednesday. A last minute attempt by the Detroit-based Burroughs corporation to gain a two week delay to consider a new machine offer was rejected, as the board voted unanimously to buy a computer made by Honeywell Inc.

The Honeywell 68/DPS-1 computer system will be the largest equipment purchase in OU's history.

The vote ended a 15 month study of OU's computer needs. The board decision was an acceptance of a recommendation made by a

committee chaired by Assistant to the President, William W. Connellan.

The recommendation report stated that 40 terminals and a maintenance contract should also be purchased for the computer, and that it should be paid off over a seven year period.

OU will be an academic demonstration site for the Honeywell system, according to the report. Only three other colleges in the US have the model. It was found to be particularly well-suited to OU by the computer hardware selection committee.

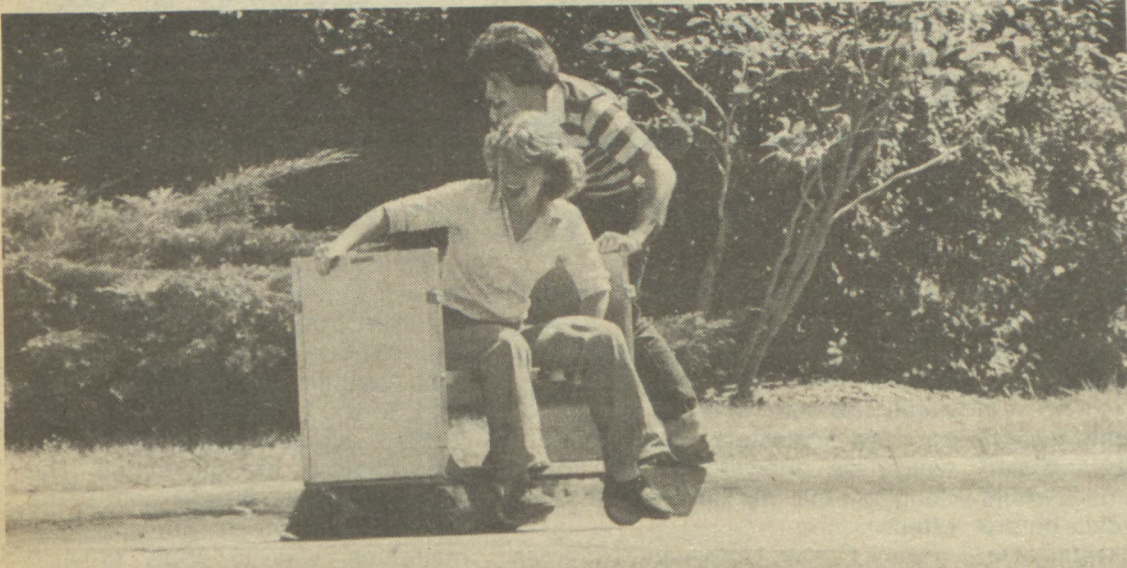
It was chosen over a competing Burroughs machine and a combination of IBM and Digital

Equipment Corporation systems.

In a competition with the others, Honeywell gave superior performance in academic time-sharing, the dominant consideration in the decision of the hardware committee, according to the committee's report.

In addition, according to the report, the Honeywell is the most sophisticated of the systems tested and the easiest to use and maintain. It also has a strong security system, which prevents one user's gaining access to another user's data. A further convenience for OU students is the use of identical time sharing and batch commands.

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The summer is over and with it, time for fooling around and roughousing out in the sun. These two students make the most of the fast-disappearing days of summer. (Photo by Dave Ross)

Computer may not last the term

By S C Derrick
Sail Staff Writer

Computer and Information students may run into difficulties with OU's aging Burroughs 5500 computer this semester. On busy days, students can expect long waits for use of computer facilities and increasingly frequent breakdowns.

The Burroughs 5500 computer, which handles student and faculty academic computing needs, is 15 years old. A new computer has been recommended by a committee reporting to the Board of Trustees and funds have been appropriated by the state legislature, but students will have to put up with the old computer at least one more semester.

According to one computer center employee, who declined to be identified, certain parts of the computer may not make it through the semester, though most

of the machine would continue to operate.

The major problem according to this employee, is the age of the computer and the fact that Burroughs does not make some of the parts anymore. Breakdowns occur most commonly when the computer's power is interrupted. A power loss of only a fraction of a second can cause the computer to "go down"—to lose its internal memory and whatever programs and data are being fed into it at the time.

To bring the computer "back up" can take hours. According to the employee, to get the computer running again, "there are a lot of things that have to click." and "everything in there is old." There is a possibility that during the semester some components will break down and the computer center will be unable to repair or

OU starts health center fee

By Mark Clausen
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The Graham Health Center (GHC), recipient of a new \$5 fee, has had considerable attention focused on what services it will offer for the \$85,000 subsidy it will receive.

In defending the fee, administrators have frequently pointed to health fees paid at other state-supported universities, so *The Oakland Sail* decided to call other universities around the state to compare prices and services offered (see table).

OU has a mandatory \$5 GHC fee charged each semester at registration. The center offers two part-time doctors (the equivalent of one full-time position), and three full-time nurses. According to the center's brochure, it provides "evaluation and treatment of most medical problems." However, GHC facilities are somewhat limited, so for many serious problems, GHC serves as a referral service to area specialists and hospitals.

The center also provides a variety of lab tests, and allergy injections. GHC also has a visiting gynecologist,

and houses a counseling center.

The GHC fee is not new to OU. Until 1972 students paid a \$15 per semester fee. Until 1968, when the present GHC building was completed, the staff worked in two rooms in North Foundation Hall.

From 1968 until 1972, it served as a 24 hour infirmary. But in 1972 that service was discontinued, the GHC hours were changed to 8-5, and the fee was dropped.

The fee is back now because the state legislature decided all university health centers should be self-supporting. According to OU President Donald O'Dowd, balancing the GHC budget entirely through patient charges would have made the center's fees "prohibitively high." O'Dowd decided that students should pay the entire amount previously paid out of the general fund (see editorial).

Students share the center with OU faculty and staff, campus visitors, and students from Michigan Christian and Oakland Community Colleges. Non-students using a student health center is a feature somewhat

unique among state schools. Non-students pay slightly higher rates than OU students, and non-student visits account for roughly 20 percent of the total.

SCHOOL	Fee	Office Call	Non-elective Physical	Staff Use	Allergy Injection	Blood Test
MSU	\$18/quarter	N/C	N/A	no	\$1	\$7
U-M*	\$16/term	N/C	N/A	no	N/I	\$10
WMU	\$21.25/term	N/C	N/C	no	N/C	\$6
EMU	\$13.50/term optional	\$4 w/fee \$9 wo/fee	\$15 \$18	yes	\$4 \$5	\$8 \$8
CMU**	\$1/credit hr.	\$3	N/A	no	\$1-3	\$6
WSU***	\$25/year opt.	\$20		yes	\$1	
NMU****	"not per se"	\$5	N/I	no	N/I	N/I
OU	\$5/term	\$7	\$15	yes	\$2	\$4

N/C - no charge N/A - not available N/I - no information

* U-M has its own allergy clinic separate from the health center.
 ** Central's health fee is budgeted from general funds.
 *** WSU has decided to "get out of the health care business" and will be closing their health center on campus Jan. 1.
 **** Officials at NMU would only say that it cost \$5 to see a doctor and declined to comment further.