$25 Rec Center expansion fee up for student vote next month

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Student Recreation Center administrators will leave the decision of expanding the Rec Center in the hands of students in next month’s ballot vote.

Students will continue paying a $25 semester fee for admittance into the Rec Center through 2010 with no plans of seeing it reduced or ended with the project in hopes of its completion by 2010.

That fee will disappear in 2011 unless students vote “yes” on Nov. 15 and 16 to continue the fee to pay off bonds needed for the proposed expansion.

If the majority of students vote yes, a 9,700-square-foot multipurpose activity court, leisure pool and climbing wall, said Juliette Moore, director of campus recreation.

If the majority of students vote to not expand the Rec Center, Moore said the scope of the project is going to be reduced.

The idea to expand the center stemmed from an annual jump of more than 60,000 students using the Rec Center since 1994. The increase sparked complaints about long lines to use the weight room and a need for more workout machines, Moore said.

“It’s up to the students, but mon-ey will dictates whatever is to occur,” Moore shared. “We’re not asking for any additional money. (Students) will make the determination of whether or not to expand for students of the future.”

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona is helping to make the vote possible.

Students will be able to go online using Student Link to vote on whether to expand the center. Computers will also be set up around the Student Union Memorial Center and the UA Mall for students to vote, said Cade Bernsen, student body president.

AZUA will remain neutral throughout the proceedings by ensuring the voting process is fair for everyone and not favoring any outcome from the election, said Bernsen, a political science senior.

If approved, the expansion would help move administrative offices downstairs. In doing so, the current multipurpose rooms would be elimi-nated, Moore said.

These rooms are used for general club use, and exercise and activity classes, which Moore said is popular and is used full-time by students from

Suicide rates steady
Union death investigated as first suicide of year

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The student whose body was found last week in the basement of the Student Union Memorial Center is being investigated as a suicide and is the first reported suicide of the year at the UA.

Gregory Thomas Bauer’s body was discovered around 6 a.m. Wednesday near Wilbur’s Underground, and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Prior to this incident there were no reported suicides at the UA this semester, police said.

In the 2005 school year, university police reported five attempted suicides, which paralleled the 2004 school year when four attempted suicides and one completed suicide were reported, said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, University of Arizona Police Department spokesman.

The last two suicides involved one student who lived in the Kappa Alpha fraternity house and one student who lived in Sierra Residence Hall, Mejia said.

Caitlyn Campbell, who lived in the Navajo-Pinal Residence Hall with a student who committed suicide, said these incidents affect everyone who lives there.

“The dorm got shut down,” Campbell said. “Everyone was in a very somber mood.”

Dean put on leave after sex charges
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A UA assistant dean who was arrested last week on charges of sexual conduct with a minor has been put on paid leave until the outcome of the trial is known, officials said.

Brian David Ebie, interim assistant dean of the College of Fine Arts and assistant mu-sic professor, was ar-rested Oct. 24 by the University of Arizona Police Department and is currently in Pima County Jail on a $100,000 bond.

Ebie, 38, was teach-ing one graduate course prior to his arrest. Someone has since been recon-tacted to teach the class while Ebie is on paid leave, a standard UA procedure, said Maurice Sevigny, College of Fine Arts dean.

Ebie is charged with two counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor that oc-curred with a middle-school student in Ohio. He is expected to be extradited to Ohio to face the charges, where each count carries a penalty of one to five years in prison and up to $5,000 in fines, police said.

The UA found out about the charges against Ebie last week, when a 20-year-old accuser decided to come forward after several years of counseling about a sexual relationship