

Committee endorses student fund

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SALEM — The proposal to establish a Student Activities Fund was unanimously endorsed by the House Education Committee on Tuesday.

The Oregon Student Lobby-sponsored proposal now goes before the full House of Representatives for final approval.

The Senate endorsed the Student Activities Fund last month.

The proposal, Senate Bill 400, will allow students to receive the interest earned on the incidental fees and health service fees they pay each term.

Currently that interest is deposited in the state's General Fund account.

Each term, University students pay \$61 in incidental fees that are used to fund the EMU, athletics, and student

University students pay \$34 per term in health service fees.

The Student Activities Fund would replace the Higher Education Athletic Fund, which was established in 1975 to allow interest from intercollegiate athletic revenue to be returned to athletic programs.

The Student Activities Fund would receive an estimated \$340,000 in interest in the next two years if the bill passes. That money will be divided into the various student activities' accounts, said ASUO President Steve Nelson. "We would not be able to take interest from athletics and spend it on other student programs," Nelson said.

Nelson is chairman of the OSL's board of directors.

The proposal does not require a reduction in student fees to result from the added \$340,000 income, but Nelson said the ad-

ded revenue to student activities will reduce the need for annual increases in student fees.

The state General Fund revenue will be reduced by \$340,000 if the bill is passed.

But Eugene Democrat Carl Hosticka, chairman of the House revenue committee, said the bill does not need a review by the revenue committee.

"The amount is not something so great that it will upset the workings of the Legislature," Hosticka said. "This is a good bill... I don't think it will be controversial."

Hosticka will present the proposal on the floor of the full House.

"With Carl (Hosticka) carrying it to the floor as the chairman of the revenue committee, he's knowledgeable about its effects," said Sherry Oeser, director of the OSL. "That should carry some weight."

Police unsure why student had military items in truck

Police are still looking for 12 explosives stolen from a student's pickup truck parked in the Bean complex parking lot May 5, and they still don't know why the student had military equipment in his pickup, according to Sgt. Chuck Tilby of the Eugene Police Department.

The one-and-a-half inch cylindrical explosives are a type used by the military to detonate larger charges, Tilby said.

Other military items, including a grenade, powdered tear gas and a gas mask also were taken from the truck but were found in the Wilcox and Walton dorms the day they were reported missing.

The student who owns the truck, Madison Myers, apparently was recently discharged from the military, Tilby said.

Tilby said that to the best of his knowledge, the military's Criminal Investigation Department in Fort Lewis, Wash., had been notified of the incident.

However, a CID official in Fort Lewis, Special Agent Harold Hicks, said he was positive the office had not received a report on the incident.

Three men were arrested May 5 on charges of Theft 1 in connection with the incident, and all are out on bail. They are Eric Sagen, a University student; Osvaldo Miranda, a participant in the University's High School Equivalency Program; and David Badillo, a former HEP participant.

No trial date has been set, Tilby said.

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Coroner confirms drowning as cause

The autopsy performed Monday afternoon on University basketball player Jesse Nash confirmed the cause of death as drowning, according to Frank Ratti of the Lane County medical examiner's office.

Nash drowned Sunday after the inner tube in which he was riding capsized near the Autzen Footbridge on the Willamette River.

There were no indications that Nash struck his head or body on any rocks, or that he was held below the water's surface by any submerged trees or limbs.

Results of an autopsy blood sample are not expected back until next week from Portland.

remembered by an estimated 500 friends, fans and administrators.

"I don't think we're here to mourn Jesse," said Oregon head basketball coach Don Monson. "If I had seen him, I would've said 'Hey Jesse, we're going to have a meeting to mourn you tonight.'"

"Jesse would probably have said, 'C'mon coach... You can praise me a little, or a lot.'"

"I think we're here to praise Jesse a lot."

A full-color, action portrait of Nash in a basketball game, surrounded by flowers, covered the front of the speakers' podium. Athletic Director Bill Byrne, Carla Gray from the Council for Minority Education, and teammates Anthony Taylor and David Girley also spoke during the ceremony. Also, Girley and Leanne Sylvester both sang.

Former Duck captain Kenny Sprague and the rest of the basketball team presented Nash's mother with his Oregon jersey, number "34." Byrne

also announced that Oregon basketball's annual Most Improved Player Award would be given in the name of Nash.

Heger reminded the audience that while they were there to mourn Nash, they were also there to reflect on the good times they shared with him in his nine months here. "Focus on some of the gifts you received from Jesse," he encouraged.

Monson reflected on Nash as "a person that will surely and sorrowfully be missed, but Jesse will never be forgotten."

"This is my 28th team," Monson said. "That's 350 kids with different personalities... and I don't think I've had a kid that touched people so quickly."

"The thing that I think is so special about Jesse Nash is that he could communicate and relate so well. I think that's a great tribute to Vernise and her family."



Photo by Derrel Hewitt

University athlete Anthony Taylor, a teammate of Nash, was one of more than 500 people who attended the emotional service.

"We all know how hard it is to accept this," Taylor said, flanked by the rest of the team. "Jesse would love for us to get

going and set goals and keep going the best we can.

"We'd just like to say we love you, Jesse."

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