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Nearly 2,500 UA fans cheer at CatFest on Saturday during a performance by GoldFinger at Centennial Hall. CatFest, an annual event sponsored in part by student government to welcome students to campus, attracted students to pack the venue after having met varied success in past years.

Crowd gets CatFest fever

Security tames crowd for rushing stage, fan eats Twinkie from drummer's rear

BY RYAN JOHNSON Staff Writer

Concert-goers rushed the stage and one crowd member ate a Twinkie that was sticking out from between a band member's buttocks cheeks at Friday night's CatFest, which packed Centennial Hall with 2,456 people who came out to see Goldfinger, Authority Zero and Eleventh Hour

Security was originally tight at the concert. Guards in bright blue and yellow shirts prevented all but a select few with wristbands from standing in the pit area in front of the stage.

At one point John DeVore, the lead singer of punk rock band Authority Zero, jumped down to sing in the stands, but failed to get back up when a security guard, who apparently thought DeVore was a fan, grabbed him and threw him down, causing him to lose his microphone.

"I got a kick out of it," said DeVore, who eventually got back up and used a second microphone until the original made it back up. "The concert was great. The crowd was awesome and the small venue made it feel more personal."

But security seemed to give in after a plea from Goldfinger lead singer John Feldmann.

Immediately after Feldmann paused and went to the side amidst a huddle of guards, fans filled the pit area. From then on, several fans at a time were crowd surfing and jumping off the stage.

"That was the best part of the concert, when the fans rushed the stage," Feldmann said.

The pit instantly started moshing and wildly jumping up and down, which soon prompted a security guard to grab the microphone.

As Darrin Pfeiffer, GoldFinger's drummer, stood behind him, shaking his hips and sticking out his tongue with his hand behind his head, the guard demanded that

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ResLife retires dorm recycling

Students will now be responsible for buying bins, gathering and dropping off recycling

BY KEREN G. RAZ Staff Writer

The Department of Residence Life cut its recycling program this year, handing the job over to students in each residence hall to run instead of Residence Life employees.

Now, students must buy the recycling bins in their dorms, gather recyclables and truck them to drop off points.

Recycling may stop in dorms where there are no students willing to haul off materials.

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Residence Life Recycling has shifted its focus to concentrate more on education about the importance of recycling than organizing collections, said Debbie Hanson, Program Coordinator for Residence Life.

Jim Van Arsdale, Director of Residence Life, said a proposed expansion of the recycling program, not budget cuts, were behind the change.

"What I understand is that there was a desire to do more (recycling), and that is what we couldn't afford," he said.

He would not comment further on why the recycling program had ended.

Hanson said budget cuts caused the end of the recycling program. The budget cuts prevented Residence Life from allocating additional funds to meet the demand, she said.

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UA readies \$1M for grad student tuition waivers

BY JENNY ROSE

Staff Writer

Graduate students and UA administrators are looking to disperse \$1 million in tuition waivers next year to improve retention of UA graduate teaching assistants, who are paid less than their peers nationally.

The Arizona Board of Regents freed up \$1 million last semester that was previously unused by the Graduate College because of old restrictions.

Waivers used to be designated for out-of-state or in-state graduate students, but the regents decided to stop dividing up waivers based on residency, so now UA can now award more tuition waivers to in-state graduates.

Historically, there were not enough in-state waivers and too many out-of-state waivers, so the unused out-of-state waivers went to undergraduate students, said Gary Pivo, dean of the Graduate College.

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Fiesta Bowl crowns UA junior its queen

BY KRISTINA DUNHAM Staff Writer

Jenny Rimsza, a UA business economics junior, was crowned the Clear Channel Outdoor Fiesta Bowl Queen at a gala held in Phoenix Friday night.

Rimsza one of four contestants for the title, and daughter of Phoenix mayor Skip Rimsza, said she was very excited to win the title.

"I did not actually expect to win," she said.

Nicole Pryde, a UA elementary education junior was one of the other three women in contention for the crown.

The other two contestants were

Danielle Demski, an Arizona State University broadcast journalism senior and Courtney Thomas, a Northern Arizona University health promotions in education senior.

Rimsza and the three other contestants comprise the 32nd Fiesta Bowl Court.

Together they will serve as the official ambassadors of the 2002-2003 Fiesta Bowl festival and reign over more than 50 public events and the bowl's fifth national championship.

"I think it's really exciting for her," said student government president Doug Hartz, who works closely with Rimsza. "I'm really glad that she has

the opportunity to do this and to represent our school."

Rimsza said she is looking forward to her duties as Fiesta queen, which will include attending different Fiesta Bowl meetings, talking to the public about how the Fiesta Bowl relates to the community and promoting various festival events.

"I want to show people that college students do not just go out and party but that they can do other things as well and do well in school and be involved in the community," Rimsza said.

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Jenny Rimsza won the title of Fiesta Bowl Queen this weekend in Phoenix. Rimsza is a business junior and member of Pi Beta Phi.

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