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Students can buy tix by phone for basketball

'Zoo' members can buy tourney tickets Monday

By James Kelley
STAFF WRITER

Early birds with Zona Zoo passes will get a chance to purchase NCAA men's basketball tournament tickets starting next week.

NCAA student tickets for the first and second rounds of the tournament will be sold via a "phone lottery" beginning at 7 a.m. Monday.

Tickets for other rounds will be sold every Monday for the next three weekends.

There will be 22 student tickets for the first and second rounds, 192 for the regionals and 500 for the Final Four. Where the UA will play will be determined Sunday when the NCAA tournament brackets are announced. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$150 depending on location.

This time, in order to purchase student tickets, a fan must be a student. James Francis, director of marketing for the athletic department, said the ticket office would verify the caller's status by using their CatCard number.

Because of the need to quickly sell the tickets and get them to students, the phone lottery was the best option, Francis said.

Peter Wand, Associated Students of the University of Arizona spirit director, said there wasn't enough manpower to allow students to line up for the tickets.

"As much as we would love to have a lineup and reward those fans who can line up early and get out of bed early — and I would definitely want to reward them — it is just a little tough for us with the man power to get those police officers out there and to control the situation," Wand said.

In October 2002, police broke up a riot outside the McKale Center after students lined up to purchase tickets for the then preseason-No. 1 Wildcats.

Students must have joined the Zona Zoo by Sept. 12, 2003, to be eligible for the tickets. Eligible students should call 621-CATS or (800) 452-CATS.

Fans can also buy seats outside the UA's section for each round by visiting ncaasports.com/basketball/mens.

Regents set tuition today

Likins' proposed \$490 increase to meet vote

By Jeff Sklar
SENIOR WRITER

Regents will decide today whether to approve President Peter Likins' proposed \$490 resident tuition increase, which would bring next year's in-state undergraduate tuition to \$3,998.

If the Arizona Board of Regents agrees to that amount, which is coupled with a proposed \$700 increase for nonresidents,

it would be the second-largest increase in UA history, trailing last year's \$1,000 hike.

Regents will also consider an alternative proposed by student lobbyists, which calls for a \$400 increase for residents. The lobbyists proposed a \$700 increase for nonresidents as well.

In previous years, regents have approved increases that don't match either the president's or the lobbyists' proposal. Two years ago, they raised tuition by \$97 when Likins had asked for \$300 and students had asked for no increase.

Regardless of the increase approved today, at least 14 percent of the tuition revenue will be set aside to offer financial

aid to needy students. Likins has promised that no Pell Grant recipients will have to pay more than they do now.

"We can and we will one more time protect entirely ... resident Pell Grant recipients," Likins said at a public hearing on tuition last month. "It is frankly a lot more difficult this year than last."

Next year will be the last time Pell Grant recipients, who are the university's neediest students, are completely protected from the increase.

Likins' proposed increase would bring in about \$15 million, before financial aid is

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LET'S STRETCH



Christina Patsalidou, dance graduate student, stretches between dance drills in Modern Techniques III yesterday afternoon at the Stevie Eller Dance Theatre. The class is an advanced course where dedicated graduate and undergraduate students refine their modern dance skills.

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Students traveling to Mexico for spring break run the risk of legal trouble, as many aren't familiar with Mexican law and don't know their rights. The UA is trying to alleviate that problem by distributing fliers about how to have a safe trip.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Veteran spring break partygoers warn about dangers in Mexico

By Thuba Nguyen
STAFF WRITER

By tomorrow night, college students will be swarming the bars in Mexico, ready for the wild spring break parties.

But by 6 a.m. Saturday, students could be in a lot of trouble if they're not careful, veteran UA partygoers warn.

"You have to be smart about it," said Lucas Doub, a communication junior.

Doub said he learned how important it is to be careful in

Mexico after he found his friend dazed and bruised from an encounter with two police officers in Rocky Point.

Doub said the officers, who had difficulty speaking English, demanded money from Doub's friend, who said he had only \$15. After they beat his head and stomach, they took his money and left him lying on the ground.

Doub and his friends never reported the incident to the police because they did not want to contact any more officers.

"It's dangerous," Doub said. "As Americans, they're targeting

you. They want American money, and they make their own laws."

More than 75,000 people are expected to hit the bars in Mexico next week, the U.S. Consulate's office said.

"Incidents related to the police should be reported in order for the Mexican government to take action against them," said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman. "There should be no monetary transactions between officers and violators on the street, and if that happens, they should report it

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Metallica rips up Tucson



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