

## Club funding rules change

Student senators want clubs to find primary funding outside of ASUA

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Student senators passed an amendment last week that will allow UA clubs to receive ASUA funding only if they do not get more than \$500 from another UA department or organization.

The senate also approved an amendment that will require clubs to fully disclose accurate financial information to the Associated Students of the University of Arizona, including all other ways the club receives funding and how much money they receive, before the senate will consider granting funding.

Student senators hope the new regulations will prevent clubs on campus from going to ASUA as a source of funding first, instead of fundraising, said ASUA Executive Vice President Jennifer Reece.

"This is long overdue," said ASUA Senator Will Harris. "The system was designed to be a secondary source of funding, and it's been abused for so long."

Eight of the 10 student senators voted to pass the initial amendment.

"I think it's a valid way to curve the appropriations board," Harris said. "It's a matter of checks and balances."

The \$500 limit will hopefully protect smaller clubs from larger ones who already receive significant amounts of funding from UA departments, Reece said.

"This will be an added filter," she said. "There are still loopholes in the new rules and I left them there on purpose."

Those who opposed the first amendment said it was unnecessary.

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## Faculty opposes fall break

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Faculty senators dealt a blow yesterday to a proposed weeklong vacation during Thanksgiving week, arguing that it would undermine the university's academic mission.

Senators said the proposal, which Student Body President Doug Hartz has championed since his campaign last year, would needlessly cut back on the number of class days in the fall semester.

"You are the big losers," Sen. John Willerton told Hartz. "You lose three days

that can't be made up."

Hartz said that even if classes were canceled that week, UA students would still attend school more days than students at peer institutions. Now, students here go to school 75 days a semester. Even if three days were cut from the calendar, the semester at UA would be half a day longer than the average of its peer institutions.

Student leaders at yesterday's senate meeting also said that nearly 30 percent of professors cancel class before Thanksgiving anyway, and that class attendance the day before the holiday is well below 50 percent.

"What we found is that for those three days, faculty aren't going to give us classes,"

said Sen. Chris Farney, academic affairs director for the Associated Students of the University of Arizona.

Nine consecutive days off would interrupt the learning process two weeks before final exams, a time when students' concerns should be on schoolwork, not vacation, said Sen. Donald Davis.

"There is a three-week period between Thanksgiving and winter vacation, so I don't feel the need," said Sen. Miklos Szilagyi.

Szilagyi said that realistically the vacation would be even longer than the proposed nine days, because many students ask him

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## OUT OF THIS WORLD

## Planetary scientist honors N.Y., hometown with asteroid names

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Six years ago, Joe Montani discovered two new asteroids, but until last month, they floated through space — nameless.

He discovered Manhattan on Jan. 2, 1997 and Perth Amboy the next day, but the International Astronomical Union did not allow him to officially name them until this year.

"It takes the IAU about five years after it's discovered to give you the go-ahead to name your object," Montani said.

Montani named his asteroids, which are located in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, after two cities important to his life.

Perth Amboy is the small New Jersey town where Montani was born and his love of astronomy began.

"The funny thing is Perth Amboy the asteroid is about the same size (5 km across) as the town," Montani said.

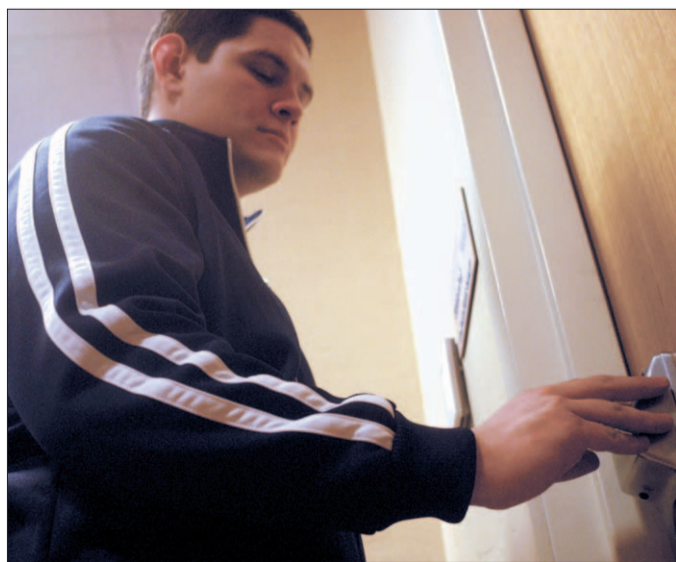
The other asteroid, Manhattan, which is 8 km across, was named to honor the New York City borough attacked on Sept. 11 and to pay tribute to Columbia University, where



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Senior research specialist Joe Montani admires model asteroids in the Kuiper Space Sciences building. Montani is part of the Spacewatch Project, which includes a team of scientists that is responsible for discovering asteroids.

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Tim Balenzuela, criminal justice junior and UofA BookStore employee, demonstrates the new keyless access locks in place at the main bookstore inside the Student Union Memorial Center.

## New union has tighter security

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Whether students swipe their CatCard through a keyless entry to enter the Student Union Memorial Center after hours or buy a slice of pizza in the food court, they are being watched.

A \$260,000 high-tech security system, which includes a dozen closed-circuit cameras, protects the new 405,000-square-foot union, giving union officials a dozen extra eyes to monitor who does what and when.

"What we have tried to do is secure the perimeter," said Dennis Pelloquin, Amer-X Security Inc. president, "We have a comprehensive

track of who's coming in and out of the building."

Amer-X, the new student union's security provider, ensures that people who enter the building before business hours or attempt to gain access to restricted areas within the union are logged by swiping their CatCard at a keyless entry point.

The personally encoded CatCards not only keep tabs on who is coming and going, but they also allow union management to limit and allow access as they see fit.

Colleen Morgan, coordinator of the keyless access system, said that the old union posed many security concerns because there were so many people with keys and access was not

tracked. Morgan said that timed entry periods and limiting access to cash deposit areas benefits the businesses in the new union.

"It really helps the union manage its building more efficiently," Morgan said.

From a central monitoring station in Scottsdale, security personnel can remotely dictate when magnetically sealed doors, known as Mag-locks, open and close.

The 1800-pound per square-inch Mag-locks are just the first deterrent to would-be criminals.

Motion detectors and electronic locks which signal perimeter instantly

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