

## Immigrant students seek lower tuition

Law would allow immigrants to pay in-state college tuition

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This week, groups in Tucson and across the nation held vigils, marches, rallies and press conferences to support federal legislation that would allow long-time resident immigrants to receive green card status to go to college at an in-state price.

The legislation, known as the DREAM Act in the Senate and the Student Adjustment Act in the House of Representatives, would repeal a provision of a 1996 law that requires students to have lawful immigration status in order to qualify for state residency when entering college.

According to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, foreign nationals who are not lawfully residing in the United States cannot get reduced in-state tuition rates unless the college offers that rate to any U.S. citizen, state resident or not.

If the legislation passes, states would be allowed to decide whether to offer in-state tuition rates to the 50,000 to 65,000 immigrant students who graduate nationally from high school every year.

Current UA policy set by the Arizona Board of Regents states: "A non-citizen with a visa that prohibits establishing a domicile in Arizona during any portion of the durational period may not be granted resident status."

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## Car accident shuts down Euclid Ave.

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An unidentified man was seriously injured last night when he was struck by a car on North Euclid Avenue south of East Speedway Blvd.

The pedestrian, who was under the influence of alcohol, was carrying a 24-ounce can of malt liquor when an Oldsmobile Alero driven by a UA student hit him.

"The guy just popped out of nowhere," said Will Bohannon, a business freshman who witnessed the accident. "I thought he was toast."

Marshall Bishop, a biology junior, said he was coming across East Speedway Blvd. when pedestrian appeared from behind a car driving northbound on North Euclid Avenue.

"It was inevitable, I was going to hit him," he said.

According to Detective Ilderton of the Tucson Police Department, the pedestrian was walking west across North Euclid

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## Decision in riot injury case may take weeks

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The attorney of a former UA student whose eye was shot out by police during the riot on North Fourth Avenue two years ago said the review of his client's claim could last up to three weeks.

Jeff Knepper, 21, filed suit against the City of Tucson after he was hit in the eye with a lead-pellet-filled beanbag fired from a Tucson Police Department shotgun. The event occurred during the riot following UA's April 2, 2001, loss to Duke in the NCAA men's basketball championship game.

Knepper's attorney, Carl Piccarreta, said it's too soon to comment on the out-

come of the trial, but predicted that the proceedings will most likely end May 2.

"Jeff has a good attitude. He is prepared if the verdict comes out either way," Piccarreta said. "He's acting beyond his age."

The trial began Tuesday after Tucson attorney Daryl Audilett declined to settle out of court.

Knepper originally filed a \$3 million claim against the city in July 2001.

The round that hit him in the eye was one of about 500 fired by police at the crowd on North Fourth Avenue during the riot, in which several cars were overturned, a trailer was set on fire and nearby businesses were vandalized.

Yesterday's session included the conclusion of three Tucson Police

Department detectives' depositions, including that of Det. Michael Mare, who allegedly fired the first round that hit Knepper.

Mare said in Wednesday's proceedings that he was not responsible for firing the round that struck Knepper in the eye.

Piccarreta also called expert witness Luis Salseda to testify and read a deposition from Knepper's friend, who witnessed the shooting.

The proceedings will resume at 9 a.m. tomorrow in the courtroom of Superior Court Judge Christopher Browning, and will continue Tuesday through Friday until the conclusion of the trial.

Knepper could not be reached for comment. Piccarreta said he probably will not speak until after a verdict is reached.

## 'BONING UP' FOR MED SCHOOL



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Physiological sciences junior Elesha Almada (right) and physiology senior Kellie Reinesch read over a practice problem in their MCAT review book Tuesday night. Scores on the MCAT are used as a key qualifying mark for entrance to medical school and will be issued on April 26.

## Students prepare for MCAT tests

Experts advise students to eat well, get plenty of rest and not worry too much

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Modern physicians treat a sizable share of stress-related ailments, and pre-med students are getting their first dose of it as they prepare for the April 25 Medical College Admission Test next week.

But here's a prescription from pre-health profession advisers: Even with changes to the MCAT's structure this

year, good nutrition and adequate rest, combined with a change in last-minute study habits, should cure last-minute jitters.

"Nerves are okay," said Albert Chen, executive director of graduate programs at Kaplan Test Prep. "It's using it to your advantage that's key."

Stress management becomes a high priority when big exams are days away, Chen said. Kaplan offers

preparation courses, as do The University Learning Center on campus and The Princeton Review.

There are some changes in the MCAT's structure this year, he said. The biggest change is that the physical sciences section now precedes verbal reasoning. There is also a decrease in emphasis on organic chemistry and an increase in molecular biology questions.

"All these changes were designed to help the students, and they were designed to identify the best medical school candidates,"

Chen said. "Any student who's been preparing should not be worried at all."

However, for Phillip Gray, one of about 100 UA students planning to take the MCAT next week, Chen's words are easier said than done.

"I am taking 19 units and working at the Cancer Center, so it's hard to find time to study for the MCAT when I have term papers due, tests to take, and a publication to prepare," he said.

Gray, a biochemistry and molecular and cellular

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