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## Summer session numbers fall again

By **Natasha Bhuyan**  
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Enrollment for summer sessions is down compared to last year, which could be the result of increased summer session tuition.

As of Friday, 12,293 students were enrolled in summer session classes, 19 percent lower than last year, said Debbie Harris, a senior business manager for summer and winter sessions in the Office of Curriculum and Registration.

Harris said members of the summer session office attributed the decrease in students to increased summer session tuition.

Last summer, the cost of a three-unit course coupled with mandatory fees for undergraduates was \$592.07, according to the Bursar's Office.

This summer, tuition and fee costs jumps to \$704.13. Residents and nonresidents pay the same tuition during the summer.

The rise in summer tuition is due to tuition hikes applied in the fall, as summer tuition is determined by fall tuition plus a \$5.50 per credit hour fee for services such as the library.

In the fall, the cost of taking a three-unit course and fees for undergraduate residents was \$642.13, according to the Bursar's Office.

But this year, administrators also tacked on an additional \$11 surcharge to summer tuition per credit hour to cover increasing utility costs like air conditioning.

The plan is expected to bring in \$650,000 in additional summer tuition revenue, but with less students enrolling, that might not be the case, according to a finan-

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## Pope a leader of youth



JACOB KONST/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Members of the Knights of Columbus lead the procession into St. Augustine Cathedral yesterday afternoon during the first of two liturgies held in thanksgiving to Pope John Paul II. The second liturgy will be held tomorrow evening at 8 at St. Augustine Cathedral.

### Students remember Pope John Paul II as 'best pope we've had'

By **Cassie Tomlin**  
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For most UA students, Pope John Paul II was the only one they knew.

A spiritual leader who in his 26-year papacy helped defeat communism in Europe, visited 129 countries, and was the first Pontiff to preach in a synagogue, he was also known for his deep involve-

ment in the lives of Catholic youth.

"He was the best pope we've ever had," said Antonio Almada, a regional development junior who attended the 5 p.m. Mass at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center at the University of Arizona yesterday. "He taught us how to achieve peace without using weapons and stopped three wars without violence. I prayed to him when he was alive and I'll pray to him even more now."

The first non-Italian pope in 455 years died in Vatican City Saturday surrounded by his closest Polish aides, after long suffering from Parkinson's disease and arthritis.

Father Burt Hutcherson, pastor at the

Catholic Newman Center, 1516 E. Second St., said Pope John Paul II had been a model for him in teaching youth.

"He made it his business to help the youth, and it's amazing the way they responded," Hutcherson said. "Since I've worked with the young church my entire life, I've always been able to point to him."

In 1985, the pope established World Youth Day and every other year he would attend the International Jubilee for the Young, an annual week-long celebration bringing millions of young people around the world together to celebrate.

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## Spring Fling coordinators hope for larger turnout



KEVIN B. KLAUS/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Tucson residents take a spin on a ride at last April's Spring Fling event at Rillito Downs. The 31st annual Spring Fling will officially begin today with festivities on the UA Mall.

By **Aubrey McDonnell**  
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Festivities on the UA Mall today will kick off the 31st annual Spring Fling, the country's largest, non-profit, student-run organization.

Student organizers have been working since August preparing for this year's Spring Fling events. More than 70 clubs, fraternities, sororities and other student-run organizations will work at the event.

"We are really excited about Spring Fling this year

because we are working with UA4Food and the Tucson Community Food Bank," said Nathan Postillion, the Spring Fling club relations director. "Students who donate canned food will be entered into a raffle to win prizes."

Inflatable games, jousting, basketball and an applesauce-eating contest will take over the Mall area this week, along with a chance to win an iPod.

Apple Computer Inc. sponsors the UofA Bookstore, 1303 E. University Blvd., and the

UofA Bookstore has donated iPods to be raffled off at the event, said Nicole Hartman, Spring Fling corporate director.

Students can enter to win an iPod on the Mall today, tomorrow and Wednesday, but they have to be present when the winners are announced at Spring Fling to win the prize.

"Students who already own an iPod can get a free T-shirt on the Mall this week," said Postillion, a political science senior. "If they wear the T-shirt to Spring Fling, they will get \$10 in iTunes."

Hartman said she is very excited to be working with Apple Computer Inc. because it is such a large company and she's excited to see raffle results.

"I am looking forward to the event and it will be nice to see the finished product," Hartman said.

Alexis Mall, a psychology sophomore, volunteered at Spring Fling last year and said she is looking forward to this year's events.

"My sorority will be selling candy apples this year,

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