Students have an extra day to pay tuition, before they are forced to fork over an extra $50.

**By Iolt Holt**

When pre-business sophomore Sean McCleery first set eyes on his new home, he found himself strangely attracted to it.

“I have a thing for the newest dorms, and I think this is the biggest, greatest thing to come along to the UA,” he said.

McCleery is one of 300 students who have moved into UA’s newest residence hall, Villa del Puente, located at North Highland Avenue and East Sixth Street. The three-story coed dorm, housing fifty percent freshmen and fifty percent upperclassmen, is one of the newest and most elaborate residence halls on campus.

Villa del Puente features abundant amenities, including covered bicycle parking, a grand piano, a dance floor, a game room complete with ping pong and pool tables and laundry facilities so residents can stay entertained while washing their clothes, a spacious courtyard, and a few suite-style rooms.

The residence hall consists of two buildings, with the second and third floors connected by a bridge. The design is part of a new plan, intended to foster a greater sense of community by having numerous small wings, with no more than 20 students to a wing.

**By Ashley Nowe**

For years, gay rights advocates have pushed administrators to provide tuition, health, dental and life insurance benefits to same-sex partners.

With a recent string of national and local gay rights victories, OUTReach, a UA networking group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender faculty and staff, the Diversity Council, and other campus groups have decided to reinvigorate the campaign.

“The people working on this have been patient, quiet and easy, and it is appropriate for us at this moment to move forward with this,” said Ken Foster, head of the Diversity Council.

Four UA students announced yesterday that they intend to sue the State of Arizona and the Arizona Board of Regents, claiming that the recent tuition hike violates the Arizona State Constitution.

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**Four UA students to sue AZ, regents**

Tuition increase violates constitution, they argue

By Nathan Tafoya

The office was concerned that students might not understand the motivation for the changes that affect tuition payments this year.

“The things contributed to the confusion this year. A change in tuition date, a change in location for the [Bursar’s] office, and this new system (Matrix),” said Hull.

This year’s tuition payment deadline was three weeks later than usual, according to Hull, and the Bursar’s Office’s new location added to the confusion caused by recent problems with the computer system, Matrix, that distributes financial aid and scholarships.

Hull said the problems with Matrix were unavoidable.

“With any new system you’ll have problems with volume and training,” she said.

**The Bottom Line**

Students now have until Wednesday to pay tuition without being charged a late fee

By Ian Musil

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