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Long-awaited childcare facility will not launch

Project to provide childcare, early childhood development research cut before being implemented

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UA pulled the plug Saturday on 20 years of planning to build a childcare center and is likely to remain the only university in the Pacific 10 Conference that does not offer childcare on campus.

The UA Child Development Center Project included plans to develop a daycare/early childhood development research center through funds raised in child development research grants, said Mimi Gray former director for planning and development of the project.

Gray lost her job last Saturday, when UA ended the project by eliminating her position. Gray worked at UA for eight years, three of them specifically trying to launch a childcare and research facility.

Prior to the research project's end, Gray and her staff made several funding requests and options to keep the project on campus, but were declined by UA.

University of Washington has four on-campus childcare centers.

"It is unusual for a land grant facility to not have childcare, but no other departments can pick up the cost," said Elizabeth Ervin, vice provost of academic affairs.

The Office of Academic Affairs oversaw the UA Child Development Center Project.

The cost of the program included Gray's salary and any money needed to run her office.

"There's enough resources here that we should be able to have (a child care facility), so people can get a college education," said education junior Nathan Ash, who is expecting his first child in October. "It's very disappointing."

Arizona is currently ranked 49th in spending for care of young children.

UA students were also given the opportunity to take part in the community outreach programs and classes in early childhood development.

"We don't just want to ensure they have someplace to work after they graduate. We want to make sure they have a quality place to work," said Pauline Baker, community spokesperson for the project.

Vision 2000, a proposal made by the Arizona Board of Regents in the early 1990s, mandated

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400 students lose classes

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About 400 students — roughly one percent of the UA population — were dropped from their classes yesterday for not paying tuition.

That is 20 percent fewer students than last year, when 500 students were dropped from their courses, said Rick Kroc, director of assessment and enrollment research.

UA converted to a new cancellation policy this year, so students who did not pay tuition were only dropped from the courses for which they didn't pay. In previous years, students were dropped from every course they were enrolled in when they

had not paid by the deadline, Kroc said.

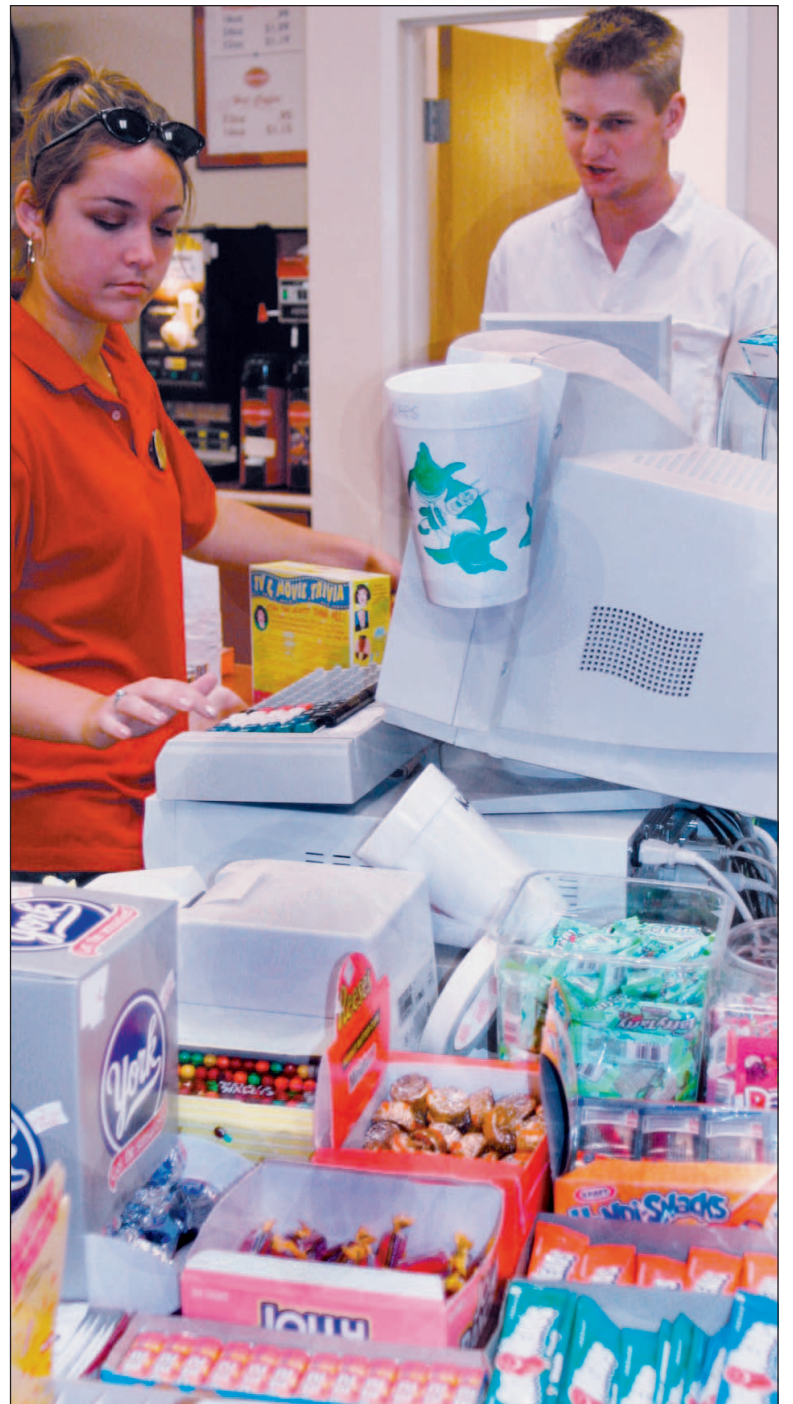
"We've tried to get word out and schedule the cancellations at a good time," Kroc said. "By this time, schedules have steadied out some."

The Bursar's Office sent out e-mails and postcards to all students who owed money to the university and were informed of the last day to pay. Notices were also put on all doors of the administration building and students were informed of the last day to pay when they turned in add forms.

"Considering the budget constraints, the university did all it could to inform students of the drop date," said UA spokeswoman Sharon Kha.

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Sweet service



EMILY REID/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Business sophomore Adam Sollers makes a purchase from Allison Knapel yesterday at U-Mart in the Student Union Memorial Center. The convenience store is now open in the space that was previously occupied by a post office.

Residence halls debate running own recycling program



DEREKH FROUDE/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Business freshman Nick Munson tosses his trash Thursday into a trash bin outside Apache-Santa Cruz Residence Hall. Students living in residence halls are seeking to organize alternatives to the recycling program eliminated this summer by Residence Life.

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With the retirement of Residence Life Recycling, students in the residence halls are pondering how and if they will recycle.

Many halls plan to form committees to coordinate recycling efforts. However, as most hall governments have yet to be elected, an organized recycling effort may take time to develop.

Residence halls such as Gila Residence Hall and Arizona-Sonora Residence Hall do not have recycling plans underway, which is worrisome to students who think that a hall government recycling program without UA sponsorship may not

materialize.

"I don't think (student-run recycling) is a good idea for the simple reason that it's not going to be accessible. I'm not going to take the steps to do it on my own," said Pete Seat, theater arts sophomore and resident of Coronado Residence Hall.

However, RAs at Kaibab-Huachuca are jumping ahead of hall government and organizing a recycling effort that they can pass on to the students.

"Some RAs are looking to organize a building-wide recycling effort. They recognize the need, that if it is not going to happen nationwide, than it needs to happen in the building," said William Evans, Kaibab-Huachuca

hall director. "We talk about building community and one responsibility of building a community is taking care of the maintenance."

Jereme Bintz, a political science sophomore at Gila agrees that handing the recycling program over to the students is "not completely a bad thing. It is better in the hands of students than for it to completely disappear."

Many organizations are starting to look to ways to manage the task that has now been placed on the residence halls.

"If students really want to recycle, they should go to (Residence Hall Association)

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