Students experience prejudice, hatred in Tunnel of Oppression

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Students got a taste of what it feels like to be victims of hate and discrimination yesterday on the opening night of the UA’s 17th annual Tunnel of Oppression.

The walking, multi-media tour guided students through the basement of the Kaibab-Huachuca Residence Hall, 922 E. Fourth St., and through rooms featuring themed skits demonstrating discrimination relating to race, class, physical challenges, relationship violence and body image.

“The body image is a mostly white, middle-upper class student’s,” said assistant director of multicultural education and advocacy for Residence Life and project adviser Brian Shimamoto. “We hope the tunnel helps them to realize that not everyone experiences the way you do.”

Last year’s Tunnel of Oppression was held in the Student Union Memorial Center because construction on the Park Student Union next door to Kaibab-Huachuca forced coordinators to find another location.

Shimamoto said based on evaluations taken after the tour, students thought the small space of the residence hall’s basement was more effective than the large ballroom of the Student Union Memorial Center.

Theatre arts sophomore Jen Whitcomb ran the body image skit because she said the issue is something she has always struggled with.

Whitcomb picked two people out of every group and instructed others in the group to read slips of paper with negative comments regarding body types.

“I was taught growing up a lot and it took me a long time to come to terms with it,” Whitcomb said. “Sometimes you have to shock people to wake them up.”

Theatre arts sophomore Christopher Burnham volunteered in the tunnel as a Nazi and screamed at the group of people, herding them into a room with information about human genocides.

Burnham said his role was difficult because he had trouble coming up with sufficient derogatory and vulgar things to yell at the students.

Burnham said the Tunnel of Oppression is important to the UA campus because many students don’t realize how it feels to be attacked because of their race or sexual orientation.

“I identify as a bisexual, and I face insults and intimidation,” Burnham said. “I want people to have insight into what it might be like to be part of a group that gets treated this way.”

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With a proposed $464 increase in resident undergraduate tuition and the introduction of eight program fees, UA administrators are attempting to reduce the university’s financial burden, but some colleges without program fees said they could also use the money.

Under President Peter Likins’ tuition proposal, the Eller College of Management, College of Engineering, and College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture would receive additional funding from program fees.

But officials in other colleges who do not have program fees, such as humanities and social and behavioral sciences, said they also lack funding.

Larry Evers, head of the department of English, said with a program fee or direct revenue from tuition, the department could add new faculty, raise current faculty and staff salaries and reduce graduate assistant workloads.

“Funding for the department of English is poor,” Evers said. “Lack of funds compromises our capacity to serve students and inhibits our ability to develop, and improve the universities,” Kromko said in an e-mail.

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The UA’s 17th annual Tunnel of Oppression last night at Kaibab-Huachuca Residence Hall. The guided tour allows students to experience what it feels to be a victim of discrimination.

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The $1,000 increase raised in-state residents’ undergraduate costs by 38 percent to approximately $3,600 a year, according to AP sources.

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A new hearing for the case was held yesterday morning in the Phoenix Court of Appeals to consider reversing a lawsuit in which student leaders challenged the rising costs.

The suit claimed the then-38 percent tuition hike, approved by the board of regents, was unconstitutional.

The Court of Appeals took the case under advisement yesterday, a day after the universities requested an additional increase in tuition.

Judge Rebecca Albrecht’s Feb. 19, 2004, ruling said state law gives the board of regents immunity from lawsuits related to the board’s legislative and administrative functions and the Legislature also has immunity for its official business, as reported by The Associated Press.

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