Student treks to Iowa to aid Edwards’ bid

By Tyler Carroll

Adam Duckworth hopes that in 2004, John Edwards will be the 44th president of the United States.

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Thousands march to honor MLK; some push presidential candidates

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PHOENIX — A Phoenix lawmaker is pushing legislation that would guarantee full-time students stable tuition rates and make across-the-board tuition hikes for Arizona undergraduates illegal.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Debbie McCune Davis, D-Phoenix, would make tuition increases solely applicable to the U of A’s incoming class, and let students enrolled in at least 12 credit hours the semester before a tuition or fee increase attend school at the cheaper rate.

McCune Davis, whose daughter graduated from Arizona State University in December, called last year’s tuition increase burdensome to middle-class families and unfavorable for working students.

“I’d like last year’s increase to be an exception to the rule,” McCune Davis said. “I keep hearing about more tuition increases, and all I can think is thank goodness Napolitano is finished.”

The 40 percent in-state tuition hike approved by the Arizona Board of Regents last March drew groans and protests from many U of A students who felt it was excessive. A lawsuit from a group of students who said it violated the state

Proposed bill may stabilize tuition

Current students would be ‘grandfathered’ into old rates if tuition rises

By Bob Purvis

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Students re-examine religion

By Nathan Taioya

When she arrived at the UA three years ago, Christine Yafuso turned away from her Christian faith.

“I came here by myself, not knowing anyone,” said Yafuso, an ecology and evolutionary biology senior. “I was very homesick and I didn’t find a church to attend. I started hanging out and making friends with people in my dorm, many of them not being Christians. We would always go out to parties and drink a lot.”

But after three years of partying and with the arrival of her sister on campus, Yafuso decided to return to her faith last semester, attending church and on-campus Bible studies on a regular basis.

“Higher education is often seen as a bastion of secularism,” said Alexander Astin, director of Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles, which performed the study, and was a leader in the survey.

But students such as Yafuso illustrate that religion — the surefire topic to raise some push presidential candidates

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