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## Education bill gets another chance

By Andrea Kelly  
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PHOENIX — A higher education-funding bill that university and Arizona Board of Regents presidents did not support at the state legislature was brought back to life yesterday after it failed last week.

The bill, which would have made numerous changes to the higher education system in the state, will again attempt to pass through the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate, though it was voted down in a Senate committee last week. With a change in the funding universities and community colleges receive based on the number of full-time students and a restructuring to allow some community colleges to offer limited four-year baccalaureate degrees, the bill passed a House Appropriations committee again yesterday.

The noted change from the version that failed last week is the addition of a committee to oversee the implementation of the four-year baccalaureate degrees at those community colleges that decide to offer such degrees.

Community colleges have supported the bill since it was introduced March 3, saying it would help them bring a more affordable education to outlying communities in the state. The three state universities have opposed the bill all along, calling for more research to determine what changes are necessary before they are implemented across the higher education system.

The bill will now face the full Arizona House of Representatives, where it previously passed by the smallest possible margin of 31-24 with five representatives not voting.

## COOL WIND



Associate professor of music Keith Johnson and other members of the Arizona Wind Quintet performed last night in Crowder Hall. Founded in 1975, the group performs regularly on campus.

## Likins to sign IMOA

By Natasha Bhuyan  
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The UA will partner with a university from Tucson's sister city in Kazakhstan through a memorandum of understanding, an agreement that will promote both cultural and academic exchanges.

President Peter Likins will sign an International Memorandum of Agreement Thursday, which will link the UA with Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Almaty, Kazakhstan, Tucson's "sister city" since 1989.

Jerry M. Gary, chairman of the Tucson-Almaty Sister Cities Committee, said the IMOA will open the door for students and professors to assimilate the educational practices of another country and sample the cultural differences that exist, while observing how business is done in both.

After Likins signs the IMOA, Gary said the schools will begin the process of finding a consistent curriculum that will enable students from both sides to earn credit at the other university, making it the first partnership between the UA and Almaty.

"The life-altering experience of spending a year in another country, making friends and acquaintances and learning of each others' heritage helps greatly in bringing down the barriers that exist in our world today," Gary said.

A branch of the Sister Cities International, the Tucson-Almaty Sister Cities Committee is a non-profit organization which aims to promote "people-to-

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## SAE fire results in little damage



JACOB KONST/Arizona Daily Wildcat  
Pre-business freshman Eric Torvie surveys the damage to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house yesterday.

By Jennifer Amsler  
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A small fire on the roof at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house resulted in \$5,000 worth of damage and no injuries.

Police were patrolling the area Saturday when one officer noticed smoke coming from the top of the house, 1509 E. Second St., and residents told police the building does not have a chimney, reports stated.

Officers informed fraternity members to exit the house immediately and called Tucson Fire Department around 9 p.m., reports stated.

TFD arrived on the scene within minutes and extinguished the small flames on top of the roof, said SAE President Jeremy Bates.

"It was the quickest response I've ever seen," said Bates, an accounting

senior.

The fire department concluded the flames were caused from a 500-watt lamp used to light a mural on the roof. The lamp was moved from its original spot, possibly from the wind, and overheated the air vent, which caused it to ignite, reports stated.

The small flames never left the vent, reports stated.

Before the fire department arrived, fraternity member Walter Tambke, a sophomore majoring in Spanish, climbed onto the roof and pulled an extension cord away from the smoky area before police instructed him to get down, reports stated.

One police officer saw one of the rooms had a light on and music playing and suspected the occupant did not know about the fire, reports stated.

The officer yelled loudly and did not

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## FDA considers approval of Plan B contraceptive

By Ariel Serafin  
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The Food and Drug Administration will reach a decision tomorrow that could allow Plan B, a form of emergency contraception currently offered by prescription, to be available over-the-counter.

Lester M. Crawford, the nominee to become the next FDA commissioner, indicated the FDA may approve over-the-counter status for the emergency contraception Plan B brand pill, said Alberta Hopkins, the triage nurse at Campus Health Service Women's Health Center.

Plan B effects the body much like regular birth control pills, but is capable of preventing pregnancy up to 120 hours after unprotected sexual intercourse, although it is

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