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## QUICK HITS

### Bylaw allows UA to pay for Polk's funeral

An NCAA bylaw allowed the university to foot the bill for UA women's basketball center Shawn-tinice Polk's funeral yesterday in her hometown of Hanford, Calif.

Polk died Sept. 23 after col-lapsing in McKale Center after a blood clot traveled from one of her legs to her lungs and caused cardiac arrest, said Dr. Eric Peters, Pima County's deputy chief medi-cal examiner.

The university is allowed to pay for Polk's funeral and expenses because of NCAA bylaw 16.6.1.3, which states the university may pay for an athlete's teammates and friends travel arrangements "in situations in which a student-ath-lete suffers a life-threatening in-jury or illness, or, in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide these expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements," according to the association Web site.

A viewing and funeral services were held in the gymnasium of Hanford High School and followed by a gravesite ceremony at Hanford Cemetery, said Sharon Hendrix, of-fice manager at Jesse E. Cooley Jr. Funeral Service, in Fresno, Calif.

The athletics department paid for the funeral, which included flowers, hearse and casket, death certificate, a musician and minister, and trans- portation for the family, Hendrix said.

Total cost estimates are \$7,500, but she could not confirm an exact amount, Hendrix said.

The athletics department was unavailable for comment.

— Danielle Rideau

## Women's Plaza dedicated



Gov. Janet Napolitano commended the Women's Plaza of Honor on Friday morning at the plaza's dedication ceremony. The \$818,000 plaza was paid for entirely in donations by community members.

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By Jesse Lewis  
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Honor and support were the overwhelm-ing themes at a ceremony Friday morning meant to celebrate the women who contrib-uted to and are remembered in the Women's Plaza of Honor.

Organizers predicted about 400 people came out for the dedication, which featured Gov. Janet Napolitano, who spoke about the importance of honoring and appreciating women, and the Tohono O'dham singers, a mariachi band from Tucson High School.

The Women's Studies Advisory Council sponsored the \$818,000 plaza, which is lo-cated next to Centennial Hall, through dona-tions by community members.

The plaza is meant to offer a space for peace and meditation, and also a place for people to see the names of important women in the state and community, said Sandra Taylor, senior vice president of Campus Life, who spoke on behalf of President Peter Likins.

"An area once underutilized will now be frequented by the campus and Tucson com-munity for rest and relaxation," Taylor said. "It is through your sweat ... that this has happened."

Napolitano explained her history and the history of women in Arizona. She said she is the only woman in American history to suc-ceed a female governor.

"(The plaza gives women the opportunity to) see that history and see those who have gone before, see their names on the blocks and arches," Napolitano said.

Napolitano asked the audience to observe a moment of silence for UA women's basket-ball player Shawntinice Polk who died least week. Napolitano said she was spearhead-ing a plan to have Polk memorialized in the plaza.

"In her honor, her memory, I will lead the effort to make sure she is reflected," Napoli-tano said.

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## Regents talk tuition hikes

By Nick Smith  
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FLAGSTAFF— Regents discussed the effects inadequate state funding has on tuition at Friday's board meeting at Northern Arizona University.

### Possible tuition rates

	TUITION*	DOLLAR INCREASE	PERCENT INCREASE	RANK
UA	\$4,487	\$520	11.6%	40
ASU	\$4,404	\$603	13.7%	41
NAU	\$4,393	\$614	14%	42

\*includes mandatory fees

Source: ABOR

ing tuition possibilities for the past six months.

While no official decisions were made, the regents discussed two areas addressed by the workgroup: complying with Senate Bill 1517 and the timing of tuition setting. Both of these categories have an im-pact on how tuition changes are made.

### Senate Bill 1517 and inflation

The regents must report to the Joint Legislative Budget

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## Student dies after year in coma

By Nicole Santa Cruz  
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A UA student died last week after being in a coma for almost a year.

Friends and family gathered at St. Pius X Church on the east side of town Friday to pay their last respects to Sharlene Will-ingham, a 48-year-old family studies and human development senior who died after being hit by a car and contracting a fatal infection while in a coma.

Willingham was crossing the street on campus at North Campbell Avenue and East Second Street at 12:36 p.m. Oct. 18 when she was hit by a car and fell into a coma. Willingham, who wanted to be a family counselor, was a compassionate person who could relate to other people with ease, said Lenora Tanaka, a close family friend who spoke openly about Willingham at her funeral.

"She was very much looking forward to graduating and finally starting a career that would finally be her niche in society," Tanaka said.

Willingham also had two sons, Jeremy, 14, and Ryan, 8.



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Father Harry holds the Memorial Service for Sharlene Willingham at the St. Pius X Church Friday. Willingham, a UA student, died last week after a year in coma.

"Her life was for the boys," Richard said. "They meant everything in the world to her."

Richard described his wife as "the most wonderful caring person" and said even though Willingham knew the pay wouldn't be good as a family counselor, she wanted to do it anyway.

"I don't think I will ever find anyone

to compare to her," Richard said. "I could never replace her."

Tanaka said she met Willingham after her daughter and Willingham's younger son started kindergarten together.

Willingham comforted Tanaka, who was attempting to deal with separation

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