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Tuition raised by record \$1,000



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UA president Pete Likins' tuition plan, which increases the cost of studying for both in-state and out-of-state students, was approved by the Arizona Board of Regents yesterday in Tempe.

Regents approve largest tuition hike in Arizona's history

By Jeff Sklar
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TEMPE — The Arizona Board of Regents approved the largest tuition increase in the state's history yesterday, voting 9-0 for a \$1,000 hike for resident undergraduates coupled with a 140 percent increase in mandatory financial aid.

The increase will bring next year's in-state undergraduate tuition to \$3,593.

Regents also approved \$1,250 increases for out-of-state undergraduates and in-state graduate students, and a \$1,500

increase for out-of-state graduate students.

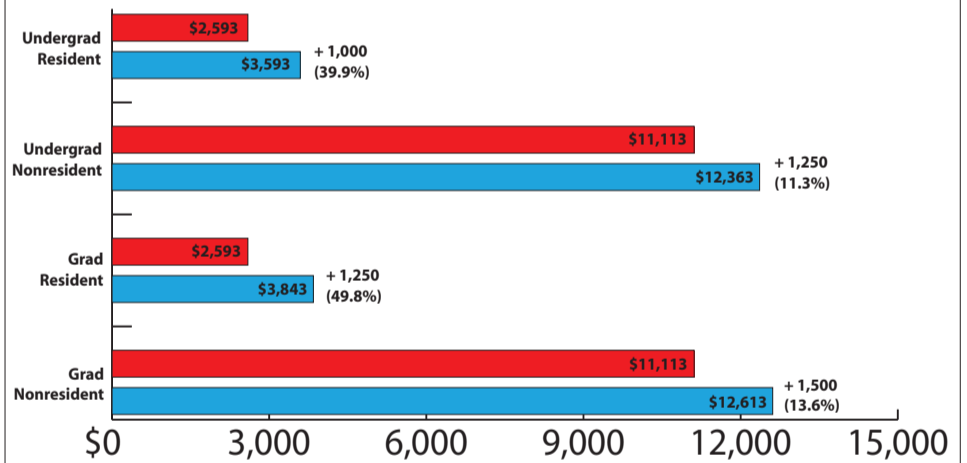
It was a dramatic policy shift for the board, which last year voted 6-5 for a \$96 tuition increase, believing low tuition was the best way to keep a university education affordable. Since then, several regents, including board president Jack Jewett, have reevaluated their position, saying financial aid is the key to university affordability.

Packaged with the hikes was an extensive financial aid package that will keep resident undergraduates who receive Pell Grants from feeling the financial ill effects of higher tuition.

"Having the financial aid in place, I think that's a milestone," Jewett said.

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Police name suspect in murder

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The Tucson Police Department has issued a warrant for the man they suspect of killing a UA law student.

Everett Alan O'Quin has been missing since before Monday afternoon when police found the body of his girlfriend, Susan Barber, in her home at 2426 N. Fremont Ave.

Some neighbors have reported that they saw O'Quin packing items into a black 1993 Geo Metro, owned by Barber, several days before her body was found.

The Geo, with Arizona license plate JWE-854, is also missing, according to Sgt. Marco Borboa of the Tucson Police.

Specific details about the crime, including the cause of death and the information that led police to issue a warrant for O'Quin, is being withheld to protect

the investigation, Borboa said.

But as TPD looks for the only suspect they have in the case, students, faculty and staff of the College of Law are mourning the loss of one of their own.

A private memorial service for Barber will be held in the College of Law's Ares Auditorium at 1 p.m. Saturday. Barber's family and faculty of the college organized the memorial to allow students the opportunity reflect on Barber's life and tragic death, said Nancy Stanley, assistant director of development and external relations.

However, some students are already piecing together memories they have of the civil law student.

Joan Bundy, a first year law student, said that Barber was one of the first people to welcome her to the college. During orientation last semester, Barber approached her about her interest in animal rights.



Everett Alan O'Quin
Murder suspect

Barber was a vocal animal protection activist and she founded the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. Bundy and Barber also took part in a socio-drama illustrating the effects of the death penalty during a death penalty awareness week the college held, Bundy said.

A makeshift memorial, with burning candles, flowers, and pictures, has been constructed in the lobby of the law college. People can leave cards of condolence at the memorial, Stanley said.

Prof innocent in hit-and-run case

By Devin Simmons
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The UA professor who said she was wrongfully detained and brutalized by police for a crime she didn't commit plans to sue UAPD.

Irene D'Almeida, a professor of French and Italian, said University of Arizona Police Department officer Robb Fountain tried to handcuff her after she refused to respond to questions regarding her involvement in a hit-and-run accident. Fountain told her that they could resolve the situation in her office, or they could go down to the station and "resolve it the hard way," reports stated.

"The police used Gestapo tactics to try and get a confession out of her," said William Risner,

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