

Likins: Let UA decide homeschool entry policy

By Jeff Sklar
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TEMPE — President Peter Likins on Friday tried to dissuade regents from adopting minimum standards of admission for homeschooled students, saying the universities should be allowed to admit them based on their own criteria.

But some homeschooled students say a tougher admissions policy, which takes effect in 2006 and grants automatic admission only to students in the top 25 percent of their high school classes, discriminates against students who were educated at home. Those students have no class rank.

They want universities to grant homeschooled students automatic admission based on standardized test scores. But Likins said that would create a double standard that puts students educated in traditional high schools at a disadvantage.

Such a policy is especially unnecessary, Likins said, because homeschooled students are already accepted to universities at high rates. And though they would no longer be assured admission, he said admissions officers would still likely accept many of them based on the quality of their overall application, which includes grades, test scores and other factors.

"Send them our way," he said. "We love our homeschoolers."

Regents seemed to welcome Likins' analysis, which came as they debated whether it would be adequate to trust universities to establish fair admissions policies for homeschooled students, or whether regents should adopt uniform standards.

But they also heard from three formerly homeschooled ASU students who said not adopting standards for homeschoolers was unfair and discriminatory.

"It discriminates against us," ASU

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Bomb scare closes union



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UAPD Officer Christopher Scheopner dusts a suitcase containing two flowers, that was thought to be a bomb yesterday outside the Student Union Memorial Center. UAPD and the Tucson Police Department closed off part of campus for more than three hours as the suitcase was inspected by a bomb robot.

Police examine suitcase at student union; find flowers, not explosives

By Jesse Lewis
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Police evacuated the Student Union Memorial Center and the Second Street Garage yesterday afternoon after someone called police about a suspicious suitcase on the north side of the union.

The suitcase was determined not to be a bomb after the Tucson Police Department's bomb squad responded to the scene around 1 p.m. and found that the package contained two dead flowers.

Police shut down the intersection of North Mountain Avenue and East Second Street and moved nearby pedestrians across the Mall to the front of the Koffler building.

The brown typewriter suitcase sat at the base of the stairs on the north side of the building near the traffic circle. The suitcase was reported to police at 11:45 a.m., said TPD Lt. Wendell Hunt.

"We called out Explosives and Emergency Detail to make a determination if it is an (explosive) device," he said.

Using a bomb disposal robot, police determined that the suitcase was not dangerous and let everyone back into the union around 2 p.m.

Police did not know exactly when the suitcase was left at the building.

Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman, said police did not know if the incident was a crime because there is no evidence

to determine whether the suitcase was left intentionally, and because no threat was received.

"Someone could have just left the case behind; there was no written material to indicate a crime," Mejia said.

He said police are focusing on finding the suitcase's owner.

"At this point, we are going to try to determine who the owner is and, if they left it intentionally, what their intention was," he said.

A 900-person Tucson Union High School District event, taking place in the Grand Ballroom on the third floor of the

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About 40 students and Tucsonans gathered at North Fourth Avenue and East Speedway Boulevard on Saturday to march against the war in Iraq. The May Day parade was also held to protest capitalism and labor-related issues.



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May Day march mixes Iraq, labor issues

By Holly Wells
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About 40 people, including several students, marched down North Fourth Avenue Saturday to try to draw attention to International Worker's Day, also known as May Day, and to protest the war in Iraq.

The march, which set out to show support for the solidarity of workers worldwide and organized by the Tucson Radical Action Network, quickly turned into a forum for marchers to protest the American government and the war in Iraq.

"Feed the people, stop the war" and "George Bush, war criminal" were a few of the statements marchers yelled as they walked down Fourth Avenue.

The date marked the one-year anniversary of President Bush's declaration that major hostilities in Iraq had ended.

Since May 1, 2003, 594 U.S. soldiers have died, according to *The Associated Press*. As of Friday, a total of 732 U.S. service members had died since the war in Iraq began.

Brian Marks, a geography graduate student, said the purpose of the May Day March was to remind Americans that workers in other countries aren't as lucky as they are.

"The economic freedoms we have are not just gifts from God or the government; they're things working people had to fight and sometimes die for," he said.

But he said the march might have turned into an anti-war rally for some because May Day recognizes the strug-

gle between people with money and people without it.

"A lot of the people here believe war is just a scam to make money," he said. "They have a suspicion of government power and its alliance with big businesses."

Many marchers carried flags with sayings such as, "No war between nations, no peace between classes" and "Will not work for oil."

One protester carried signs with pictures of dead Iraqis and a shopping cart full of bread. He said he carried the pictures of dead Iraqis because the American media doesn't show such images.

"I'm disgusted that the U.S. is

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