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Business college hires more profs

New \$250 fee pays to bring additional faculty for Eller College undergrads

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Six-year tenure-eligible faculty have joined the Eller College of Business and Public Administration thanks to a \$250 semester program fee implement-

ed for undergraduates who entered the college this year.

The fee of \$500 per semester for out-of-state students and \$250 for in-state was approved last spring by the Arizona Board of Regents. It only affects those students newly accepted to the business school this semester and beyond.

"Most of our peer public institutions actually reported being down (in numbers of faculty) again this year. So the fees have allowed us to run counter to the herd," said Mark Zupan, dean of the Eller College.

More importantly, he sees it as a reversal of the college's own trend: between 1989 and 2002, the college had lost 35 tenure-eligible faculty members, he said.

Because of the additional teach-

ers, class offerings have increased.

"That will stand us in good stead, reputation-wise," Zupan said. "Our aspiration is to be a top-five public school."

Before deciding how to allocate the fees, the business college sought student feedback about what could be improved. Class availability and quality of faculty were the overriding responses, he said.

However, former student lob-

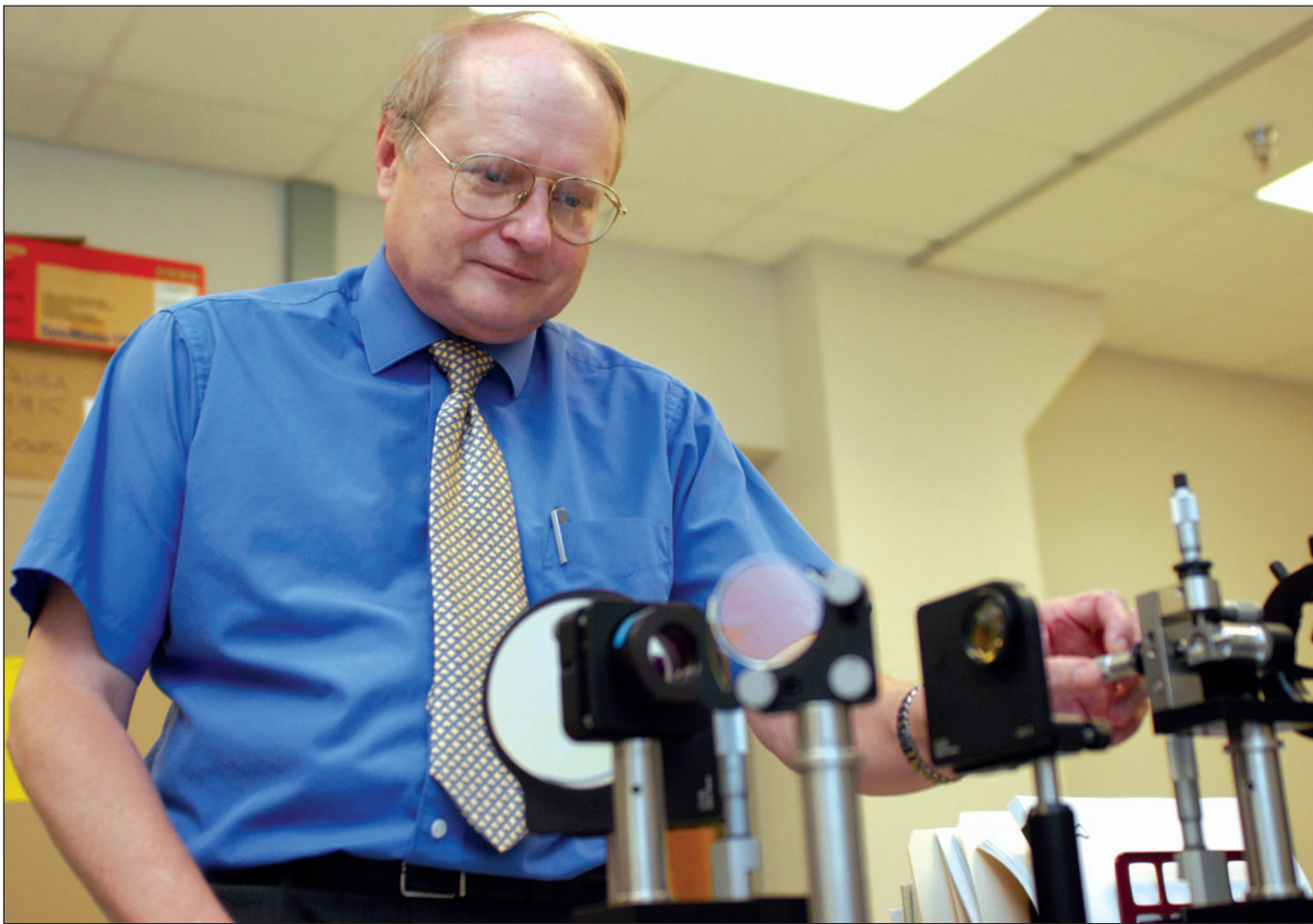
byist and ASUA Executive Vice President Melanie Rainer expressed deep concerns about the precedent the business college's fee could set for other UA colleges.

"It's definitely something to worry about. Essentially, it's like another tuition increase," Rainer said.

Rainer's main concern lies with the fact that ABOR did not cite any

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AWARD-WINNING VISION



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James C. Wyant, director of the Optical Sciences Center at the UA, was recently awarded the Gold Medal from the International Society for Optical Engineering for his achievements in teaching as well as his work in interferometry.

Optics professor receives award for teaching, research advancements

By Ashley Nowe
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Paraxial properties, material qualification, ellipsometry, aberrations, basic interferometers — this may sound like a foreign language to most, but understanding this with ease has driven optical sciences professor James C. Wyant to the top of his field.

Wyant, director of the UA Optical Sciences Center, was awarded the 2003 Gold Medal by the International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE), for his contributions as a teacher and for his technological advancements in optical science.

"I think it's great," said Jack D.

Gaskill, UA professor emeritus of optical sciences. "He has certainly been one of the major contributors to the field."

SPIE, a worldwide networking organization for those involved in optics, honors one member a year for achievements in the field.

"This award is special because it is given to people that dedicate their lifetime to the field," said Robert R. Shannon, a retired optical sciences professor and winner of the award in 1996. "His award is very well deserved."

Besides teaching at the UA for over 30 years, Wyant has proved himself an expert in the field of interferometry, the method of superimposing two beams of light in order to study their patterns and

then determine the flatness of a surface.

This method is used to improve the accuracy of telescope mirrors and camera lenses.

"Interferometers are very important when making a telescope mirror or camera lens," Wyant said. "The light reflections must be exact in order to have a working lens or mirror and an interferometer is the way in which this is measured."

Wyant has developed new types of interferometers, including a phase-shifting interferometer, which will be used in the binocular telescope on Mount Graham.

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Napolitano names new regents

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Gov. Janet Napolitano yesterday chose two civic activists and political supporters from the Phoenix area to fill two Board of Regents seats, including the only one now held by a resident of northern Arizona.

Attorney Ernest "Ernie" Calderon of Phoenix and Lorraine Frank of Scottsdale will replace two regents appointed by Republican governors, Kay McKay of Flagstaff and Don Uhlrich of Paradise Valley.

The Board of Regents oversees the state university system and appointments to the board are regarded as political plums for Arizona governors.

Both Calderon and Frank are Democrats, and both said they did volunteer work on the campaign of Napolitano, a Democrat who took office in January.

Napolitano spokeswoman Kris Mayes said the governor picked the two new regents early so that they would have time to learn the ropes before

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Students fight to save school

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Supporters of the School of Planning attended yesterday's town hall to ask President Peter Likins and Provost George Davis to take their school off the chopping block.

Approximately 20 supporters sat quietly in the back with their red "Save the School of Planning" shirts, listening to Likins and Davis discuss the future of their school.

Patricia Rogers, who said she hopes to enroll in the School of Planning, spoke about the elimination.

"I don't believe that President Likins fully understands what the School of Planning does," Rogers said. "We are called in whenever a community is running amuck."

She said it was a tragedy to eliminate the school from the UA.

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