UA funding may be short again

Former prof first in U.S. to receive top Nobel award

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UA professor emeritus and Nobel Prize winner William E. Lamb, II, will receive a lifetime dedication award from the Nobel Foundation’s meetings of Nobel Prize winners Friday, making Lamb the first American and third person overall to win the prestigious honor.

Lamb was the first Nobel Prize winner in Physics since 1985, will receive the Lenin Bemutettat Award, named after the family that has hosted the meeting of Nobel Laureates and prototypes for graduate students — since 1972.

"He has inspired thousands of students and young post-doctoral researchers, and for this reason we have decided to award him with the Lenin Bemutettat," said Ludwig Furstemberg, vice president of the Committee for the Meetings of Nobel Laureates in Lund, Sweden.

Nicholas Bloembergen, an optics sciences professor at the UA and Nobel Prize winner in 1981, said Lamb is getting the award for his interactions with the graduate students he has inspired over the years.

"Lamb is a very energetic and integral person and has done some really outstanding work while here at the university," Bloembergen said.

Erlind Hromas, program manager in the Office of Biological and Environmental Research for the U.S. Department of Energy, said he holds Lamb in high regard.

"Erlind's simple, humble, brilliant and utterly charming personality is something people take great pleasure in knowing," Hromas said. "To say that it was a treat for students to meet with him is to say an understatement."

Furstemberg said Lamb and other laureates share annual meetings held each June to interact with college and university students, from around the world by seeing the studies and projects in which students are engaged in the fields of biology, chemistry and physics or medicine.

Furstemberg said the annual meeting brings Nobel laureates together, and that no matter what happens in the future, the meeting will continue to bring together the brightest minds in the world.

UA senator attempts to drive book prices down

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Textbook prices at the UA Bookstore could be reduced as early as next year if student leaders get the word out to faculty to submit their textbook requests by the deadline.

Adapting lists, which let the UA Bookstore know in advance which textbooks instructors plan to use, should be turned in months in advance before a new semester begins, said Matthew Cote, an Associated Student Government senator.

Payne said he was hoping to find a way to improve the deadliness of water in Tucson.

Payne said there are two main problems with water that comes into a person's home. First, it can contain bacteria, dangerous chemicals and cancer-causing agents. Second, Tucson water travels through pipes installed in the 1960s. More than 100 years later, these iron pipes are beginning to rust.

As the pipes erode, tiny bits of metal break off into the water. When pipes break, water becomes contaminated, Payne said.

To solve this problem, as