

**PROPOSITION 3.** Shall the students of UC Santa Cruz assess themselves \$3.25 per quarter, for the next six quarters, to expand day and night shuttle service, and shall there be a five-year moratorium on any additional increases in self-assessed student shuttle fees?

#### **DISCUSSION**

This measure would direct the Transportation Manager to carry out plans to augment existing shuttle service; the fee increase would allow the addition of two new day shuttles and one new night shuttle.

Continued funding at the increased level would be dependent on a student reaffirmation vote in Spring, 1990.

**SUPPORTING OPINION: Current Crisis:** The shuttle system experienced unprecedented success this year, but with ridership tripling, often exceeding 5000 per day, many shuttles were overcrowded and passed students by during peak times. Moreover, due to loss of \$21,000 of one-time, Reg Fee funding the system currently faces a potential reduction of service. Equally important, the night shuttle system is overextended; now it provides only intermittent service, averaging 25 minutes between shuttles.

The proposed fee will add: 1) two new day shuttles, tailored to class schedules, to relieve overcrowding 2) one new night shuttle to improve campus safety by augmenting the current system to provide 15 minute headways between shuttles. Both systems will improve the convenience of remote parking and the access to the Women's Center and the rest of the lower campus.

**Future Funding:** Though everyone involved is committed to finding alternative sources, shortfalls in shuttle service require correction now. Parking funds will be contributing 60% (\$175,000) of total daily shuttle costs; but can't be expected to provide more. The two year funding increase is designed to allow students to reaffirm periodically the need for a whole-campus shuttle system and to encourage reevaluation of shuttle funding sources. The five year moratorium on increases in student assessed shuttle fees will prevent any additional student financial responsibility to the shuttle system.

**OPPOSING OPINION:** Do not approve this request. The premise for creating this increased fee is false. Administration officials claim that money is needed to add more shuttles and to enhance the system's safety and service. All are praiseworthy. And all have been recognized in the past and all are the reasons why we are voting to combine the metro and shuttle fee into one comprehensive fee which the students can control. The reason we can't afford better shuttle service is because students are paying too much for bus service that many do not ever use. By gaining access to the transit surplus, and by using the proposed oversight committee to start making wise and economic decisions, it is possible that we can have better shuttle service under the existing fee. Why be so hasty? Let's wait and see what this new, proposed committee and the new comprehensive fund can do before we assess ourselves with another costly student fee. If we keep it up, fees will be so high, that nobody will be able to afford to go to this school, and then what good is better shuttle service?