ASUA appoints directors

By Aaron Mackey

Executive officers choose new cabinet members

When the appointed positions of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona were announced yesterday, the list contained a mix of both new and old faces.

Barring ASUA senate approval of all appointed positions tomorrow, 11 of the 13 positions in President J.P. Benedict’s cabinet could be returning ASUA members.

Benedict said he is excited to work with all his cabinet members, new and old, adding that he had a hard time making decisions regarding the appointments.

“I was lucky enough to be blessed with too many good people who applied,” he said. “I’m happy with everybody.”

Not only have many of Benedict’s cabinet members been involved in ASUA in previous years — like Junior Alexis Coury, who served last year as outreach director, and former senator Dan Sah, who will serve as Elections Commissioner — some are returning to their familiar posts.

Senior Cale Miller will come back as treasurer for the third time in as many years. Current special events director and senior Sarah Calvert, also returns to her position. Along with experience, Benedict has brought in new blood, like freshman Kim Bai, to his cabinet. But was a member of the freshman Class Council this year, which Benedict directed, and will now serve as co-director of academic affairs, a position that will require her to coordinate ASUA efforts unrelated to the UA cabinet members.

CAMEL CELEBRATION

Lindsey Krause, undecided freshman, says “hi” to David, a camel who was brought to the mall by Hillel yesterday around noon to help celebrate Israel’s 55th birthday. Hillel will have activities on the mall throughout the week, including an Israeli style obstacle course tomorrow.

Policy aims to restrict threatening behavior

By Jeff Sklar

A final decision will have to wait until the fall on how to punish students who exhibit threatening behavior toward teachers.

Yesterday, for the second straight meeting, the Faculty Senate debated details of a policy that would create a central database tracking complaints against students.

The policy, which is already in effect on an interim basis, also allows for the expulsion of students who have twice threatened teachers. It was prompted by the Oct. 26, 2002 shooting of three nursing professors by a disgruntled student who had exhibited threatening behavior in the past, but never been disciplined.

After a question of disciplinary procedure dominated discussion for several minutes, faculty secretary Robert Mitchell directed Senadora Taylor, vice president for campus life, to revise the policy and bring it back to the senate next fall.

Taylor and UA attorney Steve Adamczyk told the senate they were concerned that if the database was accessible campuswide, it would be difficult to keep within privacy laws.

“I think the burden outweigh the benefits in that area,” Adamczyk said.

They said they preferred leaving the information in the hands of the dean of students, who could work with faculty fearing for their safety.

One faculty member said she was concerned that students might retaliate against teachers who report threatening behavior.

“How will the teacher be protected if the student wants to retaliate?” asked Sen. Sheila Pitt.

Adamczyk repeatedly warned senators that they should also call the police if they are threatened, and he said that protection could be made available if the situation warranted.

“The faculty member is not left in a vacuum,” he said.

Knepper awarded $765,000

By Arek Sarkissian II

Student who lost his eye in riots gets favorable ruling

Cheers were heard as the champagne flowed at Carl Piccaretta’s office yesterday in celebration of Jeff Knepper’s $765,000 victory.

Knepper was awarded the amount less than one-third of the original claim, as compensation after being shot in the eye with a beanbag bullet during the Fourth Avenue riots on April 2, 2001.

The jury, which took more than eight hours to deliberate, found Knepper 49 percent responsible for his injury. Awarding him only 51 percent of the $1.5 million the jury had originally decided on.

During the riots Tucson police began firing the less-than-lethal bullets into a crowd of revelers on Fourth Avenue.

The crowd became unruly after the Wildcats lost to Duke in the April 2001 NCAA Final Four.

The jury awarded Knepper $765,000 victory.

New program will replace UA’s Lifeline

By Ian Musil

A group of UA students will soon be paying to drive intoxicated students around.

CatsRIDE, Cats Realizing the Importance of a Designated Driving Escort is a non-profit, student run organization designed to protect the lives of students by providing them safe and reliable transportation home when intoxicated. The service will replace another transportation program offered by ASUA earlier this year.

Paying $20 dues a semester, member drivers will be on call from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., Thursday through Saturday to pick up students and transport them to anywhere within a five mile radius of campus, an area that includes the large apartment complexes North Pointe, Star Ranch and Sterling.

However, the group will not offer pick-ups on Sunday.

Modelled after CarPOOL, a successful program that offers non-emergency rides to students, CatsRIDE will be an alternative transportation service designed to protect students on the streets.

Students strip for cash

By Derick Froide

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