

Likins defends raises to senate

Administrative salary increases overdue, he says

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President Peter Likins was unapologetic at the Faculty Senate meeting yesterday as he defended his decision to raise the salaries of top administrators while other employees received pink slips due to budget cuts.

"There's an unfairness to any effort to cut budgets to save the interests of the institution," he said when asked why the burden was not equally shared at all levels of the administration.

He asked whether a better solution would be to cut all UA salaries.

"That's not good for morale, either," he said.

Last month, the Arizona Board of Regents approved Likins' request for an overall salary increase of 6.5 percent for the top 12 UA administrators, to take effect this month.

The decision to raise salaries was the direct result of information generated by the regents showing that UA administrator salaries were far below their ASU counterparts, Likins said.

In the spring, the Board of Regents asked all the state university presidents to submit compensation information about their vice presidents, he said.

The regents then compared the UA and ASU to each other and to 28 other peer institutions.

"The data, I have to say, was shocking," Likins said. "They saw a great disparity in our executive

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600 students lose classes

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More than 600 UA students found themselves dropped from classes after missing Friday's tuition deadline.

That's 200 more students than last year, despite the fact that the deadline to pay tuition was moved from the first day of class to two weeks into the semester.

"We were concerned that this

year, with such a large tuition increase, there would be a large number of students dropped," said Rick Kroc, director of assessment and enrollment research.

Students apparently did not turn to emergency loans from the Office of Student Financial Aid in order to beat the payment deadline.

"The most activity we had was the week just before classes. It really tapered off last week," said John Nametz,

director of need-based aid for the financial aid office.

Between Aug. 13 and Aug. 29, 1,219 emergency loans were given to students, but just 200 of those went toward registration costs, Nametz said.

The other emergency loans were given to students with other financial needs.

Information about emergency loans is posted on the financial aid Web site and was mailed with students' aid award letters, said Nametz.

"I think a good share of those people (dropped from class) don't want to be here," Nametz said.

When the course cancellations were completed Friday, 601 students were dropped from one or more classes, with between 250 and 300 of them dropped from all of their classes, Kroc said.

Of that group, 465 were undergraduates and 136 were

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RACK IT UP



Alex Landeen, mechanical engineering sophomore, shoots pool at Wilbur's Underground in Student Union Memorial Center last night. Wilbur's features pool tables and arcade games for students looking for some fun. Landeen plays at Wilbur's two to three nights a week.

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Police dismiss assault claim

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UAPD confirmed yesterday that the Aug. 30 sexual assault report in Coronado residence hall has been dismissed as baseless.

"It was determined that the report was unfounded," said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman. "It was determined that there was no sexual assault and that we did not have a victim."

Mejia also said that he has received calls from parents regarding rumors of sexual assaults in the Arizona/Sonora residence hall, but has not received any

reports from students.

"We've been trying to confirm the calls, but have yet to find anything," he said.

Although the cases may be unfounded or just rumors, Mejia warned that students should still be careful, especially when drinking alcohol.

"We don't want to scare anybody," he said "But students should not have a false sense of assurance while on campus."

The recent reports of sexual assaults have led Coronado staff members to increase the level of security for guests of students.

UA Residence Life Director Jim Van Arsdel said the security

increase was not due to a particular claim of sexual assault, but rather a preventative measure taken to keep students safe.

Guests in Coronado must show two forms of identification and sign a guest logbook when entering the dorm on Thursday through Sunday nights.

Coronado is locked 24 hours a day and students can only gain access by sliding their CatCard through the keyless lock at the front entrance.

Van Arsdel said one of the main concerns for residence hall staff members is people entering the building when others are leaving it.

Freshman council enters second year

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Members of the freshman student council plan to build on lessons learned from last year's failures and successes.

"Since last year was FCC's first year, I think that we fought to create a respectable and quality reputation," said Kim Bui, director of academic affairs for last year's council. "We were given the job, which was more of an opportunity, to set

precedents and create our own agendas."

Cubbies, the name given for the freshman council, began last year as a chance for incoming freshmen to get an early start in student government.

At the beginning of the school year the council had 40 members, by year's end there were 25.

The drop off in student participation did not alarm organizers. In fact they expected it.

"Freshmen always want to

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