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Not all officers meet goals

ASUA members realize campaign promises can be difficult to keep

By Rebekah Kleinman
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Last Thursday a new group of ASUA officers were inaugurated, bringing a fresh set of plans and ideas to the student government. But some incoming officers will be forced to pick up where their predecessors left off.



A year ago, as with every year, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona senators ran for office, each with campaigns offering promises to UA students, faculty and staff members.

Since last March, some of those promises have materialized, but others were left on the campaign platform.

"I found out how much you really can't do," said former student senator Will Harris. "When I came I thought you could do a lot more. I found out you are only given a voice, and it isn't heard much more than a normal student's voice."

When Harris ran last March, he promised to increase the number of computers on campus. However, he found that to be impossible because there was no way to support the idea over an extended period of time.

Almost all the senators said that

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Robert McMillan, associate research specialist for the Spacewatch Project explains how one of the large mirrors works inside of a telescope yesterday.

Kitt Peak telescope turns 80

By Joshua Sills
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A member of the UA community turned 80 last month, but it may not be who, or what, one might expect.

It was the 36-inch telescope located on Kitt Peak.

The telescope, which was dedicated April 23, 1923, is UA's oldest, and since its dedication, has helped many UA

astronomers search the night sky.

"I discovered a trans-Neptunian object named Veruna (with the telescope). It has one of the largest orbits I've seen," said Robert McMillan, who uses the telescope four or five times a month.

McMillan, who is associate research specialist for the Spacewatch Project, explained the trans-Neptunian objects as those whose orbits are outside

that of the planet Neptune.

McMillan's findings are just a part of telescope's history.

President Calvin Coolidge attended its dedication ceremony in 1923, and a book containing his signature is still on display at the site.

"He just signed his name Calvin Coolidge, Vermont. He was known for being humble," McMillan said.

The telescope was originally owned and operated from the

Steward Observatory on campus. It was relocated to Kitt Peak in 1962.

Twenty years later, the Steward Observatory gave control of the telescope to the Spacewatch program, which still oversees it today.

Now Spacewatch is the only group to use the telescope. The group primarily focuses on searching for Near Earth

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Fate of Flandrau Center unclear

By Bob Purvis
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A conference open to the public this weekend could shape what city officials are calling the "cornerstone attraction" of downtown Tucson's future.

The conference "Building Bridges: A Conference of Civic Engagement" scheduled for May 9 and 10 at the Tucson Community Center will allow community members to provide input and guidance in the formation of a UA science center downtown, which could include the Flandrau Science Center.

Officials hope the conference will develop a strong link between the community and the science center and to make the center truly reflective of the region.

After six breakout discussion groups on Saturday, conference organizers hope to develop a specific list of suggestions that project

officials will use to guide the development of the new center.

"We want to make (the center) reflective of the community," said Flandrau director Alexis Faust. "We want to build something that wouldn't work in any part of the country but here."

City officials agree that the success of the center is dependent on the community's response to it.

"The activities of the new science center will seek to re-establish and develop connections ... between constituencies: rural and urban communities, between generations, professionals and novices, home and school, Mexico and the United States, the east and west sides of Tucson and the university and the community," a recent press release stated.

The university announced plans to continue giving more than \$500,000 to Flandrau last month, even if it were to move downtown

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ASUA approves AIDS research

Resolution urges support for AIDS fight

By Stephanie Schwartz
STAFF WRITER

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona have joined a worldwide effort.

Across the world, more than 22 million people have died from AIDS, and more than 15,000 people are affected with HIV everyday.

Although the U.S. spends more than \$1 bil-

lion on the education and control of the virus, the amount is far from enough, said Adam Taylor, creator of the Students' Global AIDS Campaign, which is trying to broaden awareness and support for AIDS.

And the ASUA senators agree.

The student senators passed a resolution last week in support of calling on Arizona lawmakers to gain support in the fight against AIDS, a day before their terms came to an end. The senators hope lawmakers will allocate additional funds

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Flandrau Science Center is facing budget cuts and a decrease in visitors, leaving its future uncertain.