Fiesta Bowl crowns UA junior its queen

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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 68th national championship.

"I think it's really exciting for her," said student government president Doug Hart, 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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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
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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.

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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 push the venue after having met varied success in past years.

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