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# **Business students to pay \$500**

Regents reject \$1,000 fee for nursing students

> By Keren G. Raz Projects Editor

The Arizona Board of Regents approved yesterday a \$500 fee for business undergraduates and denied a \$1,000 fee for nursing undergraduates. While this year's juniors and seniors will be exempt from the business fee, all other students in the Eller College of Business and Public Administration who advance to upper-division standing will have to pay the \$500 on top of the \$1,000 tuition increase for undergraduates.

The business fees were passed with a close 5-3 vote, after many of the regents expressed concern about the precedent they could set by approving the fees, a first for undergraduates. Also, in a rare tie vote, the regents, citing concerns with the lack of procedural guidelines over how to approach undergraduate program fees, split 3-3 on whether to assess the nursing fee, short of the majority needed for passage of the fee.

Regents Jack Jewett and Chris Herstam didn't vote, citing conflicts of interest.

Had the fee passed, it only would have gone into effect if external sources such as hospitals agreed to pay the \$1,000. But that contingent didn't business s assuage all regents' fears. "I can

"I'm concerned with a lack of guidance as far as fees for undergraduate programs," said Student Regent Matthew Meaker.

The lack of clear guidelines and the potential for establishing a precedent were also key concerns when the regents discussed the business program fees.

Regent Chris Herstam, who voted for the business fees, said he didn't want to see other undergraduate programs follow the

business school's lead

"I can understand the market approach for the business college," he said. "But I don't think this applies to other majors."

Not only should the regents be concerned about setting a precedent, they should also question whether some undergraduates should have to bear a heavier financial burden, especially as they have to pay an extra \$1,000 or \$1,250 to cover the largest

## Regents approve 3 new buildings

**By Jeff Sklar** Senior Writer

The Arizona Board of Regents unanimously approved yesterday three new research construction projects that will cost more than \$170 million when coupled with improvements that would connect them to campus.

Regents also authorized the university to spend more than \$250,000 to buy each of three properties lying on areas those buildings will occupy, and to use eminent domain to take over

domain to take over that land if tenants don't want to move. The move paves

The move paves the way for construction to begin on

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the Institute for Biomedical Sciences, Drachman Hall and an expansion to the Chemistry building. Combined, the three projects will add more than 360,000 think at WILDCAT. ARIZONA. EDU/ WILDCHAT

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square feet of research and classroom space.

"These are very unique facilities," said Joel Valdez, senior vice president for business affairs. "We're ready to start rolling."

Regents also approved spending more than \$30 million to connect steam, electric, sewer, telecommunications and other utilities from campus to the IBSB building, Drachman Hall, and another medical research building that will be constructed in the future. All those buildings will be located north of East Speedway Boulevard, near the Arizona Health Sciences Center.

The IBSB building will house researchers looking to collaborate in finding new ways

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Chris Huitfelt, undeclared sophomore, appeals to the crowd while his fraternity brothers auction him off for a date at a charity event held at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house. The money raised will be donated to the Bobbi Olson Memorial Fund.

### Fraternity auctions off dates with members to raise money for the Bobbi Olson Memorial Fund, which works to cure ovarian cancer

#### By Cara O'Connor Staff Writer

Losing his shirt and dancing onstage in front of more than 100 beautiful women is usually something that a guy will regret the next morning, but for members of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, it's just for a good cause.

Last night fraternity and sorority members raised about \$3,500 at the Pike house for the fraternity's second Bobbi Olson Ovarian Cancer Foundation date auction.

"A lot of people in the fraternity have been affected by cancer," said Pike member and retail senior Micah Kinsler. "Bobbi Olson was a great lady who contributed a lot to the Tucson community."

Pike members were auctioned off to bidders for anywhere between \$100 and \$400. The highest bidders will accompany the Pike members they chose to the fraternity's next date dash. For Heather Watkins, ovarian cancer is a cause very near to her heart.

"My mom has ovarian cancer," the finance junior said. "It is so great to see a fraternity giving back to a woman's cause."

Watkins came prepared to bid \$150 on a fraternity member to support the

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