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Later last call up for Senate vote

By Bob Purvis
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PHOENIX — A bill that would push the last call for alcohol sales back an hour moved one step closer to becoming a law yesterday.

The legislation gained initial approval, passing out of the Senate Committee of the Whole

by a vote of 13-8.

The Senate must take a final vote on the bill before it is passed to the governor's desk.

Gov. Janet Napolitano has said she would sign the bill into law.

Sen. Jorge Garcia, D-Tucson, said the bill is an example of bar owners preying on college-aged students.

Garcia poked fun at the bill's

backers, who say a later last call will increase tourism. He jokingly proposed an amendment to the bill that would have allowed anyone charged with driving under the influence to use the fact that they are helping the tourism industry as a legal defense.

"We have an industry out there that is promoting (you) to get inebriated, go home and

take your chances," Garcia said.

The bill that was approved went through without any amendments.

Senators voting against the bill said the later closing time would increase the number of drunken drivers, and said it was ridiculous that a 2:30 a.m. closing time would give drinkers

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Fee must get past students, regents

Regents have final say on proposed activity fee

By Natasha Bhuyan
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Even if students vote in favor of the activity fee that appears on a special elections ballot in three days, it needs the approval of the Arizona Board of Regents.

And the regents say they're not sure they support the refundable \$30 per year activity fee because it seems too rushed.

"I think when a student vote takes place, there (should) be enough time to have a thorough discussion," said Chris Herstam, president of the board. "This is all happening very quickly."

Regent Gary Stuart said he is "generally not in favor of student fees" because they do not generate financial aid, which he called a vital part of a university.

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The Associated Students of the University of Arizona Senate passed the activity fee referendum on Wednesday and will place the proposed fee on a special elections ballot Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Members of the Collaboration Board who initially drafted the fee proposal said the fee would be used to pay for activities such as concerts, speakers and educational programs.

J.P. Benedict, student body president, said the early election was necessary in order for the results to be on the board's April 29 agenda.

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'BATTLING' THE WEATHER



EVAN CARAVELLI/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Diana Ziegler, a journalism senior, Chrissy Lieberman, adviser for the University Activities Board, and Andrew Wright, a history senior, pack up what would have been the stage for "Battle of the Bands" on East University Boulevard last night, if not for the pouring rain. The event will be rescheduled due to the rain, which has brought Tucson two consecutive days of showers.

Organizers hope Easter doesn't hurt 'Fling' turnout

By Dana Crudo
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Spring Fling coordinators, worried that few people will visit the carnival this year because it falls on Easter weekend, hope new incentives will keep attendance up.

Spring Fling, the largest student-run carnival in the country, will take place April 8-11.

"We were disappointed at first, but we are working around it," said Tricia Domschke, Spring Fling public relations director.

Spring Fling, an event with a \$195,000 budget, always falls on the second week of April and could not be changed this year because the Pima County Fairgrounds already had commitments on other weekends, said Lindsay Urbank, Spring Fling executive director.

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MORE RIDERS HOP ABOARD 'CONVENIENT,' FREE CAT TRAN CAMPUS SHUTTLE

By Thuba Nguyen
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On his first day as a Cat Tran driver, Artie Eck realized he was dealing with no ordinary band of passengers.

While driving around campus, Eck said he started singing and got a complaint from a passenger who apparently did not enjoy his complimentary rendition of a song on the radio.

"Boy, it's a hard crowd I'm dealing with," Eck said

good-humoredly.

Although some people might mind the singing, it hasn't kept them off the shuttle.

The number of Cat Tran boarders has jumped about 15 percent since last year. By the end of this year, the Cat Tran will have shuttled about 460,000 people — compared to 400,000 people last year — said Gary Thomson, associate director of Parking and Transportation Services.

Cat Tran has been

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Cat Tran driver Don Wirth holds open the shuttle door for passengers Tuesday afternoon on his route around UA. The Cat Tran offers a free transportation service to students on campus, with a few destinations off-campus.

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Concordia, LSU
for grad speeches

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