

**MEASURE B:** In order to increase the availability and spectrum of physical education, recreation, and sports facilities, do the undergraduate and graduate students of UCSC favor either of the following fees to construct, maintain, and operate the indicated facilities?

No, I do not favor either option below.

**Option 1.** Yes, I favor a fee of \$15 per quarter per student for a weight training and fitness center, upper east field drainage/irrigation renovation, pool lights and storage/maintenance buildings. Fee will commence when the facilities are built and available for use.

**Option 2.** Yes, I favor a fee of \$36 per quarter per student for all items in Option 1 and for a dance/physical conditioning studio, martial arts room, sailing/kayaking/rowing center, craft (pottery) center, outdoor equipment/recreation office expansion, rock climbing wall, squash courts, racquetball court renovation, lower east field improvements, new east remote field, 2 multipurpose classrooms, and a ropes course for leadership training. Fee will commence when facilities are built and available for use. If two-thirds of students do not vote for this, this vote counts toward Option 1.

**Measure B Discussion:** This mandatory fee measure was placed on the ballot through petition. It requires a two-thirds majority of a minimum voting pool of at least 20% of the undergraduate and graduate student body combined. Only one fee can be instituted. If the \$36 fee, Option 2, receives two-thirds favorable vote, it will be instituted. If it does not receive two-thirds favorable vote, those votes and those in favor of Option 1 will be tallied. If that is two-thirds of the voting pool, Option 1, the \$15 fee, will be instituted. If two-thirds of the voters do not favor either option, no fee will be instituted.

**Funding:** The proposed facilities will cost the students:

Option 1. \$15 per student per quarter for a total of \$4,475,000

Option 2. \$36 per student per quarter for a total of \$10,850,000 (includes Option 1 fee and total)

These facilities will be paid for by a twenty-seven (27) year loan(s). Upon debt retirement, the student majority board will make a recommendation to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs as to how the student fee should be adjusted for inflation.

When an individual facility is completed and ready for student use, the fee for that specific facility will begin. If one component of a package is available for use prior to the other components, the fee for that specific facility only will begin so students can begin to use the facility.

**Building Governance:**

Prior to and during the construction of the facility or facilities, all decisions pertaining to the facility, including, but not limited to, facility design, location, and size, will be made by a student majority building committee composed of the following members:

- 3 undergraduate students appointed by the ICSCA
- 1 undergraduate student appointed by the SUA
- 1 graduate student appointed by the GSA
- 1 Cowell/Stevenson representative jointly appointed by the Cowell and Stevenson College Student Governments
- The OPERS director
- The OPERS business manager
- The UCSC building architect

The building committee must assure that the square footage of the actual facilities does not vary more than five percent (5%) from the approved plan. In order to regularly update the community as to the status of the facilities, the building committee will hold a public forum once per quarter which will be advertised both on and off campus.

After construction of the new OPERS complex is completed, the complex will be governed by a student majority board.

**Location:**

The facilities will be placed at OPERS' East Field House location in areas identified on the attached maps of proposed facilities, with the exception of the sailing/kayaking/rowing center, the lower fields, and the ropes course.

**Description of each proposed facility:**

Option 1, \$15 per quarter:

- a. Fitness Center/Weight Room: 10,600 square feet. The building and equipment such as free weights, weight machines, aerobic machines, and rehabilitation machines would be included. Maintenance Building: 2,000 square feet. Existing building may need to be relocated or demolished and rebuilt.
- b. Upper East Field Renovation. Irrigation, leveling and drainage upgrades to existing upper field.
- c. Pool Storage and lights: 500 square feet. Would provide additional lighting of pool and storage space for pool supplies.

Option 2, \$36 per quarter:

**All items in Option 1 plus:**

- a. Physical Conditioning/Yoga/Dance Studio: 3,600 square feet.
- b. This new facility would be used to hold yoga, dance, aerobics and physical conditioning classes.
- c. Martial Arts Studio: 1,750 square feet. Would create additional space to conduct martial arts classes.
- d. Sailing/Rowing/Kayaking Center: 2,500 square feet. Building would provide maintenance, storage, administrative, and classroom space at the marina.
- e. Craft Center: 1,500 square feet. A pottery studio for general student use.
- f. Outdoor Equipment Rental/Recreation Office Expansion: 2,200 square feet. Create additional space to house expanded rental services and more recreation office areas.
- g. Indoor Rock Climbing Wall: 800 square feet. Building to house such a wall.
- h. Lower East Field Improvement: Would add fencing, restrooms, storage and approximately 2000 seats on the existing lower field.
- i. Racquetball/Squash Courts: 1,350 new and 4,800 renovated square feet. Renovation of existing racquetball courts and construction of 2 new squash courts.
- j. Multi-Purpose Classrooms: 750 new and 750 renovated square feet. Includes renovation of existing classroom and the construction of a new classroom.
- k. Additional East Remote Playing Field: 2 - 2 1/2 acres. Would create additional field space large enough to accommodate a soccer/rugby/lacrosse/ultimate frisbee game.
- l. Ropes Course: 400 square feet for storage (course is mobile). Cost includes all equipment and storage.

**Measure B Supporting Opinion:** The Santa Cruz campus suffers from a lack of indoor facilities where all students may congregate centrally for graduations, concerts, lectures, athletic and recreational events. These facilities will create a stronger sense of UCSC's identity.

Existing facilities for physical education, fitness, wellness, recreation, sports, and intramurals were designed to meet the needs of 7,000 students. Enrollments for 1995-96 are estimated to be about 10,000 and are expected to grow to 12,500 by 2005 and eventually to 15,000. Most other comparable universities and many high schools have better facilities.

The need for facilities which provide more activities and programs that increase mental and physical health is extremely high. Anxiety and depression are frequent symptoms of students who do not have adequate opportunities for wholesome, enjoyable physical activity.

There are more than 2,500 turn-aways per year from physical education classes, intramural programs, sports opportunities, and recreational classes, workshops, and outings. More than 250,000 entries per year are recorded by the turnstiles in the East OPERS complex. There were over 90,000 visits to the pool last year.

A 1994 student opinion survey indicated that one of the major reasons students did not participate more in physical education, recreation, and sports activities was because of very poor facilities.

The new facilities will provide additional opportunities for revenue generation. These fees will be used to reduce the need to tap registration fees for funding the operational and maintenance costs associated with the facilities. Income will be generated from: sale of recreation cards to faculty and staff, summer camp income, rental of sports facilities, revenue from ticket sales to concerts, lectures, and sporting events, and summer conferences and conventions.

All of the facilities will increase positive interactions between students, faculty, and staff. There will be more opportunities for students, faculty and staff to learn about themselves and others through open, respectful communication.

There will be significant opportunities for student employment and leadership positions. It is estimated that more than 50 new jobs and leadership opportunities will be created.

Admissions and retention should improve. Information from a previous survey indicated that a major reason that students left before graduation was a lack of things to do on campus and a lack of campus unity.

The fee would not start until the facility is constructed, and for all the facilities the fee (about \$22 per month) would be less than what students pay to join a health club downtown. For less than 75 cents per day, students would have access to 22 million dollars worth of facilities and staffing.

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**Measure B Opposing Opinion:** No opposing opinion was received.

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