The Arizona Board of Regents president has some advice for students planning to address the board at its tuition hearing tonight: Speak for yourselves.

Board President Chris Herstam said he’s been frustrated in the past by what he perceives as “choreographed efforts” by student leaders to pack the hearings with people furthering identical interests. And he’s hoping they’ll stop.

“Such a strategy is counterproductive,” Herstam said. He’s more persuaded by students speaking on their own behalf based on personal experience.

“I am hoping that a more diversified group of students participates in the upcoming tuition hearing,” Herstam said.

The hearing, which will take place from 5 to 7 tonight, is the only opportunity for students to speak directly to the regents about proposed tuition hikes.

Associated Students of the University of Arizona President J.P. Benedict said he hasn’t asked his lobbyists to speak out on behalf of their proposal, which would raise resident tuition by $490, as opposed to the $490 under President Peter Lee’s plan.

Both plans also call for nonresident tuition to rise by $700.

Rather than try to overwhelm regents with a “choreographed effort”, students should speak directly to the board, Herstam said. He’s more persuaded by students speaking on their own behalf based on personal experience.

Chemical spill injures student

By Holly Wells

Earlier this semester, a former student decided to attend Keith Lehrer’s lecture sans clothes, wearing only his tennis shoes.

As a result of Kramer’s full disclosure, a UAPD officer now sits outside of Room 306 in the César E. Chávez building every Monday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The seminar was taught in the Social Sciences building until Kramer showed up.

Lehrer, a philosophy professor, said Kramer was expelled last year for sending obscene e-mails to faculty members.

“After first we didn’t know what had happened, but it was obvious that he didn’t have any weapons,” said Mitchell. “It soon became a source of amusement.”

Lehrer said some students dropped the seminar after the incident.

Since then, the class has been moved and an officer has sat outside the door ensuring that Kramer, who is not allowed on campus, does not try to come back.

It’s an unusual case; Kramer has repeatedly not adhered to orders to stay off campus,” said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, spokesman for UAPD.

Mejia said the philosophy department asked for the officer as a precaution because Kramer continued to be disruptive on campus.

Mejia said he did not think Kramer was violent because the incident was disruptive and not threatening.

But Lehrer said he felt there was a small chance that Kramer could become violent.

It’s probably a one in 10 chance of him being violent, but he was certainly ready to shock.

By Natasha Bhuyan

The ASUA primary elections begin today, and come Friday, two presidential candidates will be eliminated from the race.

Alistair Chapman, Brian Raphel, Amanda Meaker and Josh Shapiro are running for ASUA president, but only two can move on to the general election, March 3 and 4. The student body president is chief executive officer, chief financial officer and representative for UA students.

Melanie Rainer, ASUA executive vice president, said it is important that students vote in the primaries.

“Usually, only a small percentage of students vote, and they are electing people to represent the entire student body,” she said.

No one will be eliminated in the race for executive vice president and administrative vice president as there are only two candidates running for each position.

ASUA Sens. Blake Buchanan and Sara Birenbaum are competing for executive vice president, while Jordan Miller, Freshman Class Council director, and Clint Wells, former vice president of public relations for the Interfraternity Council are running for administrative vice president.

Since only 20 students are running for senate, all will advance to the general election.

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