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Police give riot account

TPD officers testify in lawsuit about student's eye injury during 2001 Fourth Ave. riots

By Rebekah Kleinman
NEWS EDITOR

The former UA student whose eye was shot out during the Fourth Avenue riot two years ago heard Tucson police officers give their account of the incident in court yesterday.

Jeff Knepper, who filed a \$3 million lawsuit against the City of Tucson, said police were negligent during the April 2, 2001, riots following the UA men's basketball loss to Duke in the NCAA championship. Knepper's lawyer, Carl Piccarreta, said he spent most of the morning trying to build a case against the Tucson Police Department to prove negligence.

TPD Asst. Chief Kathleen Marie Robinson said the department's review board evaluated more than 3,000 pages of planning materials, 40 hours of video and audio tape and more than 78 witness statements from citizens before making a conclusion about the incident.

"The board concluded TPD took too long to move the crowd out. Is that correct?" Piccarreta asked Robinson.

"The final consensus of the board was that we should have moved sooner," Robinson said.

According to the Board of Inquiry Timing of Events schedule presented to the jury, within a half hour of UA's loss, the crowd began to get larger and started committing criminal

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BOTTOMS UP



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Molecular and cellular biology freshman Jeremy Daniel hangs a bottle on his ceiling in the Graham-Greenlee residence hall while his roommate Nick Chapman-Hushek, journalism sophomore, looks on. The two say there are over 650 bottles on their ceiling.

Research buildings clear first hurdle

If Legislature approves buildings, UA may have to give up more revenue

By Cyndy Cole
LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENT

PHOENIX — Funding for new UA research facilities cleared its first hurdle today with a new provision that 30 percent of the research dollars generated from UA stockholdings in start-up companies go to the state.

A proposal to allow UA to hold stock in companies has to go to the ballot this fall and be approved by voters before the deal would be solid.

The proposal passed over the objections of a few Phoenix-area lawmakers who wanted to cut university budgets to pay for the new facilities.

Reps. Andy Biggs (R-Gilbert) and Doug Quelland (R-Phoenix) voted against funding the research buildings, but the measure passed 10-2 yesterday in the House Committee on Commerce and Military Affairs.

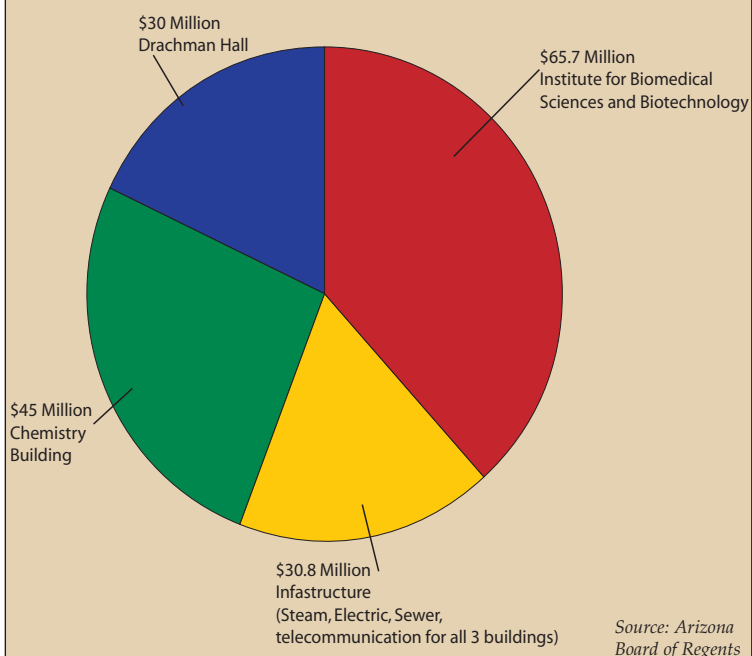
"It just seems to me that something that should be characterized as a dynamic windfall to the universities could pay for itself," Biggs said.

Gov. Janet Napolitano and 75 of the 90 legislators support the proposal, which still must clear the full House and Senate.

The bill still includes a provision

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BUILDING COSTS



Regents to vote on buildings

By Jeff Sklar
SENIOR WRITER

The Arizona Board of Regents will decide today whether to approve construction of two new research buildings, an addition to the Chemistry building and infrastructure to support those research buildings.

Combined, the projects will cost about \$172 million.

Once completed, the construction projects will house life sciences researchers. Both UA and Arizona State University are looking to step up their research efforts in that field, a move that could bring an influx of grant money to the universi-

ties and foster economic growth throughout Arizona.

UA administrators hope the larger of the two research buildings, as well as the chemistry addition, will be paid for by the state. The state Senate Committee on Education has already approved funding for those buildings, but both houses of the Legislature and Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano must still approve the proposals.

Of the three projects, the largest and most expensive is a 170,000 square foot, \$65.7 million building at the corner of East Helen Street and North Warren Avenue.

When it opens in late 2005, it will house the

Institute for Biomedical Science and Biotechnology, a multi-college research group that will emphasize collaboration among faculty from colleges including science, medicine and agriculture.

"They're going to be talking to each other while they're working, and they're going to be teaching each other, and they're going to be learning from each other," said Tom Baldwin, the institute's director. "Instead of incrementally advancing knowledge, you make big strides."

The institute already exists, but Baldwin and the two assistant directors have

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