Students can get $1 ASA fee back online

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A petition has been circulating on the Internet asking students to request a refund from Arizona student legislators that they feel aren’t governing their best interests.

Every semester the Arizona Students’ Association receives $1 from the more than 103,000 students attending state universities to lobby on their behalf.

But a group in charge of the petition named the “Concerned Students of Arizona,” said that for an organization with such deep pockets, ASA has a sketchy success record in the lobbying department, said Brian Collier, former ASA director representing Arizona State University.

Collier said $1 is automatically taken away from students without their consent each school year and encourages students wanting their $1 fee back to visit www.asadoyourjob.org to fill out a request form.

“It’s important somebody reminds them that someone is paying attention,” Collier said.

The group’s main issue is that ASA isn’t supporting students’ best interests if tuition dollars keep going up. While the colleges agree education is expensive, they said ASA should be lobbying the Arizona Legislature to get them to pay more for education.

Collier said he started the campaign two years ago while he was still a board member of ASA. He said he thought nobody monitored ASA’s “wasting” of its $200,000 budget and reintroduced it this year for many of the same reasons.

Refunds for the fee are available through ASA and refund requests must be in writing and postmarked prior to the 21st day of the semester, according to the Institute’s Office Website.

The information submitted must include the student’s name, student identification number, mailing address and name of the Arizona university the student attends. Requests must be submitted to the university ASA office, according to the Web site.

So far, Collier said more than 300 students from the UA, ASU and Northern Arizona University have requested their dollar back.

As an answer, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona reintroduced it this year for many of the same reasons.

Fear not! Crossword puzzle confusion cleared up

Yesterday’s Arizona Daily Wildcat did not have the crossword because of a production error, but students can access the crossword online at www.wildcat.arizona.edu by clicking the “archives” link. The crossword is available every day online.

Check out page 18 for today’s crossword.

Native Nations public presentation

A public presentation about American Indians and technology will take place today in the Harville Building Room 102 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Though other groups in Tucson occasionally paint the "A" illegally, Blue Key is authorized to hold A-Day and works closely with the Tucson Department of Parks and Recreation, which owns the candy, Drnek said.

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona Senate voted at a meeting last month to fund about $650 for the event to pay for two buses to cart students to and from the mountain.

The Freshman Class Council paid for the third bus, said Munro, a business management senior.

Two freshmen will be selected to be A-Day kings and queens based on outstanding academics and involvement, and the chosen royalty will be announced tomorrow morning and before the UA football game against Purdue, Munro said.