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Alpha Phi sorority sisters and fraternity brothers from Beta Theta Pi pose on their float at the Homecoming parade Saturday.

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,

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Big tuition hike probable under new regents

BY KEREN G. RAZ
Staff Writer

President Pete Likins may have the votes he needs on the Arizona Board of Regents to raise tuition by as much as \$3,600 next year, instead of just keeping pace with inflation.

After intense debates last year, the regents split 6-5 over how much to raise tuition.

Six regents, including current Regent President Jack Jewett, 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 increase.

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 Jewett 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 heading 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.

Governor-elect Janet Napolitano said in an interview last month she was open to raising tuition.

Tom Horne, the newly elected superintendent of public instruction for Arizona, said last month that he was not in favor of raising tuition but that his mind is open to the idea.

Student Regent Matthew Meaker, who has replaced Robinson as the voting student regent, said he thinks it's likely there will be some form of a 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 dialogue among regents and between regents and presidents is different this year. There is more reception 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 Boice.

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 uni-

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Teacher showcases third-grade studies

Undergrad wins top prize for integrated approach to education

BY RYAN JOHNSON
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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 tying together subject areas. While student-teaching a third-grade

class, Bass, 52, had his class dig up artifacts buried in the playground. The class then drew bar graphs about what they found and wrote a fictional story about how the artifact ended up there.

"If I had had more time I would have had them make their own fossils 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 subjects as, Bass said, adults rarely do.

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Napolitano wins, sets up transition

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Gov.-elect Janet Napolitano is launching a bipartisan transition process to prepare the administration that she will use to take the reins of state government in just under 60 days.

Napolitano, a Democrat and the current attorney general, on Sunday night announced the appointment of two former gubernatorial chiefs of staff — one Democrat, one Republican — who will co-chair her transition team.

"I think in this election voters sent a message for fundamental change in the way Arizona is governed,"

Napolitano said. "I promise you this: I won't let you down."

The message sent by voters, Napolitano said, "was they wanted no-nonsense leadership. They wanted nonpartisan leadership. They didn't want all slogans from the 1980s merely repeated. They wanted somebody who was going to talk honestly with them about the problems we confront."

Napolitano's announcement came two hours after defeated Republican foe

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