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Financial aid drives regents' decision to increase tuition

By Keren G. Raz  
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When Oscar Angulo entered UA four years ago, he knew he was going to have to make sacrifices in order to graduate.

With his dad in Mexico and his mom supporting two other sons in Tucson, the applied political economy senior could not rely on his family financially, but still he sacrificed a full-time job to be a full-time student.

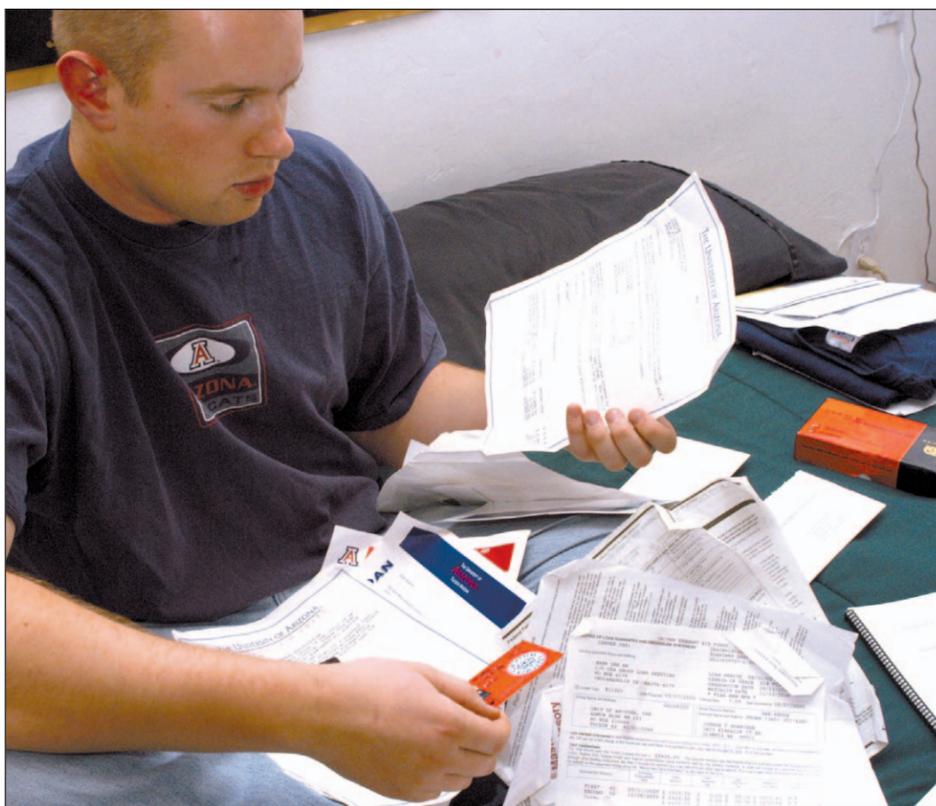
The lack of financial support from his family qualified Angulo as one of UA's 5,400 Pell Grant recipients, eligible for a \$4,700 grant, the largest grant UA gives to students, according to John Nametz, director of financial aid.

While the \$4,700 covers more than just tuition, it barely constitutes one-third of the \$13,000 it costs for an in-state student to attend UA.

But students like Angulo may receive larger grants from the university as a result of the largest proposed tuition increase in UA history.

Both President Pete Likins and Student Body President Doug Hartz will go before the Arizona Board of Regents today in Phoenix, asking the regents to raise the cost of tuition for everyone in order to allocate more money for financial aid.

With more financial aid funds, the UA can help students, like Angulo, afford the total cost of higher education, administrators said.



Josh Surridge, economics junior and Interfraternity Council president, reviews a UA bursar's statement at his home yesterday. Surridge said, "After looking at these numbers long enough, I'm really starting to realize just how long it will take to pay (my tuition bills)."

Likins will present his proposal asking for a \$1,000 tuition increase for in-state undergraduates and a \$1,250 increase for out-of-state undergraduates, while Hartz will suggest a \$900 increase for resident undergraduates and a \$1,450 increase for nonresident undergraduates.

Both proposals allocate 60 percent of tuition revenue to financial aid.

Hartz's proposal gives

\$770,000 more in aid to resident undergraduates than Likins' proposal.

Administrators, regents, and student leaders are saying that with no state financial aid program, it is time for the universities to take care of their neediest students.

"If we didn't raise tuition, there'd be no way to raise financial aid," said Regent Fred Boice.

As a result, financial aid has

become the driving force behind the push for a tuition increase.

### Give and take

Amy Bond, an accounting junior, couldn't come to UA without financial aid. She relies on grants and loans to fund her education.

Bond said she supports a large tuition increase, and she

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# Regents debate entrance criteria

By Keren G. Raz & Jeff Sklar  
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The Arizona Board of Regents might not only approve the highest tuition increase in UA's history at today's meeting, but it will also consider major changes to board policy that will give the universities more authority to decide who they accept.

The universities want the regents to guarantee admissions only to those students in the top 25 percent of their high school's graduating class.

Anyone else will be evaluated on a more individual basis.

Currently, students in the top 25 percent of their class, who score at least a 22 on the ACT or a 1040 on the SAT, or have at least a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA have been automatically admitted to Arizona universities.

Students with a 2.5 GPA or who fall in the top 50 percent of their class are admitted to the university with conditions attached.

Patti Ota, senior vice president, will outline tomorrow how students attend-

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Student Elections 2003

# Presidential candidates in close race

By Aaron Mackey  
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With less than a week before the Associated Students of the University of Arizona's general elections, presidential candidates J.P. Benedict and Jered Mansell met for the final time last night to publicly discuss their platforms.

As both candidates answered questions from a panel of student leaders, it became clear that both Freshman Class Council Director Benedict and Administrative Vice-President Mansell share the same views on a number of campus issues.

Their similarities were further illustrated by Tuesday's primary results, which revealed that the two candidates are in a dead heat, separated by less than three percent of the vote.

"I think we're very similar in our goals. We

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# Protest links Bush's war with Likins' hike

By Arek Sarkissian II  
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Four protesters and a news photographer were arrested after the protesters locked themselves to a railing in the Administration building yesterday afternoon.

The Administration Building was closed for the entire afternoon as three students and a UA employee locked themselves with U-locks and a chain to a handicapped-assist railing in the south lobby of the build-

ing. The activists were protesting a possible \$1,000 tuition increase and what they called the misuse of state and university funding.

The three students, political science sophomore Yuske J. Banno, engineering and physics sophomore Sean Nock, biology freshman Laura Showalter and speech and hearing sciences employee Rachel Wilson were arrested on charges of interfering with the peaceful conduct of an educational institution

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Activist Rachel Wilson (right), freshman Laura Showalter and sophomore Leo Powell protest inside the Administration building yesterday.