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Administrators' commitment to Focused Excellence remains

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Right from the start, Provost George Davis knew the concept of Focused Excellence would be difficult to implement.

After administrators took the first implementation step by announcing 16 proposals for program eliminations in January, Davis saw just how much resistance he would face.

Davis said he estimated anywhere from 1,500 to 2,000 letters and emails poured in over the last few months in support of the 16 programs. Most supported either the School of Information Resources and Library Science, the School of Landscape Architecture, or the School of Planning, he said.

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"There tends to be powerful resistance to change, it's documented in the number of letters

that come in," Davis said.

As a result of the resistance and months of studies and analysis, that original list of 16 proposals has been whittled down, with seven programs being spared elimination.

Although the specific recommendations have been reduced in number, administrators haven't strayed from the concept of Focused Excellence, Davis said.

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COLORFUL SURVEY



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Karyn Pierce, studio art senior, strings up a line of ribbons across the Fremont Breezeway under East Speedway Boulevard yesterday. Her project surveyed passersby about the war.

Another assault hits UA

UAPD reports sexual assault at Corleone

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A student was sexually assaulted early Saturday morning at a UA residence hall.

While details remain sketchy, a police activity report at the University of Arizona Police Department stated that the sexual assault, which occurred at the Corleone Apartments, 1330 N. Park Ave., was classified as a forcible rape.

UAPD Cmdr. Kevin Haywood said his department was declining comment on the incident because it is still under investigation.

Officials at the apartments declined comment on the matter, referring all information to Jim Van Arsdell. He could not be reached for comment yesterday evening.

Many residents, including a resident assistant and the hall director at the complex said they didn't know the incident occurred. However, two students said they noticed several police cars at the complex at around 2 a.m. Saturday morning.

Saturday's incident was the third sexual assault reported to UAPD this semester. According to the Oasis Center, about half of the 200 people it counsels every year are victims of sexual assault or abuse. Last month, a woman was sexually assaulted in Coronado Residence Hall and another at a fraternity party, during the same weekend. Both were classified as acquaintance rape, not similar to incidents that happened last year, Haywood said more than a week ago.

Haywood said investigation on those two cases is progressing, although slowly.

Group displeased by war coverage

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Members of the local media received criticism last night over war coverage at a panel coordinated by the Alliance for Peace and Justice in the Middle East.

"In general the U.S. media is not doing an A-plus job covering all aspects of this war," said Leila Hudson, a professor of Near Eastern studies. "That is especially disturbing in a democracy."

Hudson, KOLD TV anchor Randy Garsee, and Bobbie Jo Buel, managing editor of *The Arizona Daily Star*, took part in the panel discussion, entitled "Media in the Time of War".

The event was meant to educate people about the

way in which the media obtains information and then decides what to broadcast, said Noah Haiduc-Dale, vice president of APJME.

Some of the 60-plus audience members took the opportunity to vent frustrations over what they viewed as biased coverage, calling the coverage of the war in the U.S. "cotton candy" and expressing disgust with Americans over their ignorance of the Middle East.

The problem is not with journalists, Hudson said. The media industry has been constrained by the three T's: taste, tone and time. Viewers in America have been denied graphic images of war, she said, adding that cable news has



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Bobbie Jo Buel, managing editor for the *Arizona Daily Star*, answers a question about wartime media coverage at last night.

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More Internet classes will be offered in fall

By Bob Purvis
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The UA classroom of the future is just a keystroke away, UA information technology officials say.

The rapid advancement of computer technology and the emergence of high-speed Internet connections has led to a boom in Web-based courses being offered next fall, according to Robin Allen, UA chief information officer.

"The general progress of technology has enabled the ease of use," said Gary Forger, technology coordinator.

There will be 35 more Internet courses offered in the fall than in the previous semester, making it the highest amount of Web-based courses in UA history, Allen said.

As enrollment numbers increase, many colleges are taking advantage of the World Wide

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