Firing OK with students

By Greg Holt

Those students who shouted, "Fire Mackovic," at the football games had their wishes granted after Livengood announced former coach John Mackovic's dismissal at a press conference on Sunday.

But now that the deed has been done, students are saying that the team needs to get better before they begin to fill the stands again.

"It wouldn't change whether I go to the game. It doesn't seem like anyone's going to do better," said Tim Arbon, a studio art junior.

"I think they were impatient, and I don't necessarily think it will solve the problems the team had on the field."

John Mackovic's buyout package:

By Shane Bacon

The $909,000 buyout of former UA head football coach John Mackovic's contract will come from revenues generated solely by the UA department of intercollegiate athletics (ICA). The buyout includes zero state or tuition money.

Former head football coach Dick Tomey's buyout was also paid solely by ICA, with the final payment occurring in Jan. 2003.

Student service week in full swing

By Alexandria Blute

Siddharth Panwar joined Project Volunteer last year to get the required service hours for his fellowship recipient. Yesterday, Panwar, who is now on the organization's executive board, spent his early afternoon on the UA Mall, trying to get other students to realize they can make a difference, too.

As part of Full Service Week, Panwar and his fellow Project Volunteer members were encouraging UA students to make bookmarks for disadvantaged fifth graders.

The activity was organized by Kid Cats, a branch of Project Volunteer that pairs UA students with students from South Tucson elementary schools. Through different service-oriented activities, Project Volunteer hopes to gain new members and spread the word about volunteerism.

For the remainder of the week, members of different committees will be asking students to volunteer a few moments of their time for a good cause.

Provost to divvy faculty salaries

By Shelly Shelton

For years, legislative budget cuts have forced administrators to give dean and department heads more control over available faculty salary money, but now administrators are thinking of taking that control back.

When faculty members leave, their salary money is sent to the deans of their respective colleges, who then let their department heads vie for the money before the dean decides into which department to sweep it.

President Peter Likins and Provost George Davis want to change that in order to let the provost decide which department needs the money most.

"We are very serious about creating a mechanism for the university to reallocate some dollars across colleges," Davis said. "It's really no different than what the deans of the colleges absolutely depend on."

Some of the deans said they were uncertain what a loss of control could mean for their colleges but said they understood the basic need for centralization of funds.

"You have to have flexibility and be able to rethink what you're doing," said Mark Zupan, dean of the Eller College of Business and Public Administration.

Davis said he is not sure how such a change would affect the Eller college.

"If it could go either way, but until you see how it actually plays out, it's hard to predict," he said.

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Cats start rebuilding

11-member committee to play key role in search for new head football coach

By Shane Bacon

A committee made up of university representatives, prominent Tucson businessmen and UA athletics department officials will play a major role in choosing a permanent replacement for departed head coach John Mackovic, Athletic Director Jim Livengood said yesterday.

Senior Associate Athletics Director of Sports Programs and Operations Kathleen "Rocky" LaRose has, along with Livengood, appointed 10 members from across the Tucson area to help with the nationwide search.

Included in the committee are state board of regents chair Hank Rhyne, Tucson volunteer community leaders, local area football coaches and administrators.

"We're looking for somebody who we think will be the best fit for Arizona football," said committee member John Ferrito, the UA's senior associate athletics director for business affairs. "(He) must be able to relate to the kids and have a football mindset that fits our school."

Livengood said he was looking for someone who