Students work to pay new tuition

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Spring registration begins this weekend, and that will mean another round of tuition bills for students who say they are struggling to pay the $1,000 tuition hike.

Although administrators allocated $4.4 million of the revenue generated by the tuition hike, the largest in UA history, towards financial aid, students say it has not been enough.

Mary Aror, a physical education sophomore, receives financial aid through grants and student loans. But she also has to work to cover the costs of tuition. Aror works the maximum of 30 hours a week in the Student Union Memorial Center.

Aror said that after the tuition hike, she only received a small increase in financial aid.

"They gave me like $600 more than last year," Aror said. "I'm a little worried about the costs, but I'm getting by."

Elia Cudia, a former returning student, doesn't receive financial aid. Although he receives some help from his parents, he still must work to cover the costs of school.

"I'm from out of state, and if tuition goes up again, I might have to move home and go to school in state because it's cheaper," Cudia said.

President Pritzker has said that he wants tuition to be set at the top of the bottom one-third percent of minor public universities. He has said he will ask for a tuition increase of at least $260 this year in order to reach that point.

Some students who are on financial aid are still waiting for their aid checks to come in. In the meantime, they struggle to pay the full tuition price of $1,500.

Jane Lee, a journalism sophomore, said that she is still waiting for a check from the school almost two months after the tuition hike.

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Porn viewing unregulated

Students make hobby of downloading porn

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Students in residence halls acknowledge that they use the campus network to download pornography, but university officials said that they do nothing to stop this practice even though it's technically a code of conduct violation.

The university doesn't have the resources to send "squad" of people to enforce this, said Sharon Kha, the UA spokeswoman.

"The university does not actively police what students are looking at on their personal computers," Kha said.

Jeremy Minetti, a chemistry and science freshman and resident of Villa del Pozzo, said he estimates that 98 percent of his online time is spent viewing pornography.

"I definitely make up for those who don't look at porn," he said.

Students' activities while on the Internet are not monitored and no content filters are in place, said Ted Frei, director of the Center for Computing and Information Technology.

"We're not in the censorship business," he said.

Jean McGuire, a former Republican representative in the Arizona Legislature, titled three years ago to limit students in residence halls to viewing educational related content only. The proposal, which ultimately failed, would have required the UA to install a filtering system to prevent access to banned content.

Frei said he doubts a filtering system will ever be put in place.

But if a student is suspected of viewing child pornography, which is illegal, the student would be turned over to UAPD, Frei said.

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ASUA Day offers service opportunities

By Dana Crudo
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Students got a chance to learn about all that ASUA has to offer during yesterday's ASUA Day.

ASUA Day is a once per semester event with the goal of increasing awareness of ASUA and each of its departments. The event lasted for two years yesterday.

Students were able to register to vote, toss water balloons, rock climb, and volunteer for the various committees that are affiliated with ASUA.

"I think ASUA Day is awesome. I remember last year but as a freshman it was hard to get involved, but this year it is an awesome program," said Shannon Scott, a political science sophomore.

Surveys were also handed out to students asking them various questions concerning ASUA and what activities they would like to see take place on campus.

"We have been cooperative. It's been good to get feedback and see what people want to do," said Elda Noery, freshman Class Council representative.

The event gave ASUA departments the chance to inform students of their organizations as well as recruit volunteers.

"Students didn't realize that the different departments were all a part of ASUA," they've heard of the organizations individually but not as ASUA-affiliated committees, so that is why it is good to be here," said ASUA Senator Morgan Kisler.

There are 16 programs within ASUA and a majority of them were present during ASUA Day.

Students said that ASUA day allowed them to become more aware of the various departments.

"I really wasn't aware of all of the different departments, not at all, I think it's amazing," said Shena Kawamoto, undeclared sophomore. "I think it's a great way to get people involved, it looks like it's a lot of fun. I want to be involved now."

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AIDS program hopes to open eyes

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When Laura Hartstone traveled to Tanzania, Africa, this summer as part of an AIDS awareness program, her eyes were opened to another world.

Hartstone, an environmental sciences sophomore, realized the seriousness of this worldwide epidemic when a village woman came to her, pleading for medicine for a young boy whose weakened immune system caused by advanced HIV left him with a fungal infection on his scalp.

"His head was completely covered with these scabs and it was awful looking," Hartstone recalled. "I just couldn't handle that."

Hartstone went to the village's pharmacy, expecting the medicine to cost about $20, but she found that it was only 70 cents.

"These people can't even afford a little thing of medicine," Hartstone said. "It was a real awakening."

Hartstone, along with other UA students who visited these villages, returned to Tucson and decided to take action, starting their own chapter of Student Global AIDS Campaign, a student-led organization dedicated to fighting AIDS worldwide.

"How can we come back and just dismiss what we just saw," Hartstone said. "When we came back we just really wanted to make a difference here."

SGAC members will be at the AIDS Walk, which is this Sunday at the Rillito River Park, 4902 N. First Ave, rallying students to support the cause.

"HIV has lost the lime light in America because of all the medicines that we have to prolong life, but in different places these medicines don't even exist," said molecular