

IN BRIEF

Questions surround law school student fees

The cost of a law school education is easy to determine by looking at the Knight Law School's Web site: \$16,156 for in-state tuition for the 2004-05 school year. However, the purpose for tuition and fees may be more complex.

Recent graduates and current law students say they have never completely understood what their law school resource fee is for or why it is separate from their tuition and University fees.

According to the University's business department, law students and other graduate students pay roughly the same amount in tuition and fees for the 2005-06 school year, more than \$10,500 a year. However, the law school adds a resource fee of \$6,250 per year for first-year law students and \$7,250 for second- and third-year students.

Associate Dean of Finance and Operations for the law school Jamie Moffitt said the resource fee bridges the gap between University money and the cost of additional law school services.

Moffitt said the amount the law school receives from the school has

"leveled off" in recent years and the additional fee is used both for programs and support staff.

Moffitt said the fee is used for reinvesting in the academic program and increasing the scholarship fund.

Law students also pay the same amount of incidental, health center and recreation center fees as other students, but some services close when students on the quarter system are not in school.

Moffitt said Liane Richardson, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the law school has tried to obtain temporary passes to local gyms.

—Michael A. Booth

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