Students audition for new TV show

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Instead of holding up behind closed doors, about 200 UA students auditioned Saturday for a chance to put their acting and sex life in the national spotlight.

"Big Man on Campus," a Warner Bros. reality TV show created by the people behind ABC's "Bachelor," held casting calls at the Tuscon Marriott University Park hotel to find the "sexiest and brightest guy" and 25 girls who will compete for his attention.

Producers were looking for big personalities, said Luke Confkin, the casting producer.

Cody Brown, a history sophomore, said when he went in for the interview, he was very clear that the producers were looking for "attractive and intelligent" people.

Brown, who got a second on-camera interview, said he made it past the first cut by speaking about his experiences with spirituality.

"I told them I'm a believer," he said.

Brown's personality, which won him a second on-camera interview, was exactly what Confkin said has made the UA one of the top shooting locations for the show.

"Today was great," Confkin said.

"There were some good personalities. There were some good-looking people." The UA is one of three universities being considered for the show, the trader who visited the school said.

"The girls who visited the school said they were confident the UA would be picked because of the girls."

"This is the best school to choose for the show," he said.

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Regents to ask for increase in state-based aid

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TEMPE — Regents yesterday voted to push forward with plans asking lawmakers to increase state-based financial aid and reward universities for improving graduation rates.

Arizona Board of Regents and university presidents agreed that those and a variety of other new strategies for funding universities would emphasize diversified missions of the University of Arizona, Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University while protecting poor students from the rising cost of education.

The regents voted unanimously to endorse the new mechanisms, which they hope will be approved and implemented by the Legislature and Gov. Janet Napolitano.

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College considers biz fee changes

Eller may stop paying $250 fee for students on merit-based waivers

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TEMPE — The business college may force undergraduates on merit-based tuition waivers to pay a $250-per-semester fee for this fall that was waived for all scholarship recipients last year.

That move is being considered because it would free up more money to give financial aid to students on need-based scholarships, said Pam Perry, associate dean of the Eller College of Management.

But it has drawn the ire of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona Senate, which voted Wednesday to ask the college to continue providing students on both merit- and need-based scholarships from paying the fee.

They referred to a promise made by former Dean Mark Zupan, who said that when the fee was enacted last year, students on both types of scholarships would be protected.

Student lobbyists back the fee, after initially opposing it, in large part because they thought merit scholarship students should be protected.

Perry said yesterday, however, that the Eller College Student Council, a different organization from the student lobbying group, preferred need-based scholarship.

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VP wins ‘Phenomenal Woman’ award

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Growing up as a black woman in the South, Sandra Taylor learned how divisive racial segregation could be.

She almost didn’t marry her white husband because of the social tension around them.

"My husband and I really worked hard at not getting married ... because we didn’t know whether we could survive a racist kind of cut society," said Taylor, senior vice president of Campus Life.

But they ended up marrying in 1980, the same year Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, raising no amount of racial discrimination could keep them apart.

Drawing from her experiences and struggles, Taylor has tried to foster a more diverse campus at the UA, an effort that recently earned her the UA Black Alumni Association’s Phenomenal Woman of the Year award.

Taylor said her awareness of discrimination spawned her desire to make changes wherever she works.

"I couldn’t ignore it, and I needed to find ways to combat it, to challenge it," she said.

Her activism has led her supporting campus multicultural centers that provide services for underrepresented students at the UA.

She is especially proud of her role in courting the Asian Pacific American Cultural Resource Center.

"I think students of Asian Pacific decent really have issues in this culture with discrimination, with exclusion," she said.

"One aspect they face is sometimes dealing with the media minority."

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