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Students awarded hoops section

By Anthony D. Avila
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After waiting nearly two decades, student basketball fans finally got their wish on Friday when the athletics department confirmed there will be a new unified student section for men's basketball games at McKale Center, beginning next year.

After months of negotiations, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona and Arizona Athletics reached an agreement Friday to add a student section that will stretch from

floor to ceiling on the north side of McKale Center with general admission seating.

"After carefully considering how the different options affected each and every ticket holder, we believe we came up with a great plan that is a win-win scenario for the entire Wildcat family," said Jim Livengood, director of athletics, in a press release.

The tickets will still be purchased through the Zona Zoo lottery, but the lottery will be weighted based on how many

years the person has owned a Zona Zoo pass, said Amber Harryman, ASUA spirit director, who collaborated on behalf of students with Arizona Athletics.

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Members will receive one lottery entry for signing up for the pass, and two additional entries per year as a Zona Zoo member. Next year, the number of entries per person will range from one for new members to seven for those who have been members since the creation of Zona Zoo in 2002, said Harryman,

a classics junior.

In another significant change, student ticket winners will receive one ticket for the full season instead of two tickets for half the basketball season, Harryman said.

"It was too complicated, so we just thought we'd get rid of the whole (split season) thing," Harryman said.

To reward the most dedicated and presumably loudest student basketball fans, the seating will be general admission. Two hours before tipoff, students will get

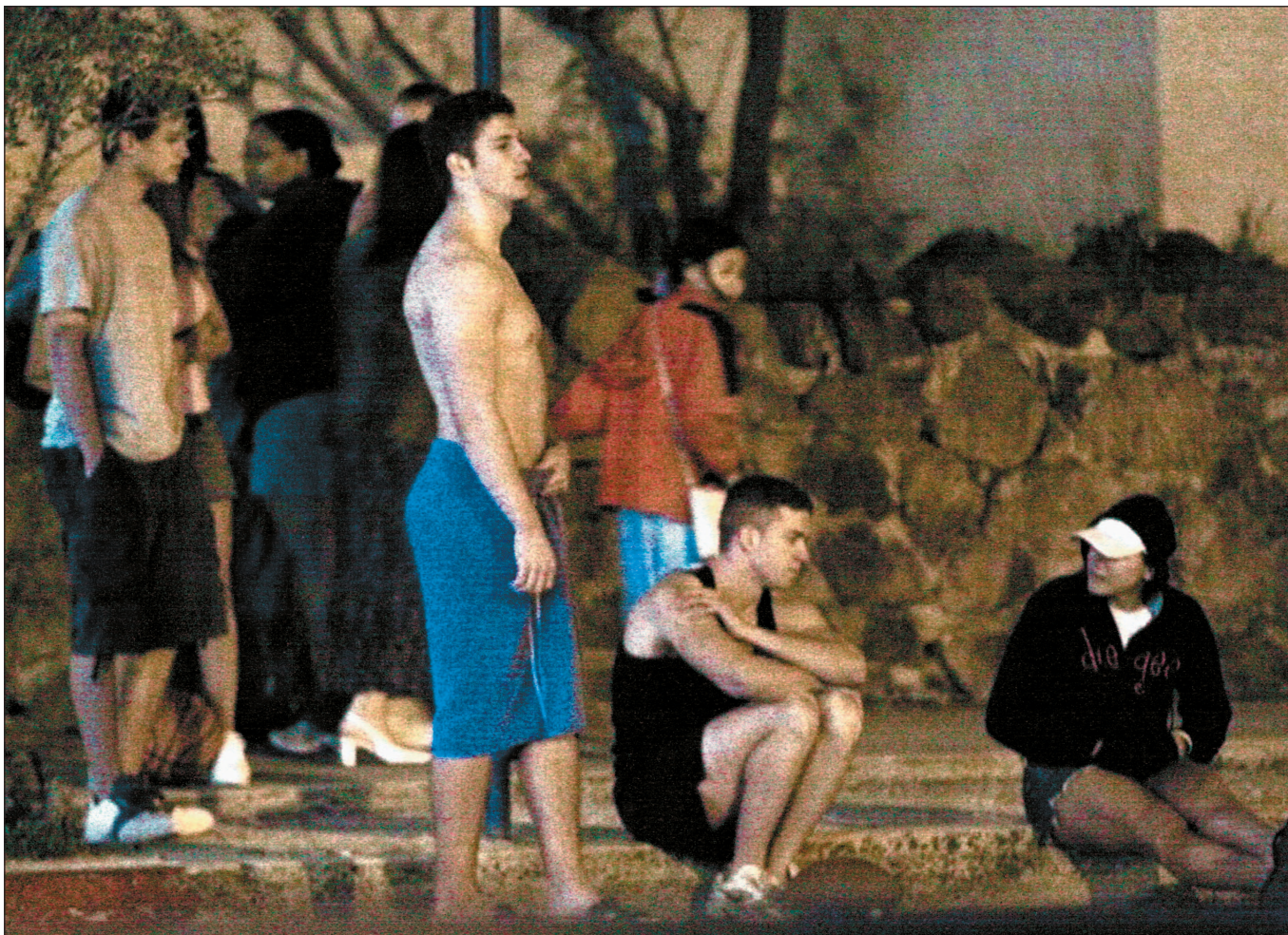


Zona zookeeper Andy Lemieux, left, a biochemistry senior, and Nilay Jariwala, an economics junior, cheer during a game last month at McKale Center.

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Fire damages Kaibab dorm room



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Kaibab residents, including undeclared freshman Shawn Lewis, were forced to evacuate the residence hall when a fire erupted in a student's first-story room Friday night. Lewis, who was showering when the alarm went off, waited with other residents outside for more than an hour and a half.

Unattended candle causes smoke damage, student evacuation

By Jennifer Amsler
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A small fire caused by a candle in Kaibab-Huachuca Residence Hall, 922 E. Fourth St., left dozens of residents standing outside in the street for an hour and a half Friday night.

John Ouellet, a resident assistant who oversees the hall in which the fire started, said the room sustained a lot of smoke damage, but much of the resident's personal property went untouched.

Ouellet, a sociology junior, said a lot of the smoke damage could be fixed by just cleaning the walls.

Although Ouellet was not present when the fire broke out, he said the resident had been in and out of the room since Friday night.

Ouellet said the residence hall will have a hearing to determine a course of discipline for the resident. He said burning a candle in a room is prohibited, but there is ambiguity about the specific punishment.

Some students said they heard the fire alarms shortly before 6 p.m. and exited the residence hall immediately, leaving behind jackets, wallets, or for one student, clothing.

Shawn Lewis, an undeclared freshman, was in the shower when he heard alarms and only was able to throw on a towel

before leaving his room.

Resident assistants warned students they would be fined if they do not exit the building immediately when sirens go off, no matter what they are doing, Lewis said.

Lewis said test evacuations are done all of the time, and he thought they would only be outside for a few minutes.

However, the fire alarm was ringing due to a real emergency, but Lewis said he did not mind being outside without clothes.

"It's better to be in a towel than dying (in a fire)," he said.

Lewis said no one offered to go inside and retrieve clothing for him, even after the

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Departments worry about UA budget reallocation

By Natasha Bhuyan
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Administrators' proposal to tax 10 percent of carry-forward funds could result in unnecessary spending and cripple departments already running low on resources, department heads said last week.

The concerns come in response to President Peter Likins' 17 budget reallocation proposals, revealed two weeks ago, which would centralize the university budget and save money in a time when the UA is facing a decrease in state funding and rising operational costs.

One proposal would impose a 10 percent tax on carry-forward funds — leftover money in departments at the end of the fiscal year — and move the monies to central administration.

However, the idea hit a sour note with departments, who say they are already "woefully underfunded."

Mike Hammond, head of the linguistics department, said although he understands the university is in a difficult financial situation, the linguistics department does not have unused funds sitting around for a rainy day.

"My own position is that that sort of tax is a very bad idea," Hammond said in an e-mail. "The problem is that to the extent we ever have carry-forward, it is extremely small and budgeted for specific expenses in the coming year. I would strongly encourage a different mechanism to deal with the current financial situation."

Provost George Davis argued UA administrators have "never touched" carry-forwards in the past, and now only want to tax vacancy saving derived from local and state dollars.

But J. Christopher Maloney, head of the philosophy department, said a tax on carry-forward funds would "very seriously hobble" his department's capacity to teach and conduct research.

Maloney also pointed out the tax would discourage prudent financial management if departments have money leftover in June and suspect administrators will take 10 percent.

"What would you do if you were a department head with, say, \$1,000 in an account in mid-June?"

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