

MEASURE 11: Theater Arts Fee

QUESTION: Shall a permanent **Theater Arts Fee** of \$2.00 per quarter be assessed to all undergraduate students, effective Fall 2003, to permit undergraduates to attend student and faculty directed Theater Arts Department productions for **FREE**, subsidize ticket office costs, and expand existing funding for production-related expenses such as sets, costumes, lights, etc.?

SUMMARY POINTS:

- New undergraduate compulsory fee of \$2.00 per quarter.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2003, permanent fee (no ending date).
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates enrolled in the fall, winter, and spring quarters, and to undergraduates enrolled in State-funded summer programs.
- Fee will generate approximately \$79,320 in 2003-2004.
- Sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly.

BALLOT STATEMENT:

The Fee

A fee of \$2.00 per quarter will provide funding to the Theater Arts Department to primarily subsidize ticket office costs as well as replace income formerly gained through student ticket sales. (Student-rate tickets for faculty-directed productions currently cost \$7 per show.) The remainder of the fee will help fund existing production-related costs, such as sets, costumes, lights, etc., allowing for more performances and higher quality productions. No portion of this fee will be used for Theater Arts Department or Arts Division administrative costs.

The Productions

Productions sponsored by the Theater Arts Department include student- and faculty-directed theater and dance. A large number of students are involved in each production, as performers, directors, designers, managers, publicists, etc. Many students are required to attend performances for classes in the arts and humanities, as well as for core courses. An average season presents 10-15 separate productions during the year. This fee will not apply to Music Department productions, Arts and Lectures productions, or productions that the Theater Arts Department co-sponsors with others.