**STUDENTS LIGHT UP**

Some smokers ignore rules

UA's smoking restrictions are hardly enforced, and students feel free to break them

By Ryan Johnson

Although Temps is the only city in the state with a smoking ban, a few cities are looking to follow its lead, leaving many UA students wondering if their town is next.

Tempe - City Councilwoman Carol West sits on a league of cities committee. During a recent meeting, committee members from Tempe asked other cities in Arizona to pass bans similar to theirs.

However, West said the majority of the committee felt it important that cities be allowed to decide on their own.

She said it is not likely Tucson will adopt a Tempe-like smoking ban.

"We don't have plans to move forward on that," she said.

However, 28 percent of UA students smoke, according to a 2001 Health, Wellness and Safety Committee poll, and many of those students are still worried that Tucson will eventually follow Tempe's lead.

"If it's bullshit, it's a right to smoke in bars," said Vedat "Chuey" Turgay, an industrial engineering senior.

"If you want to kill yourself with smoking, you should be able to do it anywhere outside where it's open," said Zach Mazzetta, an undeclared freshman.

But people in favor of a ban in Tucson say that allowing public smoking is a violation of their health rights.

By Ryan Johnson

UA rules on smoking

- No smoking within 25 feet of an entrance to a building
- Some residence halls do allow smoking
- A violation of this rule is a "petty offense"

**Grads hit by tuition increase**

Grad students think the additional tuition is an unnecessary extra cost

By Marc Howar

For many graduate students possibly facing a tuition increase, that money can make the difference between staying in school and dropping out.

More than 8,000 UA graduate students will either pay an additional $1,250 for in-state tuition or $1,500 for out-of-state tuition, according to the proposal released to the Arizona Board of Regents Monday.

Students working as full-time teaching assistants will receive waivers to cover the extra expenses discussed in President Pete Lindsk and Provost George Davis' Focus Excellence plan. Research assistants, however, will not receive this benefit immediately, Lindsk said at a Graduate and Professional Student Council meeting last Tuesday.

For the other 5,550 graduate students who are not currently working as graduate assistants, the tuition increase is an unwanted addition to costs many are already paying without help.

Fete Morris, president of the Graduate Student Council, expressed concern that a large number of graduate students not only attend school, but also have...