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UA South proposed elimination not likely

By Andrea Kelly
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PHOENIX — A bill that would change the funding of universities and community colleges, allow community colleges to offer some four-year baccalaureate degrees and eliminate the UA's south campus in Sierra Vista was stalled yesterday in the Arizona House of Representatives.

The presidents of the UA, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the Arizona Board of Regents oppose the bill, and representatives from community colleges across the state support it.

The presidents expressed their opposition in a letter to the committee Monday. The opposition in the letter was reiterated yesterday by Paulina Vasquez-Morris, regent counsel.

UA lobbyist Greg Fahey said the presidents have been in contact with the legislators on the committee, and they are aware of President Peter Likins' opposition to the elimination of UA South and the creation of four-year degrees for community colleges.

The letter said that "comprehensive overhauls to both the university and community college funding formulas" do not allow for the debate necessary to come to the best conclusion for all schools.

A House Appropriations committee heard testimony on the bill yesterday but will refrain from voting until Monday, said Rep. Russell Pearce, R-Mesa, chairman of the committee.

The bill would require the state to fund enrollment growth at the universities, something they have not done in recent years, and change the rate from funding

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3,806 vote in primaries



Jacob Reuben, center, calls his sister after learning he has won the largest percentage of votes for student body president in the ASUA primary election last night at the Student Union Memorial Center. Reuben garnered 1,160 total ballots and 31.7 percent of the vote.

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UA students broke records the past two days in the highest voter turnout in an ASUA primary election since 1989.

A total of 3,806 students voted in the primary election, which is about 1,300 more than last year's primary turnout, topping the 2004 general election by 203 votes, according to the election tally.

Associated Students of the University of Arizona election commissioner Adam Falck said the high voter turnout was a

direct result of the specific instruction given to the candidates on how to run an effective campaign.

"I was really surprised at the voter turnout," said Falck, who announced the results last night with ASUA President Alistair Chapman.

Although results were scheduled to be announced at 9:15 p.m., candidates and their supporters waited in the Kiva Room in the Student Union Memorial Center for more than an hour to hear primary election results for president, executive vice president, adminis-

trative vice president and senator positions.

Jacob Reuben, presidential candidate, received 31.7 percent of the presidential candidate vote and Cade Bernsen, presidential candidate, won 24.4 percent. Both will advance to the general election next week.

Both presidential candidates will participate in a debate sponsored by ASUA and moderated by Provost George Davis and Student Regent Ben Graff. The debate will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiva Room in student union.

The Arizona Daily Wildcat will also host a debate Monday in the Gallagher Theater at noon featuring the two presidential candidates and mediated by the Wildcat, UATV and KAMP Student Radio.

Erin Hertzog, unopposed executive vice president candidate, received 3,157 votes.

Cassi Sonn, with 46.2 percent of the administration vice presidential vote, and Fernando Ascencio, who took 28.3 percent, will also be on the ballot next week.

Of the 21 senators on the

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Graduate students support lower increase



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Student body President Alistair Chapman and UA President Peter Likins reiterated their tuition plans at a tuition forum in the Harvill building yesterday. The forum connected six university campuses in Arizona through live telecast feeds.

By Natasha Bhuyan
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Graduate students voiced their opposition to the administrative tuition proposal last night at a statewide tuition hearing, asking for an even lower graduate increase than ASUA's proposal.

In their tuition counterproposal, members of the Graduate and Professional Student Council called for an increase of 8 percent for resident graduates and 3.12 percent for nonresident graduates, which is less than President Peter Likins' recommendation of 14.12 percent and 4.54 percent and the Associated Students of the University of Arizona's proposal of 10.12 percent and 3.25 percent, respec-

tively.

Amanda Brobbel, president of GPSC, said Likins' graduate tuition increase is disproportionately higher than his undergraduate increase, which is at 10.01 percent, because the additional revenue from the graduate increase would be used in part to fund graduate assistant tuition remission to 70 percent.

Brobbel said the policy is unfair because it means graduate students who are not graduate assistants would have to cover teacher assistant remission, while undergraduate students and research faculty are the ones who benefit from TAs.

"It's unfair to students like myself and other non-TAs to subsidize it," said James Eddy, vice president of external affairs for GPSC.

ASUA President Alistair Chapman also presented his proposal to the Arizona Board of Regents, asking to increase tuition for undergraduate residents by 8 percent, while setting aside \$30 per student toward course availability and funding the graduate assistant tuition remission to 70 percent.

Undergraduate students and members of the community said they supported lower tuition increases, coupled with financial aid and course support.

Mark Thompson, a geography junior, said with the decrease in state and government financial aid, he would prefer to see a \$100 tuition increase as long as revenue went toward financial aid and course availability.

"All my classes are overbooked,"

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