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REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORT  
ATHLETIC FEE CONTROLS

MISSOULA---

Student representatives from five units of the Montana University System and Carroll College, Helena, have unanimously endorsed a proposal to give students the control of student fees for funding varsity athletic programs at state-supported University System units.

At a meeting this weekend at the University of Montana (UM), college and university representatives of the Montana Student Presidents Association (MSPA) backed the athletic fee control resolution and several other student-related recommendations.

Other resolutions endorsed by the MSPA at the weekend meeting include:

Lowering the voting age in Montana to 19 years of age.

Investigation of the feasibility of restructuring the general education requirement on each campus in order to establish a statewide uniform minimum standard of general education requirements.

That colleges and universities in Montana investigate the feasibility of establishing a draft counseling and education service.

Acceptance of the application from Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell, for MSPA membership. This resolution opens MSPA membership to all two-year colleges in Montana.

The measures will be brought before the student governing groups at the MSPA member schools for further study.

Institutions of higher learning represented at the quarterly MSPA meeting in Missoula included UM and Carroll College; Eastern Montana College. (EMC), Billings; Northern Montana College, Havre; Montana Tech, Butte, and Montana State University (MSU), Bozeman. Campuses not represented included College of Great Falls; Rocky Mountain College, Billings, and Western Montana College, Dillon.

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The MSPA athletic fee resolution favors control by students of both the amount of money they are assessed for varsity athletics and how the athletic fees they are charged are used at the state-supported campuses.

The athletic fee control proposal originated at MSU, but the passage by the MSPA indicates it is gaining additional support elsewhere.

Bruce T. Blaylock, Laurel, who is vice-president of the Associated Students at EMC, said Eastern is in support of the resolution concerning student regulation of varsity athletic money.

"We feel," Blaylock emphasized, "that money assessed for varsity athletics is student money and should be controlled by the student body so that all students benefit from an athletic program, and not just the privileged few."

Dennis P. Conner, Great Falls, Associated Students president at EMC, said he feels use of student athletic fees without student control is "taxation without representation," and he agreed that students "need more control" of funds assessed them.

Concerning establishment of the uniform minimum standard of general education requirements, Conner said, "We feel there are too many students wasting too much time taking too many unnecessary courses, which they can't get credit for if they should transfer to another college or university in the state."

Benjamin B. Briscoe, Great Falls, president of the Associated Students at UM, said the proposed draft counseling and education service would enable colleges and universities in Montana collectively to hire a draft-education counselor to advise students on all campuses in the state.

Robert M. Quinn, Big Sandy, who is vice-president of the Associated Students at MSU in Bozeman, was elected 1969-70 chairman of the MSPA, succeeding Charles W. Briggs, Missoula, a UM student.