**Campus remembers 9/11**

By Alexis Blue

Members of the campus community gathered on the UA Mall yesterday morning to honor the memories of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, with a moment of silence.

At 9:11 a.m., a single chime of the U.S. Arizona memorial bell signaled the beginning of one minute of silence.

Over 500 students, faculty, and Tucson community members bowed their heads in solemn reflection and prayer.

President Peter Likins expressed to those gathered the pride he felt for the campus, telling students, “God bless the community, telling students, “God bless all of us.”

Likins said he believes that the feeling of solidarity remains on campus. “We are one university and we will always be so,” he said.

Republican Mayor Bob Walkup said that one of the first phone calls he made on the morning of the attacks was to the university.

He said he remembers Likins telling him that the university was shocked, but together.

Walkup congratulated students for remaining calm and confident in the days, months, and now years following the tragedy.

J.P. Benedict, president of ASUA, encouraged a continued sense of campus community, telling students, “God bless and bear down.”

Pete Seat, president of the College Republicans, who led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance said he hoped the event offered students an opportunity to remember what happened and how they felt two years ago.

“It’s so we never forget that thousands of lives were lost that day,” said Seat.

“At it gets further away we want to make sure it’s always in the back of our minds,” he said.

Seat compared the events of Sept.11, 2001, to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

“Once parents and grandparents will always remember where they were when Kennedy was shot. We’ll all always remember where we were when the twin towers hit. It’s a defining moment for our generation,” he said.

Pre-education freshman Alicia Mejia said that because there is a direct correlation between alcohol consumption and criminal activity, fraternity bidnight calls for additional help from police. The outlying campus areas will also be patrolled, and officers on the patrol might be called in to help elsewhere.

“They can be yanked off the party patrol because they are working for the university in a patrol capacity,” he said. “Their main function is to ensure the safety of the people partying.”

The patrol will have a number of officers on motorbikes, in squad cars and on bicycles. Mejia said this would give UAPD additional coverage to protect students, even those not drinking.

“We know there are going to be a lot of people on bid night socializing, but not everybody will be drinking. We want to make sure everybody on campus is safe.”

The Interfraternity Council and Greeks Advocating Matron Management of Alcohol will also provide additional support for student safety.

Clint Walls, IFC president of public affairs, said tonight’s bidnight will be the same as years past.

“This is a pretty typical rush week, pretty typical bidnight,” he said. “Nothing major has changed in the past year.”

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Campaign Arizona set to meet funding goal

By Shelley Shelton

Campaign Arizona, the most ambitious fundraising effort the UA has ever undertaken, is on track to meet its $1 billion goal, more than a year ahead of schedule.

By June 30, the latest date for which figures are available, donation totals had reached $954 million, said Dana Wier, spokeswoman for the University of Arizona Foundation, the fundraising arm of the university that oversees Campaign Arizona.

That’s about $200 million more than the June 2002 total.

“All indications are that the campaign will surpass $1 billion by the end of the calendar year,” said Tom Sanders, executive director of Campaign Arizona.

When the program and its goal were first announced in October 2000, there was some public skepticism about it, Sanders said.

“One billion dollars was an intimidating goal when we began this,” said President Peter Likins, adding that the UA had never raised that much money for anything before.

Yet, every year since Campaign Arizona began, it has broken the record for the most amount of money the UA has ever raised in a year. Not even the recession that began in 2001 nor the terror attacks on Sept.11 stopped it from growing, even as fundraising efforts at other institutions suffered, Likins said.

“The university’s not sitting back, taking a beating. We’re trying to help ourselves. People have lost jobs, they’ve lost fortunes in this economy, and yet we’re continuing to do all right with this,” he said.

Likins said the original idea was to raise $1 billion in eight years, but the fundraising will not end when that billion-dollar mark is achieved.

“Once we blow past our goal, that doesn’t mean we’re going to stop raising money for the campaign,” he said.

There are still smaller goals to meet, he said.

These goals include more endowed faculty positions, student scholarships, research funding, and new or improved buildings.

According to Wier, 56 percent of the funds have been allocated for research. Another See CAMPAIGN/13