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Regents' President Jack Jewett discusses budget plans for fiscal year 2004 at the Arizona Board of Regents meeting in Tempe on Friday. President Peter Likins requested \$12 million for research buildings.

Regents extend conditional admission plan

BY CYNDY COLE
News Editor

Though regents are considering making admissions more selective, they extended a plan to allow students who are behind their peers in one or more subjects to be admitted on the condition that they take remedial courses during their freshman and sophomore years.

The number of students coming into UA who do not meet the admission requirements in at least one area dropped from 31 percent in 1997 to 1998 to 23 percent in 1999 to 2000.

Students who are admitted on a conditional basis are in the top 50 percent of their high school class or have high school GPAs of at least 2.5, ACT scores of 22 or SAT scores of 1040.

Students who are guaranteed admittance meet one of the testing criteria, have a 3.0 high school GPA or higher, or rank in the top 25 percent of their high school class.

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ASU student VP rides out scandal

BY JAMES KELLEY
Staff Writer

The attention surrounding ASU's student body vice president — and short-lived porn star — Brian Buck appears to be dying down, but not without Buck's successful maneuvering to keep his job and the resignation of one student government member.

Buck was the most prominent ASU student in the adult film, "Shane's World #29: Frat Row Scavenger Hunt 3," which featured four ASU fraternities that took part in a scavenger hunt with professional porn stars, including sex on a campus lawn. The fraternity members did not have intercourse with any of the women.

Associated Students of Arizona State University hopes Buck's Tuesday apology to the student senate will allow both his supporters and opponents to move on.

"He was just trying to develop a working relationship with the senators after all that has happened," said ASASU president Mike Leingang.

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Likins: Research building grants may pay for raises

BY KEREN G. RAZ
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With the prospects of receiving additional funds from the state Legislature looking grim for next year, President Peter Likins submitted a new budget request to the Arizona Board of Regents on Friday that favored funding for research buildings over raises in what he called a political maneuver.

The new plan headed for the Arizona Legislature requests more than \$12 million originally planned for salaries, hiring graduate assistants and undergraduate education be used instead for funding the construction of new research buildings.

This approach is more likely to per-

suade the Legislature to give UA money, since legislators will be able to see grant money rolling into the state from research conducted in the new buildings as soon as the buildings are finished, Likins said.

"If we tell the state that there's a return on (these funds), then that's more persuasive," he said.

However, he said "We're not abandoning anything."

This is basically a political maneuver, Likins said.

If the Legislature gives the UA the funds Likins wants, money that would have originally funded the construction of the research buildings will go for salaries, hiring more graduate assistants and undergraduate education.

"The dollars to fund these programs will come from the general fund, tuition, indirect cost recovery on research contracts and, as a small matter, investments," Likins said.

Likins is requesting \$363 million from the Legislature for next year, as opposed to the \$366 the Legislature gave UA for 2002-2003.

This change follows Likins' announcement during Thursday's portion of the two-day meeting that he would pursue a new direction for UA that he refers to as "Focused Excellence." The plan calls for an overhaul of UA's mission that would limit enrollment, increase tuition and eliminate some aca-

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David Yetman, Nancy Morin, Campus Arboretum Director Libby Davison, President Peter Likins and Warren Jones celebrate the university's acceptance into the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta by cutting a vine outside Old Main on Saturday. Some of the oldest trees in Arizona are now recognized as part of the Campus Arboretum, a collection of over 500 plants.

Botanical group honors UA flora

BY JOSE CEJA
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The UA Campus Arboretum gained national recognition Saturday in a ceremony featuring three boojum trees that were at the center of a development controversy on the UA campus earlier this year.

Over 300 people attended the celebration, which marked the UA's acceptance into the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta.

President Peter Likins opened the event, which featured a speech by David Yetman, UA alumnus and host of KUAT's "The Desert Speaks."

Yetman commented on some of

the diverse trees on campus, like the floss silk tree, located north of Old Main, recognizable by its orchid-like flowers and spikes protecting its trunk and limbs.

He also defended the flora of the desert.

"Everyone is talking about the greenery around here," he said. "I just returned from British Colombia, where it is really green, but I tell you, brown is beautiful."

Nancy Morin, a professor at NAU and the executive director of the botanical association, presented the UA with a plaque commemorating the arboretum's induction into the organization.

The event concluded with a vine — as opposed to a ribbon — cutting

ceremony to celebrate the induction of the Campus Arboretum.

"I've cut a lot of ribbons in my life, but I've never cut a vine before," Likins said. "Sometimes we have the opportunity to come together to celebrate our historical role in society. Here I have a special opportunity to celebrate the beauty of this campus with you all."

Over 40 people toured the Campus Arboretum, a campus-wide collection of over 500 plants representing over 100 years of botanical history that Libby Davison said has been enriched by generations of UA members.

The arboretum's roots date back

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