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Tuition pays off debts

15 percent of students' tuition dollars allocated to service debt on university building projects

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Every semester thousands of UA students travel to the Bursar's office to pay their tuition. After signing their check, they shut their checkbooks and leave the Bursar's office behind them.

As they walk past the Integrated Learning Center and the Main Library with its fifth floor addition, they might not know that about 15 percent of the check they just handed over to the university helps pay off the debt on the construction of these buildings.

That percent translates into about \$375 per year for resident students and about \$1,600 per year for out-of-state students.

This connection between buildings and tuition prompted UA student activists to present a list of demands to the Arizona Board of Regents at the tuition hearings just over a month ago.

As part of their demands, the activists said they could only support a tuition increase if administrators froze campus construction.

With this demand, they raised a question that has been on students' minds since administrators proposed a \$1,000 tuition increase, the largest in UA history.

"How can administrators say there is not enough money to run the university and then spend millions of dollars on new buildings such as the Student Union Memorial Center?" they asked.

Although tuition dollars have not directly paid for the construction of the student union or any other building on campus, they do play a crucial role in paying off the debt on projects such as the ILC, the library's high-tech

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Budget director Dick Roberts looks over the Integrated Learning Center last week. The debt for the ILC is paid off by tuition dollars.

1 dead in late night homicide

5 more wounded in shooting at
University Heights apartments

By Arek Sarkissian II
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A Tucson woman was killed and five others injured yesterday morning after several rounds of shots were fired in a west side student apartment complex.

The six were among several people attending a gathering in front of Building 19 at University House, 2525 W. Anklam Road, at about 1:15 a.m. when someone fired shots into the crowd, said Sgt. Judy Altieri, Tucson Police Department spokeswoman.

The woman, Sallie Garcia, 19, was rushed privately to St. Mary's Hospital, where she died. The five others, four males, ages 20 and 21, and one female, 18, were wounded. Both 21-year-olds were seriously injured, one with life-threatening injuries, Altieri said. One of the two 20-year-olds also sustained serious injuries; the other had a graze wound. The wounded woman also suffered serious, but non-life threatening, injuries, she said.

Altieri cannot release the names of any of the wounded until TPD finds out the exact motive of the incident. Tucson Police officials did not know whether the unidentified five were UA students.

Battalion Chief Randy Ogden, spokesman for the Tucson Fire Department, said the injuries among the five consisted of shots to the head, hip, back and chest. He said one of the injured was transported privately to St. Mary's Hospital, three others were transported by paramedics to University Medical Center and the other was taken to Tucson Medical Center.

Altieri said there were several parties going on in the complex at the time of the shooting,

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Study searches for HPV virus vaccine

By Ian Musil
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This summer, 300 UA women will have a unique opportunity to take part in a study that could save millions of lives, and maybe their own.

Cancer prevention researchers at the Arizona Cancer Center are recruiting women, ages 18-23, to help determine the effectiveness of a new vaccine designed to prevent Human Papillomavirus infection. The study has already begun and covers a four-year period.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted disease in the United

States. Nearly one third of university-aged females are infected with the virus now, according to Dr. Anna Giuliano, a UA associate professor heading the study at the College of Public Health.

"It's very, very common," Giuliano said.

Over 30 strains of sexually transmitted HPV exist. In males, symptoms are relatively benign, resulting commonly in treatable conditions like genital warts. In females however, the HPV virus is responsible for 70 percent of cervical cancer cases.

If the study is successful, Giuliano hopes the vaccine

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Students benefit from research

By Jeff Sklar
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Ask Dick Powell why universities perform research, and he'll say it's not for the money. It's for the students.

"It becomes the creative component of their educational experience," said Powell, UA's vice president for research and graduate studies.

But the money doesn't hurt. And research grants and contracts bring UA a lot of it — \$285.1 million last year, according to a study examining the university's impact on the local economy.

That money, which makes up about 26 percent of UA's budget, supports more than 3,400 research-related jobs at the university, as well as 1,400 full-time student positions.

Most of that \$285 million is federal money that UA researchers must com-

pete for against researchers across the country, said Alberta Charney, who co-authored the study, which was released Friday.

The study also found that UA research contributes nearly \$385 million to the state and local economies, generating more than 9,500 jobs across Arizona.

"The University of Arizona, in the language of regional economic development, is a very important player in the local economy," said Vera Pavlakovich-Kochi, the study's other author.

The university last year spent \$330 million on research, with about \$170 million paying salaries for research employees. Those workers spend most of that money on local goods and services. According to the study, that spending creates nearly 2,500 additional local jobs.

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