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Juan Hernandez, supervisor Carmelo Moreno and foreman Jorge Vazquez look over blueprints for La Aldea, the graduate housing complex being built between Tyndall Parking Garage and Coronado Residence Hall.

New focus for debate on tuition

By Jeff Sklar
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When President Pete Likins called last year for a 12 percent tuition hike, UA student lobbyists countered him with a proposal they said would protect students from being victimized by a cash-starved legislature.

Don't raise tuition, the lobbyists told the Arizona Board of Regents.

The regents raised tuition, but not nearly as much as Likins had hoped.

Around that time, Doug Hartz, the then-student body president-elect, had hinted that during his presidency, he might be more willing to accept a tuition hike.

On Friday, Hartz, now the UA student body president, went a step further.

Student lobbyists will not propose a zero percent tuition hike this year, he said.

Though they have not yet proposed a specific increase, student lobbyists are joining many regents and others historically opposed to tuition hikes with their openness to the possibility of an increase.

Since last fall, when the Arizona Board of Regents unveiled a plan allowing the three state universities to forge distinct identities and decrease their dependence on the legislature, tuition talk across the state has taken a sharply different tone.

That tone is one that is more welcoming of a \$1,000 in-state undergraduate tuition hike coupled with a substantial increase in need-based financial aid.

As she left the regents' meeting Friday, Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano said she would support a \$1,000 increase.

"Our universities will not thrive unless a reasonable tuition is charged," she said.

Napolitano will have a vote when the regents set tuition at their meeting March 6 and 7. If she supports a large tuition hike, it would be in stark contrast to her predecessor, Republican Jane Dee Hull. Hull supported a \$96 hike last year, a proposal that regents ultimately approved by a 6-5 vote.

For a board on which such divisive votes are rare, the close margin was a warning that a decades-old

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Makin' room for grads

The UA's first privately funded housing complex, La Aldea will offer on-campus graduate housing 3 years after closure of Christopher City apartments

By Bob Purvis
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It might look like a bunch of wood now, but soon it will be the southwestern-style home of more than 300 graduate students and families.

La Aldea, a \$20 million, 163-room graduate housing complex, located at North Euclid Avenue and East Fifth Street, will offer one-, two- and four-bedroom apartments. Each apartment will be equipped with high-speed Internet connections as well as access to

private business and fitness centers.

The development will help replace Christopher City, a graduate and family housing complex near North Fort Lowell Road and East Columbus Boulevard that closed in 2000 due to a mold infestation.

"We are very excited about the project. It is the embodiment of the commitment the University made when we had to close Christopher City," said Jim Van Arsdel, director of Residence Life.

Ambling Companies and Property Management, private housing firms, are building the housing complex and plan to work hand in hand with the UA to offer affordable and convenient housing to graduate students, said Elizabeth Montano, a Property Management representative.

The company will also handle daily

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Students criticize Pivo's dismissal

By Tacie Holyoak
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Two weeks ago, Gary Pivo, dean of the Graduate College, said he was certain that graduate students had the administration's full support.

Now he's not so sure.

On Wednesday, administrators announced a plan to cut his job as dean of the graduate college, a job that pays him more than \$120,000 per year.

This announcement came one week after Pivo found out top administrators wanted to eliminate the School of Planning, where he teaches urban planning to graduate students.

Pivo has tenure, so he knows he'll have a job somewhere in the university even if both proposals survive an extensive review and are confirmed by the Arizona Board of Regents.

"I'll be a professor of something, someplace," he said.

Under the proposal, Pivo's deanship would be merged with the job of Thomas Hixon, the associate vice president of Research and Graduate Studies.

But now there is concern that once the job responsibilities are merged, the attention given to graduate students will be spread too thin.

Pivo said that merging his job into



Gary Pivo
Dean of the Graduate College

another would limit progress.

"If you want to accomplish a goal, you put somebody in charge of it. If you want one-third of the goal accomplished, you give three jobs," Pivo said.

When Provost George Davis announced the proposal to merge Pivo's position, he said that other administrators might find they have to pick up some of Pivo's duties.

"I predict there will be some spillover into my responsibility such that I as provost may

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Tuition and Fee settings for 2003-2004

December 2002 — January 2003

- University presidents meet with student leadership

Prior to the February tuition hearing
• Distribution of Annual Student Financial Aid Report

Feb. 3, 2003

- Public notice of tuition hearings
- UA, ASU and NAU disclose all proposed tuition and fee increases

Feb. 27, 2003

- Tuition hearing

March 6 and 7 (Board Meeting)

- Regents to set all tuition, mandatory fees
- Regents to take action on residence hall rates
- Regents to review preliminary financial aid set aside

April 24 and 25, 2003

- Set remaining fees

