Students can expect more tuition hikes if the state Legislature doesn’t fund a large portion of the $58 million needed for building repairs next year.

The Arizona Board of Regents approved the UAs request last week for $38 million for building renewal from the 2007 fiscal year state-operating fund. The Legislature has not allocated any funds for the state universities’ building renewal costs since 2001, and the lack of funds has added up, costing the UA more than $176 million since 1995, according to the budget request.

Hofstetter contributed 20 percent of his earnings at the show toward the benefit request of the Associated Students for University of Arizona. This year, the university has already taken out a $10 million bond for building maintenance and repairs, Fahey said. “It’s like buying an air conditioner and paying for it for the next 20 years. It’s not the best use of taxpayers’ mon- ey,” said Ted Gates, regent assistant executive director for capital resources. Fahey credits the立法机关’s lack of support for the 2007 fiscal year state-operating fund as a major reason for the need to raise money through benefit shows like Cracker Jack, Cheese Nips and the Wildcat’s annual benefit show for the University of Arizona Students Association.

UA Student Sight Savers offer free glaucoma screenings today

Anyone can get a free glaucoma screening today from UA medical students or volunteer ophthalmologists between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Glaucoma is the second-leading cause of blindness in the U.S. and leading cause of preventable blindness. The disease has no symptoms, which is why getting tested regularly is the best way to prevent glaucoma-related sight problems, said Jean Spinelli, University Physicians Health Care Hospital spokeswoman.

Spinelli emphasized that although people with a family history of glaucoma are at a higher risk, everyone should get screened. “They have actually found glaucoma in young people,” Spinelli said. The screenings are being made possible by the UA Student Sight Savers Program and will take place at the University Physicians Health Care Hospital at Kino Campus, 2800 E. Ajo Way. For more information or to make an appointment, call 694-1460. —Ariel Serafin Info session on research opportunities at UA, Phoenix

Students who want to learn more about how to get involved in research at the UA and Phoenix can attend an information session today at 1 p.m. in the Cesar E. Chavez building, Room 212. Representatives from the Undergraduate Biology Research Program and the Biomedical Research Aboard Vistas Open will be on hand to answer questions. Students from any major and in any year in college are welcome. Those wanting more information can log on to http://sbpr.arizona.edu

The worst things the Democrats did was run John Kerry,” Hofstetter said. “Let’s take a tree from ‘The Wizard of Oz’ and make it president.” Hofstetter came to the UA on the request of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona Speakers Board. The show was free to students, but it cost ASUA $18,000 to bring Hofstetter to campus, said Carrie Pider, Speakers Board director and political science junior. The show was held to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Hofstetter contributed 20 percent of his earnings at the show toward the fund. More than $100 was also raised by asking for donations from the show’s attendees, Pider said.

Hofstetter is no stranger to benefit fundraisers. A few nights ago he helped raise more than $2,500 to aid combating eating disorders. When he does a benefit show, he said he