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wants input in plan

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lar and cellular biology

move,” said Gail Burd, the

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President Peter Likins’ plan to

Although many faculty

senators supported Likins’

plan, dubbed “focused excel-

some themes, range from

“Astrophysics, Earth and

Science” to “Cultural

and Ethnic Studies, with an

emphasis on the American

Southwest.” (See table on

Page 6.)

The next step in the refo-

cusing process will be getting

 input from faculty and other

employees, who are being

asked to give their sugges-

tions to Davis and others

administrators.

In October, the three uni-

versity presidents and the

Arizona Board of Regents will

discuss preliminary plans for

restructuring the three state

universities, but Likins won’t

present the board with a final

restructuring plan until June.

On Friday, all college deans

were asked to prepare plans

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Carpool program

gaining popularity

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With construction projec-

to continue to devour park-

ing lots, more mem-

bers of the UA community

have turned to alternate

groups of people car-

pooling in the Parking

and Transportation

Services program this

year than last.

“Actually, (the pro-

gram) exploded,” said

Mike Wallace, FTS cus-


tomer relations office spe-

cialist in charge of the pro-

gram. “Last year, there

were 24 carpools, now

there are 99 spaces.

The sudden rise in car-

pools was unexpected.

Last spring, there were

only about 30 carpools to

use 50 spaces allotted. This

year there is a waiting list.

“We really only expect-

ed the same amount at last

year,” Wallace said. “The

carpools are helping allevi-

ate all the extra cars on

campus.”

A carpool is made up of

at least three people who

chip in to buy a parking

permit at the regular cost

and get a reserved space in

a lot or garage.

Additionally, each member

is issued 12 daily scratch-

off Zone 1 parking permits

per year to be used when

carpooling is not possible.

To promote the pro-

gram, FTS used flyers and

ads in the Wildcat, but

this year it is more word of

mouth, Wallace said.

There are 10,720 park-

ing spaces on and around

campus, as compared to

10,946 last year.

However, some of the

parking lots that have

given way to construction

projects are no longer

counted as parking spaces.

This week, the

Employee Travel

Reduction Survey is being

mailed out. The yearly sur-

vey is required by Pima

County and chronicles how

UA employees get to

campus.

Last year, 36 percent of

employees that respond-

ed said who they got to

campus using alternative

components.

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Registration drive lures

945 to sign up to vote

Voter registration for the November elections wraps up with some success

BY CINDY COLE

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Using inflatable obsta-

cle courses, a band and

pouring the pavement

around the UA Mall, stu-

dent government and

affiliated organizations

registered 945 students

and staff to vote in this

week campaign that

ended yesterday. Yesterday was the last
day to register to vote in

Arizona.

Though the student
government’s efforts

were directed at the seg-

ment of the population

least likely to vote, Asso-

ciated Students of

the University of

Arizona President Doug

Hartz said he wishes regis-

tration rates had been a

little higher.

“Our numbers aren’t as

encouraging as we

hoped they’d be, but

maybe that’s because a

lot of people are regis-

tered or have registered

elsewhere,” Hartz said.

Between volunteers

on the Mall with clip-

boards, and a voter regis-

tration drive at CaFe

alongside an inflatable

obstacle course, Slip-N-

Slide-like toy, ASUA got

780 students to register

to vote, said Jenny Rima-

za, taskforce director of

the student

laboratory group Arizona

Students’ Association.

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