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UH athletic fee passes

Regents approve a charge of \$50 per student per semester beginning in the spring of 2011

BY FERD LEWIS

Despite what one student decried as "being forced to pay for a steak and champagne dinner and ... getting, maybe, the after-dinner mints," the University of Hawaii Board of Regents overwhelmingly adopted a mandatory athletic fee yesterday as an investment in its financially challenged sports program.

After nearly 2½ hours of often passionate public testimony, presentations and discussion, the Board of Regents voted 11-3 to approve a mandatory \$50-per-semester fee for all full- and part-time Manoa students beginning the spring 2011 semester.

The fee is calculated to raise nearly \$2 million, about \$1.85 million of which will be kept by the athletic department to help fund scholarships and pay for equipment and materials. UH said the money will not be used for coaching or administrative salaries.

In return, students will receive free admission to athletic events, including up to 5,000 seats for home football games, transportation to Aloha Stadium and a say in the use of 5 percent to 8 percent of the fees to "enhance the student experience."

Graduate student Hannah Miyamoto said that amounted to being forced to pay for the "steak and champagne dinner."

But without the fee, athletic director Jim Donovan and other speakers held out the possibility that sports or scholarships could be cut if the department was required to balance its budget

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THE FINAL SCORE
How the University of Hawaii Board of Regents voted on the \$50-per-semester student athletic fee:

<p>Dennis Hirota Eric Martinson Mark Fukunaga Teena Rasmussen Clifford Dias Michael A. Dahilig Matthew Williams Carl Carlson Jr. James Lee Ramon S. DeLaPena Howard Karr</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>John Holzman Artemio C. Baxa Chuck Gee</p>
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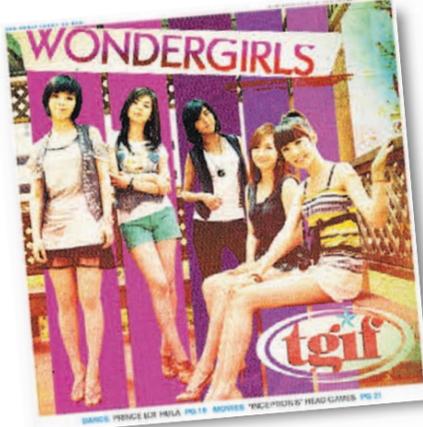


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Wonder Girls are ready for America

The Korean girl band brings K-Pop sounds to the Pipeline Cafe as a step into the American mainstream



Filming for the revival of "Hawaii Five-0" got rolling yesterday as Alex O'Loughlin, left, Daniel Dae Kim and Scott Caan filmed a scene after a blessing ceremony at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. See story, A20.

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