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ASUA backs bigger Rec

By Zach Colick Arizona Daily Wildcat

With the help of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona, the Student Recreation Center hopes to increase nearly 50 percent in size by 2009, with the elimination of wait times for students being one of the main concerns.

But a student referendum must be passed in order for the Rec Center to start breaking ground on an addition that would cost students an extra \$14 in tuition to fund the more than \$35 million expansion. The increase would raise the Rec Center's fee from \$28 to

\$42 a year.

The expansion would up the already 80,000-square-foot Rec Center to more than 115,000 square feet, said Juliette Moore, director of the Rec Center.

Moore said she hopes to have the support of ASUA by the end of the month so students will be able to vote on the matter in a special election come October, in order for the Rec Center to double the size of its facility that more than 3,600 students use daily and 700,000 use annually.

Current UA students would not have to worry about the \$14 increase to their tuition dollars because student payment for the possibly renovated Rec would apply only to students who are attending the UA when the project is completed, Moore said.

"Our current students would be paying for the future," Moore said. "We need a commitment now for students of the future."

Moore said that if construction is approved, there would not be any closures to the building while the addition is being built and a usage fee would cost students more than a student fee. Moore said the expansion would

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ASUA Sen. Ashley Rose Eden listens to a proposal for an expansion to the Student Recreation Center. Upon its projected completion in 2009, students would be charged an additional fee not yet determined.

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Alcohol penalties may rise

By Andrea Kelly Arizona Daily Wildcat

PHOENIX — Those caught buying or providing alcohol for minors could face a license suspension if a bill in the Arizona Senate to change those penalties is approved.

The bill, HB2115, would add license suspension to the options a judge has when prosecuting someone convicted of buying or providing alcohol for a minor.

Yesterday, the Senate approved an amendment that would make the length of a suspended license shorter than the bill originally called for.

Sen. Barbara Leff, R-Paradise Valley, said she thought the sanctions for suspending licenses of people caught providing alcohol to minors was appropriate, but thought the penalty should be smaller.

The original bill called for the

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Pharmacy college ranked nationally

By Djamila Noelle Grossman Arizona Daily Wildcat

The College of Pharmacy ranked fourth in nation in the "America's best graduate schools 2006" survey conducted by U.S. News and World Report.

But the result was no big surprise, said John Murphy, department head of the College of Pharmacy.

"We take a lot of pride in our students in their quality and I'm getting them the best they can be," Murphy said. "We work really hard to turn them into national leaders in their profession."

The survey included 91 pharmaceutical schools nationwide and was filled out by deans and department heads of those institutions, Murphy said.

"Its primarily your gut feeling about individual colleges," Murphy said.

second offense to warrant at least a six-month suspension.

The bill now would give judges the ability to suspend the license of anyone caught buying or providing alcohol to a minor for up to 30 days. In its first version, the bill called for the license suspension for at least 30 days. A second offense would now allow a judge to suspend the person's license for up to six months.

Leff said she thought these changes "seemed more reasonable" in the scheme of the offense.

She said the bill was created to give judges more options. The law now says a person convicted of providing alcohol to minors is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, the maximum penalty for which includes up to six months in jail, fines up to \$2,500 and probation for up to three years, but does not allow a judge to

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Third-year epidemiology doctoral student Rachel Wilhite, winner of the Miss Black Arizona title, is preparing to run for the national title in August. Wilhite mentors black women through the promotion of math and science.

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Most college leaders are well informed about the quality of other schools, Murphy said, and the survey was one "based on reputation."

Criteria included the graduate work, activities of faculty outside the college, the amount of research grants and publications.

Murphy said another requirement is the school has to be in good standing because different people take the survey and have different priorities.

"You have to pay the dues across the board," Murphy said. "That all builds the reputation of a college."

Bob Morse, director of data research at U.S. News and World Report who was in charge of evaluating the ranks, said no other publication in the nation conducts equally thorough surveys.

"U.S. News is the only place to get it and students pay attention to it," Morse said about the 2.1 million circulation magazine. In the last survey in 1997, the College of

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