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STUDENTS LIGHT UP



Arizona International College junior Kirk Stauff said he quit smoking for six months, started up again when school started, and plans to quit again soon. Many UA students are in similar situations, walking the line between being a smoker and quitting.

Some smokers ignore rules

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

By Ryan Johnson
STAFF WRITER

UA officials have tried it all: enacting a policy backed by legislation, posting signs around buildings, and placing ashtrays far away from building doorways, but UA students still continue to smoke where they please.

A policy backed by state law was enacted in July 2000 to keep smokers at least 25 feet away from entrances to most campus buildings. The only exceptions are smoking-designated residence halls, parts of McKale Center and Arizona Stadium, building stairwells and buildings partially leased by the university.

However, many students ignore the law, saying it's their right to smoke where they want.

"The law is ridiculous. If it involves me taking the energy to walk outside, I don't want to walk another 25 feet just to smoke," said Scott Levinson, a political science freshman. "I came to this school to be free, but I guess it's just another rule."

Off campus, Tucson restaurants can't have smok-

ing sections unless they have separate ventilation systems, or if the restaurant can prove that its business decreased at least 15 percent because of the ventilation rule.

While some students think that the laws in Tucson are strict, other towns have even stricter laws.

Last May, Tempe voters passed Proposition 200, which forbids smoking inside all public buildings, forcing many Arizona State University students to go to other restaurants and bars in surrounding cities.

Although Tempe 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.

Tucson 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.

"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. We're not trying to intentionally get the smoke to go back inside or anything," said Zach Mazzetta, an undecided freshman.

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

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"



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Grads hit by tuition increase

Grad students think the additional tuition is an unnecessary extra cost

By Tacie Holyoak
STAFF WRITER

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 Likins and Provost George Davis' Focused Excellence plan. Research assistants, however, will not receive this benefit immediately, Likins 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.

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

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Humanities prof unable to travel

By Bob Purvis
STAFF WRITER

Since she came to UA 38 years ago, Donna Swaim has led hundreds of students on voyages all around the globe, teaching them to "look at the world in a different way."

However, for the first time in 22 years, Swaim, a humanities professor, will not be able to travel with her students this year due to health concerns.

For members of the UA community who know Swaim, the news did not come easily. Many gathered at a Faculty Fellows Speakers Series presentation titled "Life and All Its Glories," given by Swaim Wednesday.

In her lecture, 13 years after she presented the first in the series, Swaim, a senior lecturer emerita, quoted Shakespeare, Socrates and the comic strip "Mutts" as she touched on the sources of her inspiration.

Attendees at the lecture and at the ensuing dedication ceremony of a new lounge in Swaim's name in the Student Union Memorial Center warmly received her presentation. They hugged her and thanked her for the inspiration she's been to them.

"She changed me. She taught me about being alive. Everyone in this room understands what her impact is all

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