Students, alumni turn out for reunion parade

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Sixty-six floats and cars holding waving students and alumni toured the UA Mall on Saturday in the 73rd Homecoming Parade. The parade kicked off at North Cherry Street and East Second Street, heading south toward the Homecoming tents and tailgating area occupying the Mall.

Onlookers, including alumni, students and families, viewed the spectacle from shaded grassy areas, mobile homes and steps near Old Main.

“We try to make it every year. This year is my 20th year reunion,” said Christina Barraza, an alumna, standing with her three children and husband. The family watched the parade from the front lawn of Flandrau Planetarium.

Some children stood inches from the street grabbing candy thrown from the floats, while others looked on from their parents’ shoulders. On the front of a car designed to look like a football helmet, seniors set out for reunion parade

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Approach to Learning,” focused on project, “An Integrated Hands on Saturday. While research projects Friday and one of two top awards at the 10th best time I would have had them make their own fos sils out of clay,” said Bass, a student seeking elementary-education certification.

The reason for all the activities, he said, is to help the students see the uses of subjects such as math, and to get students to draw the connections between different sub jects as, Bass said, adults rarely do. See SHOWCASE, Page 8

Napolitano wins, sets up transition

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Gov.-elect Janet Napolitano is launching a bipartisan transition process to prepare the administration that will see to prepare the science, technology, engineering and math boards when tuition is set next year.

Governor-elect Janet Napolitano said in an interview last month she was open to rais ing tuition. Tom Horne, the newly elected superintendent of public instruction for Arizona, said last month that he was not in favor of rais ing tuition but that his mind is open to the idea.

Student Regent Matthew Mecalter, who has replaced Robinson as the voting student regent, said he thinks it’s likely there will be some form of tuition increase this year. Likins wants to see in-state tuition increase by $1,100 to $3,600, which is the cost of tuition at the one-third percentile.

“The true nature of the discussion among regents and between regents and presidents is different this year. There is more perception for significant tuition increases this year,” Likins said last week. He said he was unsure whether he would ask for a $1,100 increase this year or over the next few years. "While it is too early to tell (exactly) what action the board of regents will ultimately take in April, I feel a tuition increase is inevitable and necessary," said Regent Fred Buice.

As part of the formula for considering how much to increase tuition, the regents want to ensure that there is enough financial aid for the most needy in order to make the un

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Big tuition hike probable under new regents

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The class then drew bar graphs from the street grabbing candy thrown from the floats, while others looked on from their parents’ shoulders. On the front of a car designed to look like a football helmet, seniors set out for reunion parade

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A naval officer-turned-elementary education major took home one of two top awards at the 10th annual student showcase of research projects Friday and Saturday.

Undergraduate Byron Bass’ project, “An Integrated Hands on Approach to Learning,” focused on keeping pace with inflation. After intense debates last year, regents split 6-5 over how much to raise tuition.

Six regents, including current Regent President Jack Jenett, voted last year to raise tuition 4 percent — $96 — in order to cover inflation. Likins had hoped for a 12.4 percent, or $300 increase. The other five regents voted against the 4 percent proposal in favor of a bigger change. But between a new attitude and new voices on the board this year, last year’s 6-5 vote could change, meaning tuition could go up by hundreds of dollars for in-state students.

Although Regent Jack Jenett voted against a substantial tuition increase last year, he said that he is looking at tuition differently this year.

“This year, we’re dealing with how we can make the universities more affordable,” he said. “It is possible that the universities are head in a direction of increased tuition with increased financial aid.”

Student Regent Myrina Robinson, Superintendent Jaime Molera and Governor Jane D. Hull, who voted for the smaller 4 percent increase, will not be voting members of the board when tuition is set next year.

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Teacher showcases third-grade studies

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Arizona Governor-elect Janet Napolitano answers questions from reporters at her campaign headquarters in Phoenix last week.