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IT'S A QUOTE

"The best of life is conversation, and the greatest success is confidence, or perfect understanding between sincere people"

—ralph waldo emerson

UNION NEWZ

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FEE TALK: WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

—dan adams

OVER THE NEXT month you will see a number of articles in the Daily Wildcat regarding a referendum for a Student Union fee. Many of you will remember that as early as 2003 we began discussing the Unions' need to generate a revenue source to help with our programs, services, and general upkeep of the building. At that time the plan was to implement a mandatory meal plan for all on-campus residents. At the end of 2004, students from the Residence Hall Association and the Greek Coordinating Councils recommended that we consider a student fee to be paid by all students rather than a mandatory meal plan.

This academic year we have met with numerous student groups to discuss the financial needs that we have and how a student fee can help solve those needs. President Likins asked that we allow students to decide about a fee by voting in a student referendum. Last week the student Senate approved the referendum for April 11th and 12th.



Dan Adams, Director, Arizona Student Unions

Finalizing our budget for next year was a very difficult process. To be successful in our budget planning, we approved the reduction of building hours on weekends from 4am to 2am and during the week from 11pm to 10pm. Other reductions in hours of operation are being reviewed. Also approved was a five percent (5%) across-the-board raise in all retail prices. We will start new user fees to help pay for some of the services and programs we provide. None of these measures are popular decisions but are necessary. Without a new, major revenue source, we will have to be very aware to take any and all steps to keep from emptying our reserve dollars. Many of these strategies may not be necessary if the fee passes. Even though the fee collection would not begin until Fall 2007, we will be better able to manage our funds knowing the fee dollars will be coming in the near future.

Our future rests in the hands of the students and the vote each will cast in April. Hopefully, our student employees will become educated on the topic and will make the effort to vote. Special referendums have not historically drawn a large voter turnout. Very soon we will have a website that provides answers to frequently asked questions where employees, both student and staff, can visit for more information. Encourage your students to vote...students, encourage your fellow student workers to vote. ■

¿Cual es sta cuota de la cual todo mundo esta hablando?

Durante el mes próximo usted verá un número de artículos en el diario de el gato montés con respecto a una cuota que sera pagada por los estudiantes Muchos de usted recordarán que desde 2003 comenzamos a discutir la necesidad de las uniones de generar una fuente de recursos para ayudar con nuestros programas, servicios, y mantenimiento general del edificio. En aquella época el plan era poner en ejecucion un plan obligatorio de comida para todos los residents universitarios todos. Al final de el 2004 la asosiation de estudiantes de los pasillos residenciales universitarios y el concilio cordi-nador griego recomendó que consideramos una cuota ha pagar por todos los estudiantes enves de un plan obligatorio de comida.

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BIRTHDAYS

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES CELEBRATING
THEIR MARCH & APRIL
BIRTHDAYS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

march

- 3 Bonnie Arriaga
- 6 Jose Hernandez III
- 6 Melissa Villafane
- 9 Felix Ruiz
- 10 Dave Mitchell
- 15 Rosalba Acuna-Siqueiros
- 16 Cindy Wells Hintze
- 17 Rosalia Grodzicki
- 18 Michael Montrois
- 18 Edgar Salazar Perez
- 18 William Shiba
- 22 Maria E. Osuna
- 23 Norma Juarez
- 23 Leonor DeVega
- 25 Paul Ewer
- 25 Carime Inclan
- 26 Daniel Davis
- 27 Jesse Gomez
- 28 Manual Ramirez
- 29 Irma Nava
- 29 Becky Thomas
- 1 Elizabeth Freeman
- 3 Longina Bustos
- 4 Gregory Stinnett
- 5 Don Bennett
- 5 Anthony Diaz
- 6 Amporn Gullock
- 6 Hildaura Leon
- 6 Kathryn Adams Riester
- 7 Erasmo Valenzuela
- 9 Gloria Fierros
- 12 Justin Judd
- 14 Kenneth Davis
- 14 Mark McGehee
- 14 Olga Rodriguez
- 16 Arnold Figueroa
- 16 Willis McQuirny
- 17 Yolanda Canez
- 20 Annette Rivers
- 20 Opal Murr
- 20 Carol Underwood
- 21 Patricia Lopez
- 22 Kevin Bierwirth
- 25 Saul Rodriguez
- 26 Germana Helms
- 28 Alan Wetzal

April



WE ALSO WISH A "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"
TO ALL OF OUR STUDENT
EMPLOYEES!

EMPLOYEE NEWZ

Employee Recognition Week

On your mark, get set, go! Spring is just around the corner and the Employee Recognition Committee is planning a week of events in the spirit of the Olympics! Yes, we will hold our own "Union Olympics" April 22-28, starting with our Pot Luck Picnic in the Park on Saturday, April 22, from 11a-3p and ending with our "Breakfast of Champions" on Friday, April 28, from 7a-9a in the Cellar. So gear up, get your team together and set your sights on going for the Gold!

Brown Bag w/DAG

Here is what your co-workers said at our February 20th Brown Bag luncheon:

- Need unit or staff meeting on a regular basis to keep all employees updated.
- Breakdown of elevators happens often- elevators need a little staff TLC!
- Thanks to HR for adding a Saturday New Employee Orientation date.
- Brown Bag w/DAG is a great idea! Food is great!

The next Brown Bag is March 20. Check your mailbox, you might be next!

Employee of the Semester

It is time once again to nominate our outstanding staff for Employee of the semester! Drop boxes and nomination forms are located at the Student Union Memorial Center and Park Student Union Information Counters. Deadline to submit nominations is Monday, April 3, 2006.

Student Scholarships

There are three Jane Bohner Student Employee Scholarships available this semester. The student scholarship applications are located at the SUMC Information desk. Deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 3, 2006.

Student Housing Fair

All Union student employees are encouraged to check out the annual Off-Campus Housing Fair to find out more about housing and off-campus living options in Tucson.



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Este año académico nos hemos reunido con numerosos grupos estudiantiles para discutir las necesidades financieras que tenemos y cómo una cuota pagada por los estudiantes nos podría ayudar a solucionar esas necesidades. Presidente Likins recomendo que permitamos que los estudiantes decidan sobre esta cuota votando en un referéndum estudiantil. La semana pasada el senado estudiantil aprobó el referéndum para abril 11 y 12. Figurar nuestro presupuesto para el año próximo fue un proceso muy difícil. Para ser acertados en nuestro planeamiento presupuestal, aprobamos la reducción de horas de operación de el edificio para los fines de semana que seran de 4am hasta las 2am y durante la semana de 11pm hasta 10pm. Otras reducciones en horas de operación se están estudiando. También fue aprobado un aumento global de cinco por ciento (5%) en todos los precios al por menor. Comenzaremos ha hacer uso de este aumento inmediatamente para ayudar a pagar algunos de los servicios y de los programas que proporcionamos. Ningunas de estas medidas o decisions son populares pero si necesarias.

Sin una nueva, importante fuente de ingresos tendremos que estar muy enterados y tomar todas las medidas necesarias para así evitar vaciar nuestros reservas monetarias. Muchas de estas estrategias pueden no ser necesarias si la proposicion de la cuota pasa. Aunque la colección de esta cuota no se comenzaría ha cbrar hasta el otono de el 2007, podremos manejar mejor nuestros fondos monetarios sabiendo que el dinero de esta cuota estara entrando en un futuro cercano

Nuestros futuro esta en la manos de los estudiantes y en el voto que cada uno lanzara en abril. Esperanzadamente, nuestros empleados estudiantes seran educados en el asunto y harán el esfuerzo de votar. Historicamente Los referéndums especiales no han tenido un séquito grande de votantes. Muy pronto tendremos un sitio de internet que proporcione respuestas a preguntas con frecuencia hechas donde los empleados, estudiante y personal, podran visitar para más información. Anime a sus estudiantes para voten... estudiantes, anime a sus companeros trabajadores ha que voten. ■