

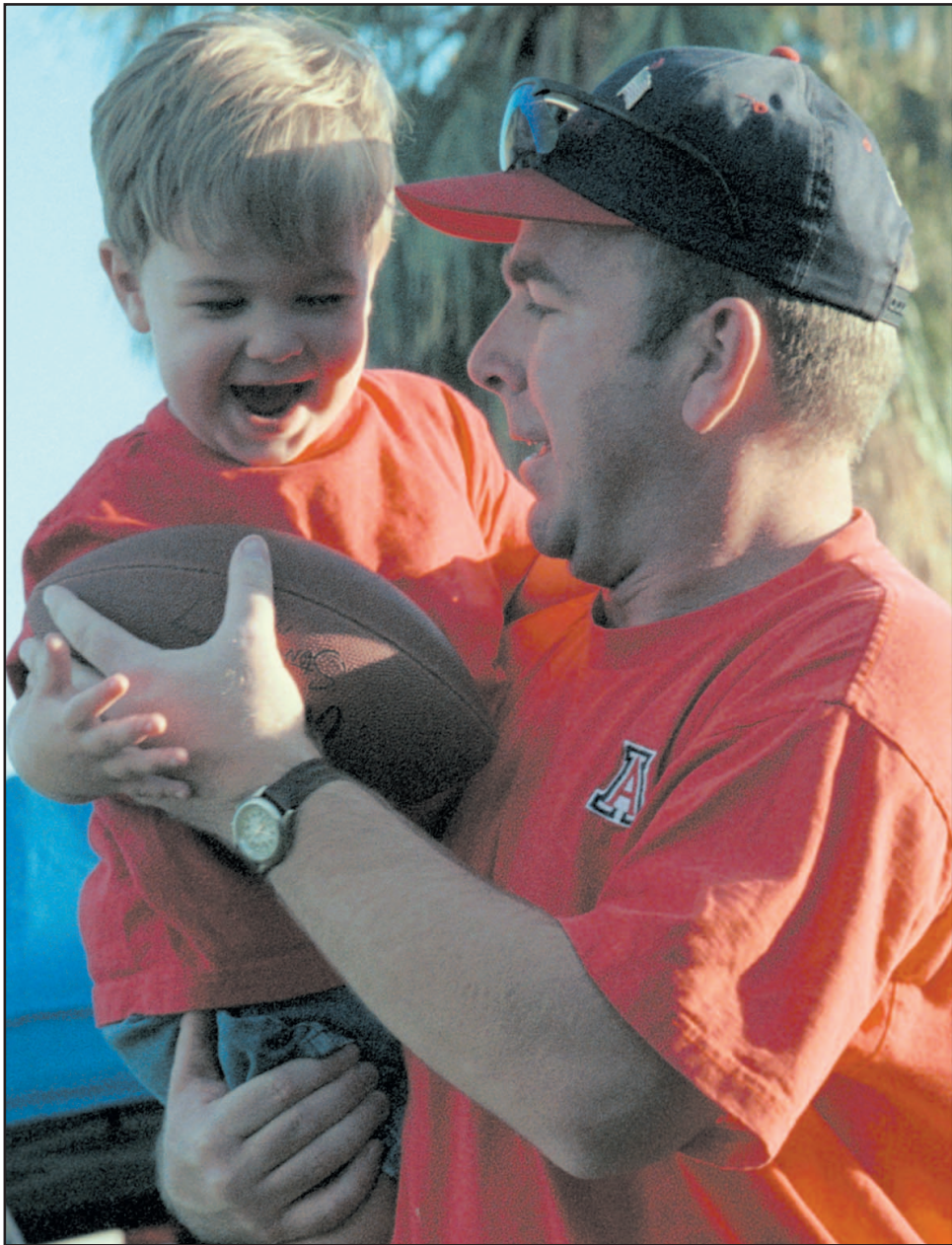
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Kindling that UA spirit

Sgt. Jon Ransom tailgates with his son, Colton, before the Arizona-Oregon football game Oct. 5. Tomorrow night, the Wildcats will take on the Washington State Cougars. For more pre-game and tailgating photos from the Oregon game, see Page 8 of today's special Family Weekend Guide.

Hull wants to cut UA budget \$17M

BY JENNY ROSE
Staff Writer

Gov. Jane Dee Hull proposed budget cuts Wednesday that would cost the UA about \$17 million — 5 percent of its annual state funding — if the Arizona Legislature approves.

The proposed cut is not as big as UA administrators expected it would be.

"It gives us tremendous relief," said Provost George Davis.

Davis and other administrators are examining the UA budget to see where they can come up with the money.

College deans had already been asked to plan for 5 percent budget cuts this year, with administrators in non-academic departments planning for 10 percent cuts.

But if more budget cuts come, they will not be distributed equally.

"We're interested in having no across-the-board cuts," Davis said, adding that he and other officials are looking to make cuts that make sense based on each individual program.

The university presidents can cut non-classroom items to come up with the money, said James Ahlers, Hull's press secretary.

"She's aware that the cuts will negatively affect the universities, but from her analysis of the budget she felt the universities could withstand the cut," Ahlers said. "It's a substantial dollar cut for the universities, but the governor specified that the cuts be kept to 5 percent rather than 10 percent to keep from affecting the students and the classrooms."

Arizona Board of Regents President Jack Jewett said he isn't so sure that keeping the cuts to 5 percent will protect students.

"I don't think that anyone can ensure that," Jewett said.

Hull should have said she was trying to minimize the effects of the cuts, because UA's students have already been negatively

impacted by the shortage in state funding, Davis said.

Three hundred eighty-three UA workers lost their jobs this year and last between cutbacks and contracts that were not renewed.

Randy Richardson, vice president for undergraduate education, said last summer that Finish in Four, a program designed to help students graduate in four years, isn't as strong as it once was because not all students can get the courses they need to stay on track. The board of regents and the university presidents were working to ensure class availability so students are able to get required classes and graduate on time, Jewett said.

"This is one more round of cuts," he said. "We've got to get to the point where we're getting state money, rather than having it taken away from us. It's hard to provide quality instruction without the necessary public support."

Regents are expected to discuss their plans for dealing with budget cuts and changing the universities' missions at a meeting in Tempe on Wednesday.

"We're planning for the best of times, but we're bracing for the worst of times," Jewett said.

Hull feels it is her obligation to balance the budget before the new governor takes the reins in January, Ahlers said.

The rest of her proposal would cut \$120 million state-wide, require at least 43 state employees to be laid off, not counting university employees.

About \$40 million would be cut from Arizona's three public universities if her proposals pass. This year's state deficit is approaching \$500 million and was recently projected to total up to \$1 billion next year.

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B-ball ticket scramble tips off early Monday

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Students who want men's basketball tickets will have to rise with the sun Monday morning.

Student tickets will be sold at the McKale Center Ticket Office starting 7 a.m. Monday through next Friday for \$30 per season ticket.

Colored line numbers, which indicate the date students can purchase basketball tickets, will be distributed beginning at 7 a.m. Sale lines will be cut off at 6 p.m. each day and camping out will not be permitted.

The season tickets will be divided into two seasons — season A and season B and each season will have six games. There are approximately 2,340 tickets available for each season (4,380 student tickets available). Game tickets will be distributed on a random basis (two tickets in each envelope) at the time of purchase. Each student may purchase a maximum of two sea-

son tickets with a valid CatCard. Guest tickets can be purchased along with the student ticket for the public price. Public prices will range from \$102 -

\$144 depending on the level drawn. A CatCard will be required when picking up the colored line ticket, when purchasing the tickets and with a student ticket when entering the arena on game day. Only the owner of a CatCard may use it to

pick up the colored line ticket, purchase tickets and enter the arena.

In addition to Student Season tickets, Student Holiday Ticket packages and the Texas Game (sold separately) will be sold to students on November 4 and 5 at the McKale Ticket Office. Each student can purchase a maximum of two Holiday packages and two Texas tickets. The student price for the holiday package is \$26 and for Texas \$5. Guest prices for the student holiday package will range from \$88 to \$102 and for Texas from \$17 to \$24.

When and Where ...

Men's Basketball Tickets

- ▶ **When:** 7 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28.
- ▶ **Where:** McKale Center Ticket Office
- ▶ **Cost:** \$30 per ticket package. The season is split into Season A and Season B.

Gubernatorial candidates face off at campus debate



BY KEREN G. RAZ
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The four candidates for Arizona governor faced off at a near-campus debate last night, testing their ideas for Arizona's future — and their wit.

Libertarian Barry Hess, Independent Dick Mahoney, Democrat Janet Napolitano and Republican Matt Salmon spent the bulk of the debate addressing education and the state budget, while also touching on their individual platforms.

Hess was the first to speak, and set the casual tone of the debate by commenting that all the candidates already knew each other's speeches.



SAUL LOEB/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Democrat Janet Napolitano and Republican Matt Salmon debate last night. They were joined by Libertarian Barry Hess and Independent Dick Mahoney.

"I'll give Napolitano's speech," he said. "But it wouldn't be the speech of a democrat, it would be the speech of a

socialist."

Napolitano fired back later,

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