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Legislature may fund new UA buildings

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PHOENIX — A bill to give the UA \$182 million to build biotechnology labs, a new medical education center in Phoenix and an expansion on the Chemistry building cleared its first hurdle yesterday by a 9-0 vote in the Senate Committee on Education.

Around campus, the money would go to build the Institute for Biomedical Science and Biotechnology building, for \$65.6 million; a medical research building

where researchers would study health, aging and disease at the molecular level, at \$54.1 million; and expand the Chemistry building southward, at \$17.2 million.

In Phoenix, a new Arizona Health Sciences Center branch for medical education would be built down the block from where the International Genomics Consortium and Translational Genomics Research Institute will be based. Construction on the new \$54.4 million center could start in 2004 or

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Likins defends tuition at forum

By Jeff Sklar
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When Glyn Bolasky decided to send his two daughters to the UA, he felt he was making a deal with the regents to keep tuition increases low throughout their academic careers.

Yesterday, he told top UA administrators and two regents that a proposed \$1,000 tuition hike would violate that deal. Bolasky, the father of a senior and a freshman, challenged them to drastically lessen the increase for current students, but leave it high for new

students.

"How you're going about your increase is too dramatic, too much at once," Bolasky told President Pete Likins, Provost George Davis, regents' president Jack Jewett and Student Regent Matthew Meaker at a forum yesterday afternoon.

But because tuition in Arizona is the lowest in the nation, and because state funding has dramatically decreased in recent years, an incremental increase would provide too little money for the struggling universities, Jewett said.

Nationwide, states are asking

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A NOTE-WORTHY EVENT



DEREKH FROUDE/Arizona Daily Wildcat
The UA pep band plays during the opening dedication of the new Student Union Memorial Center yesterday during Celebration Day. Today's theme is Involvement Day, and throughout the day events will include a billiard trick-shot artist at noon in Wilbur's Underground and showings of the movie "Revenge of the Nerds" in the new Gallagher Theater at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

WISHFUL THINKING



► Closing UA one day would save the university \$88,000 — \$94,000

► If UA implements a weeklong fall break during Thanksgiving, it would save \$616,000 — \$658,000

► For the entire nine-day period, UA will save \$792,000 — \$846,000

Fall break could save UA \$846,000

New proposal would make Thanksgiving break longer

By Stephanie Schwartz
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The UA could save up to \$846,000 if ASUA President Doug Hartz's fall break proposal is passed and the university closes for nine days for Thanksgiving.

Hartz and ASUA Director of Academic Affairs Christopher Farney are pushing to get fall break on the faculty senate agenda next month.

If approved by the faculty senate, the vote would go to the Arizona Board of Regents. But if they don't approve the plan with the three extra days of vacation, Hartz will propose tacking on extra days to the beginning of the semester to maintain the number of class days.

Through a series of petitions signed and submitted in the past two years, UA students have supported the idea of a fall break even if it means adding the school days to another part of the semester, Farney said.

The university can remove two days of classes and still adhere to the number of contact hours — hours of classroom instruction — required by the Board of Regents. The

third day would require the board's approval because the university would be short one contact hour.

Both Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University have less contact hours than the number required by the Board of Regents.

"Ideally, with the plan, we'd not have to add more days," Farney said. "But we've found that students are in support of starting school earlier if it means they can have a fall break."

"As it stands now, I think we can get away with not adding the three days,"

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