

Library cuts new books from budget

By Mitra Taj
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The UA library plans to cut book orders and journal subscriptions across the board by 16 percent over the next two years, a move intended to combat inflation and a lack of additional funding.

Librarians are in the process of determining which library materials will be missed the

least, said Stephen Bosch, associate librarian. The cuts are necessary to avoid what librarians expect will become a \$1.3 million deficit by 2006. The library's budget is about \$9 million.

"Sixteen percent is going to be a big reduction," Bosch said. "We've done the easy stuff to keep our heads above water."

The impact now, he said, will be "noticeable, if not painful." Four teams representing dif-

ferent areas of the library have begun working with faculty to discuss which materials may be targeted for the cut.

Bosch said the teams will draw up lists for potential elimination this summer, and faculty will have the chance to review the lists and respond in September. Cuts wouldn't be implemented until October and

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Library cuts over the next 2 years

3,000 journals

7,000 new books

\$250,000 for electronic indexes

UA boosts TA tuition waiver to 60 percent

Full-tuition waivers may be reality within 3 years

By Jeff Sklar
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The UA will increase graduate teaching and research assistants' tuition waivers from 50 percent to 60 percent next year, and may boost that amount to 100 percent within three years, President Peter Likins said yesterday.

That means next year the university will waive about \$2,550 of the \$4,248 tuition for graduate assistants, who all pay the in-state rate regardless of whether they are Arizona residents.

A possible move toward 100 percent remission would occur over three years, with an intermediate step at 80 percent in the 2005-2006 school year, Likins said, though he was careful to note he wasn't certain those plans had been finalized.

"It's great news," said Jani Radebaugh, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Council. "I think it's just really a very timely step in that direction because it's something that has been on the minds of graduate students for a long time."

Covering 60 percent of graduate assistants' fees will cost the university about \$1 million more next year, Radebaugh said.

This school year, graduate assistants saw their waivers increase from 25 percent to 50 percent of their tuition, and as recently as 2001, they received no waivers.

The higher remission rate should help the

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SPRING (FLING) IS IN THE AIR



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Carnival-goers enjoy Spin Out at Spring Fling yesterday afternoon. Spring Fling is run annually by UA students to raise money for organizations on campus. This year's event lasts until Sunday afternoon at Rillito Downs. For an overview of some of the rides, see page 3.

Future student leaders plan to tackle fee in fall

By Natasha Bhuyan
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The fee debate will be back.

Although many of the activity fee's biggest supporters are graduating in May, future student leaders are already thinking about what went wrong in the election so they can get the \$30 per year fee past a student vote next year.

The fee was voted down by 56.5 percent of the 3,006 students who took part in the election this week.

Cody Ortmann, Associated Students of the University of Arizona senator-elect, said he understands the intense level of commitment the fee initiative requires and already has ideas for next year.

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RA fired over April Fools' prank

Pima RA, residents 'tin foil' fellow RA's entire dorm room

By Holly Wells
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What started off as an April Fools' prank ended with the firing of a Pima Residence Hall RA.

Around 8 a.m. on April Fools' Day, Phillip Chavira and two other students entered the room of another Pima resident assistant and used 400 square feet of tin foil to cover the entire room.

"We tin-foiled the contents of her room: her TV, books, shoes," Chavira said.

Chavira received notice Wednesday from Residence Life that he either had to resign from his position as an RA at Pima or be fired.

"We wanted to get her back for toilet-papering our doors," Chavira said of the RA who he and the other students played the joke on.

Jim Van Arsdel, director of Residence Life, declined to comment. The victim of the prank also refused to comment.

Chavira said the RA had toilet-papered his door and six others in his hall about a month before April 1. Afterward, Chavira and the two students began planning a payback and decided to do it on April Fools' Day.

Peter Reifsteck, a political science sophomore, took part in the joke and said he and the other students entered the RA's room around 8 a.m.

Reifsteck said the RA's suitemates let them in.

"We never really thought that we were breaking the law or anything," he said.

Jason Calio, an agriculture and life science freshman, also took part in the

joke and said he thought the RA would think it was funny.

Chavira said they were careful about the items they wrapped.

"We didn't wrap any religious artifacts of hers or any personal items," he said. "Our intention was just to be funny."

But Chavira said the RA, who he was on friendly terms with before the incident, was upset Chavira entered her room and touched her things. He said the RA notified the Pima hall director and then called the police.

Chavira said he was not expecting any action taken against him.

"I was just expecting another joke from her," he said.

Reifsteck said when he came back from class on April Fools' Day, he found two Residence Life officials and a UAPD officer waiting for him.

Reifsteck, Chavira and Calio were

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