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## Nursing shootings spur new policy

Action plan outlines steps to deal with threatening behavior

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Months after the murder of three nursing professors shocked the UA community, the Dean of Students Office has enacted tougher and clearer guidelines for

handling threatening and disruptive behavior.

The office will announce today two new policies on threatening and disruptive behavior in the classroom that were enacted after the number of complaints tripled following the October slayings of three nursing faculty.

Now, if disruptive or threatening behavior occurs, students, faculty and staff will have specific guidelines to follow to ensure safety.

According to the policy, disruptive behavior is described as "conduct that materially and substantially interferes with or obstructs the teaching or learning process in the context of a classroom or educational setting."

If an incident of such behavior arises, faculty should first communicate with the student. If the behavior continues the instructor is advised to issue a written warning. But if it persists, the instructor should file a complaint with the

Dean of Students Office.

From there, the dean of students will decide what disciplinary action should be taken, said Melissa Vito, dean of students.

The policy also suggests that instructors should inform students of the rules at the start of the course.

Additional steps must be followed in situations of threatening behavior.

The policy defines threatening behavior as "any written or oral

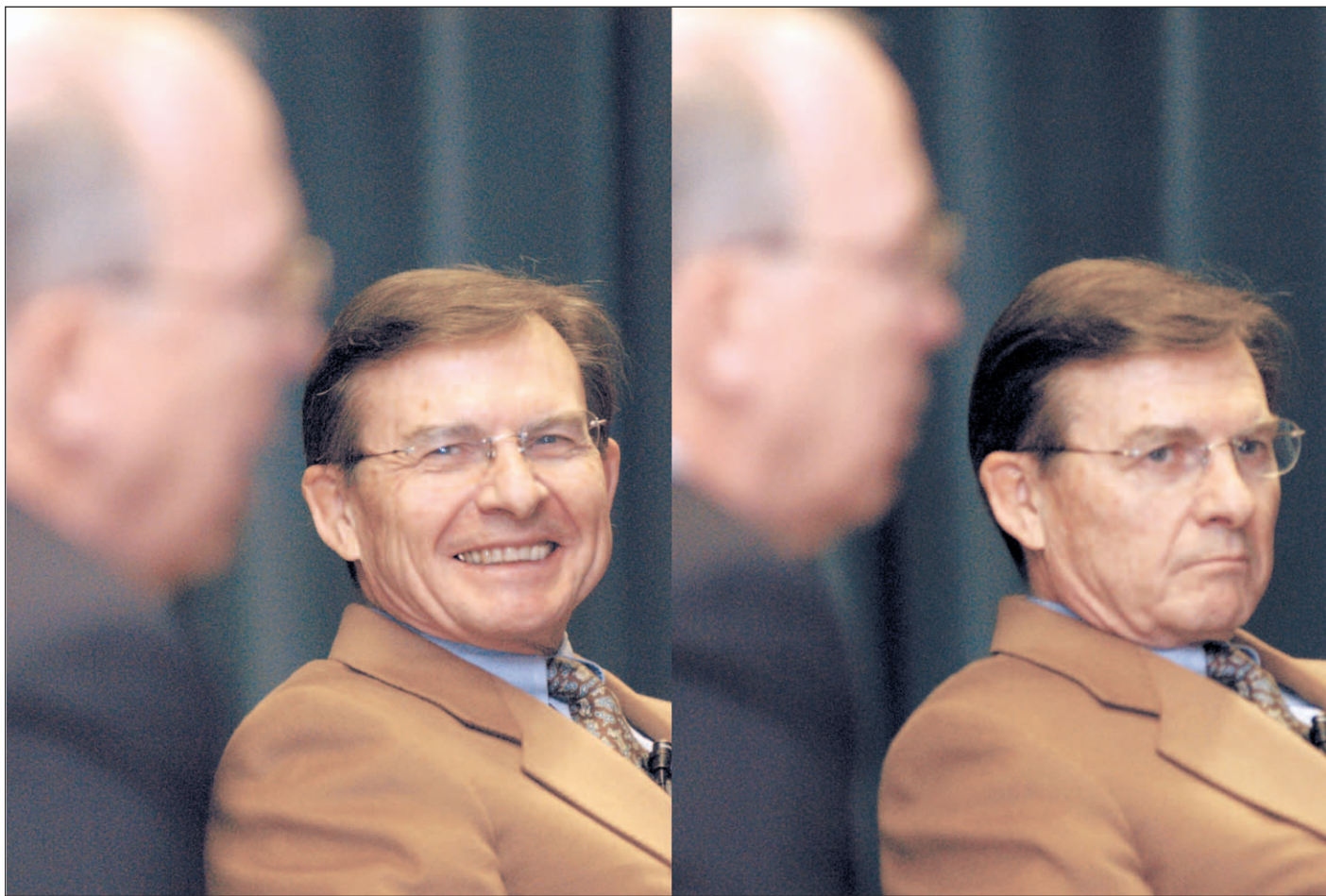
statement, communication, conduct or gesture directed toward any member of the university community, which causes a reasonable apprehension of physical harm to self, others or property."

This action is separate from a plan approved by the Faculty Senate Monday.

The dean's policies are meant to help guide faculty through the process of handling a threatening

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## TOWN HALL HIGHS AND LOWS



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UA President Pete Likins showed various emotions during a Town Hall yesterday afternoon in DuVal auditorium. Davis and Likins defended their proposal to eliminate various programs, including the School of Landscape Architecture, which garnered the most opposition from the crowd.

## Likins fields criticisms of program cuts

Students from programs on chopping block speak up

By Tacie Holyoak  
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Aside from laughs evoked by Provost George Davis' comparing program cuts to rock formations, tension and frustration filled DuVal Auditorium yesterday as President Pete Likins defended Focused Excellence in front of a crowd of 200 people.

For an hour and a half, audience members debated and questioned administrators about proposals to cut specific programs.

Likins and Davis released preliminary proposals last month for the elimination of sixteen programs, including the School of Landscape Architecture.

"(The university is a) seriously impoverished place," Likins said. "This univer-

sity must stop doing something."

While members of the audience understood that something had to go, those who spoke out didn't agree with the programs chosen for elimination.

Some students like Robert Sharp, a landscape architecture graduate student and former rancher, said the qualities of departments proposed for elimination need to be revisited.

The service the School of Landscape Architecture offers, Sharp said, is needed in the state of Arizona and it "would be a crime to let that department go."

"I don't know how we could try any harder!" Likins said.

But Rudy said Likins' words aren't enough.

"My heart is really in this program,"

she said.

The landscape architecture school offers the only graduate program of its kind in the Southwest, and also serves communities in the Middle East and South America, a landscape architecture student told Davis and Likins.

Provost George Davis said that while he knows the School of Landscape Architecture is a one of a kind program, it is underfunded.

When it comes down to elimination "schools like landscape architecture rise up on the radar screen," he said.

In their proposals for elimination, administrators said they are re-examining



**What:** Town Hall with two state regents  
**When:** 6 — 8 p.m.

**Where:** Kiva Auditorium in the Education Building

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## Weeklong fall break planning continues

Student senators, president lobbying to institute break from classes for three days preceding Thanksgiving

By Stephanie Schwartz  
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If all goes as Student Body President Doug Hartz plans, UA students will have a full week in November to enjoy turkey and pie.

Hartz is pushing for fall break, a weeklong vacation for UA students set for the entire week of Thanksgiving. Hartz and other ASUA senators took attendance in their classes in the weeks prior to the week of Thanksgiving. They then took attendance again on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the holiday.

The results showed a trend that they had already expected; mass amounts of students leave for Thanksgiving early and miss class the week of the holiday.

"Most of all teachers cancel classes that week anyway," said Heather Wodrich, a studio art freshman. "Almost all mine did on Wednesday at least."

Fall Break was one of Hartz' top campaign promises when he made his bid for student body president last spring.

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### FALL BREAK

▶ The break would give students the entire week of Thanksgiving off

▶ The UA sets calendars two-years in advance, so the break could not take effect until 2004.