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Tuition dollars may go to state

By Keren G. Raz
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University administrators have already warned students to prepare for a substantial tuition hike that they say the university needs in order to survive financially.

Now they're worried that a tuition increase may not be as effective as they were expecting.

Although Gov. Janet Napolitano's budget proposal, released early last week, protects the three state universities from funding cuts, administrators and regents are worried that Republican legislators may release a counter-proposal this week that reduces university funding.

"I'm very concerned," Napolitano said. "We have to be very cognizant that the Republicans might be looking in many different places to cure the general fund deficit."

There have been rumors that Republican legislators want to reduce university funding, said Greg Fahey, associate vice president of government relations.

"I'm worried some legislators might succumb to the temptation of taking tuition dollars," he said.

University presidents and regents have been pushing for a substantial tuition hike with the expectation that a portion of the money would go toward financial aid.

Jack Jewett, president of the Arizona Board of Regents, has said that students may have to pay between \$500 and \$1,000 more for tuition.

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STUDENT ELECTIONS 2003

KAMP fee will go to vote

By Stephanie Schwarz
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The \$1 fee students pay to keep KAMP radio on the air will go up for vote later this semester.

The referendum was passed by ASUA last semester, but now students will have the opportunity to vote on the fee on March 4 and 5. Following a UA decision, the Arizona Board of Regents will have the final say on the fee, said ASUA Executive Vice President Jennifer Reece.

"If it's not passed, we're done," said Brian VanBuren, general manager of KAMP student radio. "I don't know that we'll be able to continue to grow or even operate without it."

The fee, which began in 1997, is refundable to students, although KAMP marketing director Ashley Furey said she knew of few students who went to the Bursar's office seeking a refund last year.

"All (that we do) has been far greater than KAMP can generate without the dollar fee," said KAMP radio student adviser Mike Camarillo.

KAMP radio has used the fee, an amount totaling over \$315,000 in the last five years, to expand all areas of the radio station, improve studios and increase a mobile DJ service.

A portion of the money was also used on a new AM antenna and broadcasting the station on television in the residence halls.

"(The money) has allowed us to move in a positive direction," Camarillo said. "We've been able to spend money on telecommunications, promoting and cable casting."



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English and American literature freshman Anthony Sanchez DJs his show "Music to clean your room to" last Thursday at the KAMP studio. This spring, students will vote on continuing KAMP's \$1 fee.

The original fee allowed KAMP to hire more people and run a much more professional radio station, VanBuren said.

Now if the fee is continued, it will help secure KAMP's new AM station 1570, which started broadcasting last Tuesday.

The station allows UA students and faculty to listen to KAMP's broadcast over the radio for the first time. In the past, KAMP radio was only available on channel 20 in residence halls or over the Internet, Camarillo said.

"Having the AM station

means a lot psychologically to those listening and those who work for the station," VanBuren said.

Technicians are currently working with the frequency of the AM station, which is broadcasting from the top of the Gould-Simpson building and may change dial numbers to improve service. Right now, students and faculty on the south side of campus, near Sixth Street, have a better chance of hearing the station clearly, Furey said.

In the next couple of years, KAMP also plans to secure a

low-powered FM station, Camarillo said.

But to be considered by the Federal Communications Commission for an FM station, KAMP must have at least \$50,000 to pay for the dial number, Furey said.

KAMP has already set aside a portion of the money received from the student activity fee in the hopes of eventually obtaining the FM station, Camarillo said.

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Alarming Facts

UAPD

Jan. 12 — 21

- ▶ 25% of calls made to UAPD were false alarms
- ▶ 52 false alarms
- ▶ 25/52 false alarms at Student Union Memorial Center

LAPD

2001

- ▶ 127,000 burglar alarms accounted for 15% of LAPD total time
- ▶ 97% were false alarms

NATIONALLY

1998

- ▶ 38 million burglar alarms
- ▶ 98% false
- ▶ Cost police departments a total of \$1.5 billion

UA police plagued by false fire alarms

By Devin Simmons
STAFF WRITER

It's 2 a.m. and nearly 900 residents of Coronado Residence Hall are standing on East Fifth Street waiting for the fire department to clear the building.

After enough time to have a cigarette and chat with their roommates, the students are finally allowed to re-enter the building.

This type of scenario is not uncommon on the UA campus.

According to UAPD Commander Kevin Haywood, there is a problem with false alarms on campus.

"Yes, the frequency of false alarms on campus is definitely

a problem," Haywood said. "Sometimes it can get frustrating; our resources can get tied up to a certain degree."

Statistics that were collected from analysis of UA police reports dating Jan. 12 — 21 reveal that roughly 25 percent of the calls made daily turn out to be false alarms. During that span of nine days, there were over 50 false alarms.

Haywood cited the Student Union Memorial Center and UofA Bookstore, the Arizona Health Sciences Complex, and anywhere where construction is going on as chronic problem areas.

Between Jan. 12 — 21, the student union and bookstore

accounted for 25 of the 52 false alarm reports counted. There was a false alarm in one of those two buildings at least once a day each day during that period. On Jan. 19 alone, there were seven false alarms.

Though Haywood would not specify what kind of response each call elicited, for security reasons, he did say that every time an alarm goes off, there is some kind of police response.

"We try to treat every alarm as if it is a good alarm," Haywood said. "We really can't afford to become complacent."

Alarms on campus are divided into two general categories: fire alarms and burglar

alarms.

Fire alarms are environment-sensitive, and they only go off when there is smoke, fumes or heat. Consequently, false fire alarms are very rare. But burglar alarms are a different story, Haywood said.

When a burglar alarm goes off, the security company monitoring it, which in the case of most UA alarms is Phoenix-based Amer-X Securities, Inc., notifies the police department.

"Most of the time false alarms result from operator error," Haywood said. "People leave doors propped open, or they punch in the wrong code,

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