Likins: Cut budgets by 5 percent more

Gov. Hull expected to give specifics on any possible cut as early as the end of this week

BY KEREN G. RAZ Staff Writer

In a memo released Friday, President Peter Likins asked for proposals detailing how they would cut an additional 5 percent from their budgets and asked administrators of non-academic departments to make proposals for 10 percent cuts.

Likins expects UA will face a $33 million cut in state funds this year, on top of the $16.6 million cut — 4.6 percent — cut last year. Gov. Jane Dee Hull has not declared exactly how much universities will have to cut from their budgets, but a specific dollar figure or percentage is expected by the end of the week, said James Ahlers, Hull’s press secretary.

The memo from Likins, Provost George Davis and senior vice president for business affairs Joel Valdez is the first formal step the administration has taken in planning for more campus-wide budget cuts this year.

“I think what the president is trying to do is give us for whatever horrors may be in our future,” said Greg Fahey, associate vice president of government relations. “The president is acting in a prudent manner. If we wait until the regular session, the costs have already been absorbed. The ability to deal with the magnitude of cuts becomes more and more difficult as the year goes on.”

Hull is meeting with state

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UA out for blood in competition with ASU

16th-annual blood drive kicks off today with a 1,500-pint goal

BY REBEKAH JAMPOL Staff Writer

The rivalry between UA and ASU isn’t over until somebody draws blood — or at least donates it.

Hundreds of people are expected to donate as the 16th-annual UA/ASU blood drive begins today on both campuses.

The drive will kick off today at the Tucson Institute of Religion on East Second Street and North Mountain Avenue from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., and will be held at various buildings throughout campus until Oct. 18.

As of Friday, 60 people had signed up for today’s drive.

UA’s blood drive has accumulated more blood than the Sun Devils’ drive 10 out of the 15 years, collecting more than 16,000 pints of blood versus the drive began. Last year, 1,128 pints were donated on campus, but that is still almost 500 pints less than the record set in 1991.

“We hope to get 1,500 pints this year. It would be great. So many people need the blood,” said Lynn Cunningham, marketing and communications coordinator for the Southern Arizona chapter of the American Red Cross.

One pint of blood can save three lives. Southern Arizona alone uses about 300 pints of blood each day.

Following donation, the blood is separated into three parts — platelets, plasma and whole blood. Platelets are given primarily to cancer patients, plasma is used as a clotting agent or more commonly donated to burn victims, and whole blood is transfused to trauma patients.

“Something that most people don’t know is that 97 percent of the population will use a blood product at some point in their lives, but only 5 percent actually donate,” Cunningham said.

While the UA has been excellent about donating blood, UA donor representative Todd McCormick said many people often think the Red Cross doesn’t need donations.

McCormick said that once

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Students paint ‘A’ Mountain, selves

Blue Key and freshmen carry on UA tradition

BY NATE BUCHK Staff Writer

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