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TAKING BACK THE NIGHT

About 30 people marched through campus last night to raise awareness for sexual assault on campus. After the march, participants shared stories of people they know who have been sexually assaulted or raped.

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Regents seek UA president by March

Tucson regent Boice to lead search for next UA president

By **Natasha Bhuyan**
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A Tucson regent will head the committee responsible for searching for the next university president to replace President Peter Likins when he retires in 2006.

Regent Fred Boice, a three-year member of the Arizona Board of Regents, will chair the presidential search committee and select viable candidates for the UA's top position, which the regents must officially appoint.

Regent President Gary Stuart, who will announce the decision today at the regents' meeting in Tempe, said he chose Boice for his intelligence, discipline and relationship with the Tucson community.

A former president of the UA Foundation, Boice also serves on the Board of Trustees for the University Medical Center and is a member of the Advisory Board for the Arizona Health Sciences Center, making him experienced and knowledgeable about university issues, Stuart said.

"His long connection to the UA makes him the natural choice," Stuart said.

As chair of the committee, Boice will have the sole responsibility of selecting members for the committee, drafting a timeline of the presidential search and exclusively managing the search process.

Boice, who will select committee members

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ABOR rejects undergrad tuition charges

Graduate program fees supported

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The Arizona Board of Regents rejected all three undergraduate differential tuition requests during their meeting yesterday in a 7-2 vote but approved the five graduate programs fees, despite protests from university presidents and student leaders.

Regents were reluctant to embrace the undergraduate fees, citing voids in financial aid, allocation of fee revenue and questions if fees were in reality with tuition increases.

Regent President Gary Stuart said the board failed to analyze the impact of implementing the fees on undergraduates because there is no concrete policy on differential tuition. As a result, Stuart said it was difficult to support the concept of undergraduate fees.

Regent Fred Boice, who voted against differential tuition, called the process of fee implementation "inappropriate and incomplete," but Provost George Davis defended the fees, pointing out they were necessary to remain competitive and build quality learning environments.

"We seek excellence in these areas," Davis said. "Good is the enemy of excellence."

The university requested differential

tuition charges of \$500 for the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, \$300 for the College of Engineering and a \$250 increase in the Eller College of Management fee.

With the rejection of the fees, Davis said the programs cannot foster excellence because if the size of the program remains the same, the quality will diminish if no additional funding is received.

Students who spoke during the meeting also voiced their support for the fees, and Associated Students of the University of Arizona representatives said as long as students had input on how fee revenue would be spent, they endorsed the fees.

Patrick Brennan, a business administra-

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ASUA lets students decide on \$35 million Rec fee

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In their last meeting of the semester, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona Senate passed a referendum that will put a new Student Recreation Center fee on the ballot in next year's student elections.

The ASUA senators debated for almost two hours Wednesday night before passing the referendum 6 to 4, which will let students decide whether to approve a student fee of \$84 per year instead of the current \$50 fee to fund an addition to the Rec Center.

The fee, which would not go into effect until the completion of the facility in 2009, would expand the Rec Center from 80,000-square-feet to 116,000-square-feet, said Juliette Moore, the director of the Rec Center.

Since the Rec Center-as-is will not be paid off until 2011, there will be a two-year overlap from 2009 to 2011 when students will have to pay both the yearly \$50 and \$84 fees, totaling \$134 per student a year. The cost of the project will be \$35 million and the fee would be in place until the bonds are paid off, Moore said.

Sen. Nathan Bell voiced the strongest opposition to both the referendum and the fee and said he was surprised and disappointed at how narrow the vote margin was.

"I thought I was going to be the only one dissenting," said Bell, a computer science senior. "I managed to bring three other senators with me, but it wasn't enough."

Moore said it is important to remember that even if the majority of students voted to approve the fee, the ultimate fate of the

new Rec Center would be decided by the Arizona Board of Regents and the UA president.

Bell said the fee would take \$35 million out of students' pockets and ASUA should have waited in order to look at more alternatives.

"There are much more dire needs on campus than students waiting in line for too long," Bell said. "Throwing \$35 million at this problem is overkill."

Others at the meeting had a very different outlook on the results of the meeting.

Sen. Erin Hertzog, executive vice president-elect, said she was "extremely happy" the referendum passed because it will give students a chance to have a voice on the issue.

"I know all of us have a lot of personal opinions, but I want to hear what the students have to

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Retail and consumer sciences junior April Studlo works on her leg muscles in the weight room while her trainer looks on at the Student Recreation Center last week. The new Student Recreation Center fee will be on the ballot for students to vote on in next year's elections.