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Regents want aid, legislators say no funds

By Jeff Sklar

More state support for financial aid would help keep universities affordable, UA administrators and regents say, but some legislators warn the money isn't likely to come soon.

Still, lobbying lawmakers to increase the amount of financial aid coming directly from taxpayers plays a prominent role in a preliminary proposal asking Legislature to reconsider how it funds universities.

In the draft regents will discuss this week, the universities call for an increased taxpayer contribution to a fund that generates about \$1 million per year in aid for UA students.

The proposal also asks lawmakers to reward the UA for meeting performance incentives and offer funding that more accurately reflects the challenges faced by each university.

Regents and university presidents will discuss the plan when they meet at the UA later this week, though they've already offered support to its general goals.

"It's not becoming simpler to educate people in the 21st century. It's becoming more difficult," Arizona State University President Michael Crow said in January, when the board last discussed these plans.

The financial aid fund also contributes to ASU and Northern Arizona University students. It is the sole source of state-based financial aid for Arizona students. Other financial aid money comes directly from the universities or private donors.

The \$1 million in grants that UA students receive makes up about 3 percent of the total grant money given annually, said John Nametz, director of financial aid.

About 1,000 UA students receive about \$1,000 every year from that fund, though not all students receive exactly the same

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32 kicked out of dorms in fall

By Holly Wells STAFF WRITER

A student living in Navajo Residence Hall was arrested by UAPD last week for having multiple illegal drugs in his dorm with the intention of selling them.

Police found 3 ounces of marijuana, 221 prescription pills, 1.2 ounces of cocaine and various drug paraphernalia in

Patrick Jameson Madden's room.

In addition to criminal charges, Madden, a pre-business freshman, also faces the possibility of being evicted from the residence hall

Last semester, 32 students were evicted from campus residence halls because they had violated the Residence Life drug policy.

Jim Van Arsdel, director of Residence Life, said most of

these students were evicted because of drug violations, adding that the number of students evicted last semester was roughly the same as in other

According to Residence Life's community standards, if a student is caught possessing or using illegal drugs, the punishment is eviction.

Tyler Schubert, a media arts freshman and a resident of the Arizona-Sonora Residence Hall,

said his friend was kicked out of the dorm for having marijuana in his room.

Schubert said his friend was treated unfairly.

"It seems like resident assistants are out to get you," he said. "They change around stories to make it seem like they're right.'

But Carol Thompson, a senior associate Dean of Students,

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A BRUSH STROKE



JACOB KONST/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Studio art senior Tara Prescott works on her painting yesterday in the Art building, hoping to finish before her critique. Prescott, like many others, works day and night on art projects to meet the deadlines spring break brings

Students ticketed in garages for late nights



EVAN CARAVELLI/Arizona Daily Wildcat Cars parked in garages around campus are subject to fines if their cars are parked in the garage late at night. Some students have been surprised to receive fines after returning from a late night of studying around campus. By Melissa Wirkus CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students who spend late nights studying at the library may find a ticket on their car if they are parked in one of the garages on campus between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. without a

Even though the rule has been in effect since last year, students such as Torv Tebbutt, a media arts sophomore, are not aware of it.

"When the entire school population is not aware of parking in the garages between those hours, it is not fair," Tebbutt said. "The garage is there to park in and the library is open all hours; there's just no logic.'

Mike Delahanty, operations manager for Parking and Transportation Services, said the rule for issuing citations between those hours stemmed from people parking all night in the

garage without permits.

the garages all week, and then exiting when the gates were open on weekends," he said.

Because of the large number of cars that would park illegally, visitors were unable to find parking, Delahanty said.

This caused PTS to begin citing cars that were parked in any of the garages between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m.

The policy took effect July 1, 2003. The ticket price for parking in the garages without a permit between

those hours is \$25. Delahanty said he didn't realize the rule was affecting students who were studying at the library or on campus late at night.

Delahanty said he plans to bring this issue up at the next senior staff meeting to look for a solution that wouldn't penalize students who stay late to study.

"Whatever we do is never in con-"People were leaving their cars in crete," he said. "We are flexible enough to run an efficient program and flexible enough to meet customer

But changing the current rules and regulations depends on a lot of different factors, Delahanty said.

"It all depends on the input we get from the district manager and director," he said.

Possibly not having the rule enforced in certain garages could be a solution to the problem, Delahanty

Andrew Hagstrom, a regional development junior, said PTS should find a solution so studious students won't be punished.

"People don't always have the resources to do their homework at home, and the library is the place they have to go," he said. "It's not fair to penalize students who park in the garages in order to study.'

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