Campus buildings defaced by graffiti

By Rebekah Kleinman
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After arriving at the scene, police learned that seven other buildings and the Olive underpass, which runs beneath East Speedway Boulevard, had also been tagged, reports stated.

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Sex classes offer forum on hot topic

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Sex may be common on college campuses, but some UA students still blush at the content of classes that aren’t shy when it comes to discussing the original sin.

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Hoping to make bank from biotech

Editor’s note: This is the second in a two-part series on UA research in biosciences.

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On a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Dr. Ray Woosley had a conversation with a person he described as a prominent national scientist. When the discussion turned to biosciences research, the scientist asked Woosley, UA’s vice president for health sciences, about the state’s decision to step up its research in the life sciences.

The reason the scientist wanted to know was, “He asked, ‘What’s going on in Arizona?’” Woosley said. “Is there room out there for us?”

That response is typical of what UA and state officials hope to hear as biosciences research becomes a high priority in Arizona. And though UA is spending nearly $120 million to construct two buildings that would house biosciences researchers, they expect a return on their investment that will stretch far beyond the university’s walls.

Playing catch-up

Few people at UA will say the university conducts research to make money. But it doesn’t take much to get administrators talking about the return they’re looking to get on their biotechnology investment.

Ask anyone in the medical field how to judge a university’s research prestige, and they’ll say it’s through competitive grants