



## ‘I failed to meet my own standards’

*Mackovic regrets his ‘inappropriate’ remarks to team, but will not resign*



DAVID HARDEN/Arizona Daily Wildcat  
Head football coach John Mackovic pauses to compose himself during his prepared speech yesterday at a press conference. Mackovic called the conference after more than 40 football players met with President Pete Likins on Tuesday night to air complaints about the coach.

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Head football coach John Mackovic apologized at a press conference yesterday afternoon for his inappropriate conduct, after a series of comments he directed at his team led a large contingent of players to meet with President Pete Likins.

Contrary to speculation leading up to the press conference, Mackovic did not resign. But he did admit to making comments that led his players to air their concerns to the university’s highest authority, and apologized for his “inappropriate” behavior.

“I’m terribly sorry for my part in this turmoil and unrest. I accept full responsibility for my actions, and pledge to work tirelessly to mend fences,” he read from his prepared statement.

Mackovic said many of the objections raised by his team were centered on events that transpired almost two months ago.

“The genesis of the discomfort on our team most likely comes from comments I made to the team after our loss to Wisconsin,” Mackovic said. “The Monday following the game, I said many things that were inappropriate. Most importantly, I allowed my emotions to get control of me.”

Mackovic’s voice cracked with emotion as he said, “I have failed to live up to my own standards.”

“I told a player as recently as last Saturday that he was a disgrace to his family for the way he was playing. I have made a full and open apology to him, and hope he can accept it,” he said.

It was later revealed the player he insulted was tight end Justin Levasseur.

The press conference came right after a meeting between Mackovic and the players, in which the coach said he gave each member of the team an opportunity to voice their complaints about his conduct. He said none of the players who spoke asked for his resignation or threatened to

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## Threats up after killings

*Officials have no count, but note an increase in reports and concerns of threats since shootings*

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Campus police and the dean of students have noted an increase in calls from faculty, staff and students who are more concerned for their safety after the murders at the College of Nursing on Oct. 28.

Associate dean of students Veda Kowalski said that in her office, the phone has been ringing frequently with reports of threatening behavior.

Though neither Kowalski nor a University of Arizona Police Department commander has a count on how many calls and reports they’ve received recently, they both noted that there have been more phone calls related to safety on campus since the murders.

“Yes, there has been an increase in reports,” Kowalski said. “Any time a traumatic event occurs there will be more reports.”

Kowalski divided threats into two categories: imminent physical dangers, for which a respondent would call 911; and more-common, less-dangerous threats like disruptive behavior in class or invasion of personal space that should be referred to the Dean of Students’ Office.

“Most of the calls we get are people making inquiries, wondering what they should do if this or that situation presents itself,” Kowalski said. “What we want people to know is that it is OK to ask for help. If a faculty member or a student feels in danger, they shouldn’t

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## Student senator: UA must install adequate lighting

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Student senator Travis Pritchett proposed enhancing outdoor lighting across campus at a student government meeting last night.

Pritchett proposed adding more lighting at 17 locations, including the Cochise Residence Hall, Gould-Simpson building, Modern Languages building, Science-Engineering Library and various campus parking lots.

Pritchett has been working on campus lighting since the beginning of the semester, picking up where last year’s senate left off.

“So far this semester I have conducted three walk/drive-throughs of the campus to analyze the current lighting situation,” Pritchett said.

Working with representatives from Risk Management, Facilities Management, Parking and Transportation Services, Dean of Students, the University of Arizona Police Department and Campus Recreation, Pritchett has organized a report based on findings from an Oct. 11 drive-through of campus.

“Currently we are seeking lines of funding to install

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## 31 credits to make up time

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After crashing his motorcycle into a curb at 70 miles per hour in February, senior Tony Davenport got to his feet to assess the damage to his bike.

Although he didn’t immediately notice his three broken leg bones and torn pectoral muscle, he had to drop his classes last spring to go through therapy for his injuries.

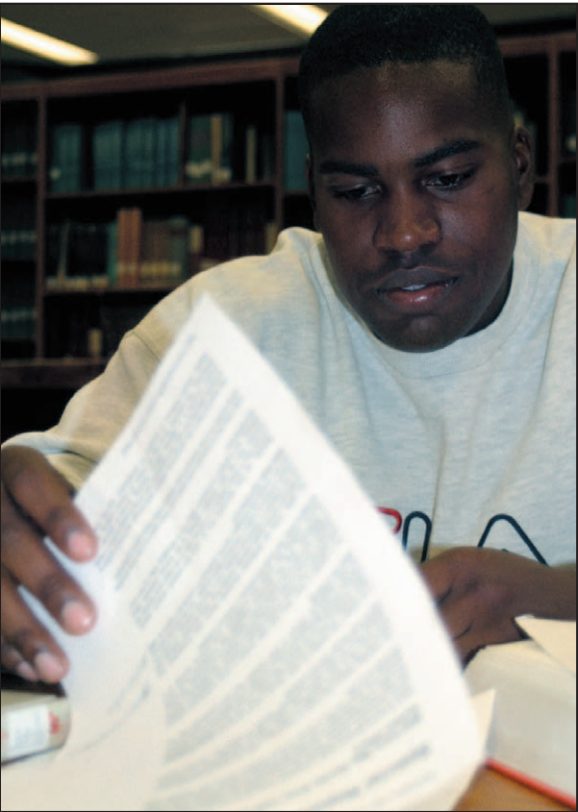
So this semester, Davenport, a physical education major and U.S. Marine, is taking 13 classes totaling 31 credit hours.

Since the Marines only allot a break of four years for college, Davenport, 26, was forced to make up for lost time.

The credit hours started stacking up over the summer when Davenport completed 19 credits over the summer via online courses from Rio Salado College, College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests and summer classes at UA. However, to be able to student teach in spring 2003, he had to complete the 13 classes he now takes.

His schedule this year is rigorous, even before class starts. “I’m up at 5 (a.m.) and at the university by 6 (a.m.). Then, for Marines, we have to do physical training from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. After that, I go to the (Student Recreation Center) to shower. And then I do the readings for some classes,” he said.

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Physical education senior Tony Davenport studies in the Main Library earlier this week. In order to graduate this semester after a motorcycle accident, Davenport is currently taking 31 credits.