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President Pete Likins speaks to the press before his State of the University Address yesterday.

Likins pitches vision to alumni

BY CYNDY COLE
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President Pete Likins made a case for raising in-state tuition by \$1,100 and cutting programs to redirect funding at a noontime speech at the Marriott University Park yesterday, asking local movers and shakers to help him promote the Focused Excellence plan with their political power and their pocketbooks.

Community buy-in is vital to making Focused Excellence a reality, Likins told audience members.

Between recent budget cuts, little financial aid for needy students and a state Legislature that

is spending less per student to support education than at any point since 1962, the UA's current budget situation is bad, Likins said.

"We've been firing people," he said. "We're going to be shutting down programs. We're going to severely diminish the quality of the work we do."

State funding has played a smaller and smaller role in the UA's budget, Likins said, falling from 45 percent of the budget in 1986 to 34 percent last year.

But the cuts haven't hit all sides of campus equally.

The programs that stand to lose the most because of the cur-

rent budget situation are those that can't support themselves through research dollars and don't draw a lot of contributions — arts, humanities and social sciences.

The UA draws about one-third of its budget from research grants.

The cutbacks in state funding have been coupled with stagnant low tuition rates, making Arizona's universities and the UA ranked as the least expensive of all U.S. senior public universities, Likins said.

"Folks, we must increase tuition," Likins told the attendees.

The crowd of about 600 applauded.

Likins said he wants to increase tuition by about \$1,100 in-state and make other increases for non-resident students. It is unclear at this point whether Likins will pitch the whole \$1,100 increase to the Arizona Board of Regents next spring for the 2003-2004 year, or parts of the increase.

Arizona families currently pay only about 4 percent to 5 percent of the UA's 15 percent revenues generated from tuition.

The tuition increase is only a small part of a plan to merge and delete some programs the administration dubbed Focused

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Muddy pit brings out clubs' best

BY JESSE GREENSPAN
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The group on the right side of the rope pulled its hardest, but was unable to hold on. In one instant, all eight members fell into the ankle-deep mud, clothes and all, in the mud tug-of-war yesterday on the UA Mall.

Slinging and slipping in mud was the most popular of the events in which clubs competed for a \$400 prize.

This was the second year of the competition, inspired by the movie "Revenge of the Nerds," which was filmed on the UA campus. It was dreamed up by executive vice student body president Jennifer Reece.

After watching the film a few years ago, Reece began to wonder how she could bring an event to campus that would be similar to the fraternity competition at the end of the movie.

While it was doubtful the university would help pay for tricycle races that involved beer chugging, Reece hoped there were other things she could organize that would still generate student interest.

"One day I was sitting around talking with my friends," Reece said. "I remembered watching movies like 'Revenge of the Nerds' and I thought that would be fun."

Eight clubs participated in such events as mud tug-of-war, crazy tricycle races, obstacle course races and a pie-eating contest, among others, at the second-annual Club Olympics.

Though a few students rode tricycles and ran through the inflatable obstacle course, mud tug-of-war was probably the highlight of the event, as people covered in mud from head to toe jumped around in the mud pits east of Old Main.

A crowd of students gathered around the pits, unaccustomed to seeing a bunch of college kids roll around in the mud for fun.

The mudfest also inspired a bunch of trash-talk between the different clubs, as they vied for the \$400 prize.

"Our goal today is to kick everyone's butt in mud tug-of-war," said Chain Gang Junior Honorary member Alexis Coury, whose group does philanthropic work in the Tucson community.

Bobcats Senior Honorary member Aaron Lemke said his team ruled supreme.

"It is a quality challenge to see if any of the other clubs can take us," he said.

The club who wins the competition will be announced at the Homecoming bonfire tonight at 8. They will receive a \$400 prize from the Associated Students of the University of Arizona.

"We've had a really good turnout and it seems like everyone's having a lot of fun," said ASUA club events coordinator Melissa Davis, who organized this year's event. "It's nice to have it during Homecoming week

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Roger Ceragioli, an optician at the Steward Observatory's mirror lab, grimaces as registered nurse Judy Stivers injects him with a flu immunization yesterday at the Campus Health Services Center.

Campus Health: get flu shot now

BY SARAH NIXON
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Campus Health recommends getting a flu shot before Thanksgiving to avoid the sudden and severe onset of aches, muscle pains, chills, fever and fatigue that come with the influenza virus, which often hits during the winter holidays.

The flu is a concern for those on campus, in large classes and at crowded sporting events, said Judy Stivers, a Campus

Health nurse.

The highly contagious virus leads to an average of 20,000 deaths per year, mostly among the elderly, infants and the chronically sick.

Though college students are generally not considered an at-risk group, many students travel home for family get-togethers during the holidays and airplanes are perfect mediums for the flu to spread, said

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Napolitano holds off on calling gov win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democratic Gov.-elect Janet Napolitano said the mixed results of Tuesday's election in Arizona means she and Republican legislative leaders will have to compromise to tackle the state's pressing problems.

Also, Napolitano refrained from declaring victory as ballot counting continued yesterday but made it clear she thinks it's just a question of time before Republican Matt Salmon concedes.

"It is what it is," Napolitano said of the election outcome. "I feel very optimistic."

Napolitano had 497,382 votes, or 46.6 percent, and Salmon had 477,192 votes, or 44.7 percent, according to results released late yesterday.

Salmon gained about 3,000 votes as more than 32,000 early ballots were counted Thursday.

The Associated Press called the race for Napolitano on Wednesday. The vote trend yesterday still showed that she would win.

The final unofficial tally for the race was delayed as election officials continued to count tens of thousands of early ballots that arrived by mail Tuesday or were left at polling places.

Election officials are required to complete the count within five business days. Monday is a holiday, so that period ends Wednesday.

Salmon refused to concede. "We want to come to some closure but we also want to make sure all the votes are counted," said Salmon.

He added that he was getting away with his family for a few days but would remain in touch with his campaign.

Napolitano also planned to go away Friday for a few days to visit relatives.