

ASUA may play role in neighbor relations

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Traditionally, it has been the job of the police to respond to neighbors' complaints of loud students whose parties disrupt peaceful nights.

But now ASUA senators want to play a role in mediating the conflict by bringing students and neighbors together.

Students will be surveyed tomorrow on whether or not they want ASUA to mediate the conflict between students and the surrounding community.

The results of the survey will determine if ASUA Sen. Sara Birnbaum will go ahead with plans to establish forums that will encourage neighbors and students to listen to one another.

Birnbaum wants to have a forum in which representatives from the student body, the police and the community will draft a resolution that would encourage all parties involved to mutually respect one another.

The agreement would then be put on fliers around campus to remind students to respect the police and the community.

What to know:

▶ ASUA to survey students on whether they should mediate conflicts between students and community.

▶ ASUA to sponsor a forum to draft a resolution asking for respect between all parties.

"The forum will let the UA get a chance to listen to everybody else and also for everybody else to listen to the UA," Birnbaum said.

Dyer Lytle, president of the Jefferson Neighborhood Association, said he is open to any suggestion that will improve the level of respect between neighbors and students.

The association, which has had a number of complaints about students who live off campus, is bounded by East Grant Road on the north, North Campbell Avenue on the east, North Euclid Avenue on the west and East Lester Street on the south.

"Any form of communication is a good thing," Lytle said. "The best way to solve the

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Extended University cut

Program elimination part of 'Excellence'

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UA administrators announced yesterday that they will move ahead with plans to cut the Extended University.

Programs currently administered by the EU, including correspondence classes,

will be operated through a streamlined and downsized Office of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach in an effort to eliminate wasteful administrative overhead costs.

Extended University was one of 16 programs slated for elimination last year as part of Focused Excellence.

"What's already happened is that we have eliminated a lot of programs, and the programs that continue will be financially self-sufficient," said Patricia Van

Metre, interim dean of the Extended University.

Instead of being a separate college under a separate dean, the reorganized office will operate under the new position of Vice Provost for Instruction, a post that will temporarily be filled by Van Metre.

"We have really changed our mission. We're looking to the academic

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A Tucson Police Department officer walks past one of the squad cars involved in an accident yesterday morning at the intersection of North Euclid Avenue and East Second Street.

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Police chase ends in crash, 5 injured

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Two police cars crashed into a median while chasing a robbery suspect, sending five people to the hospital yesterday morning.

Three Tucson Police officers, a father and his son were hospitalized and later released after a police car hit a newly installed pedestrian median at 8:25 a.m. at North Euclid Avenue and East Second Street.

The intersection was blocked off until the early afternoon.

Officer Danny Peralta drove into the center turn lane while chasing an armed robbery suspect southbound on Euclid. He did not know that the concrete median had been installed. When he hit the median, his airbag deployed and his patrol car slammed into oncoming traffic, TPD spokesman Sgt. Marco Borboa said.

Peralta's patrol car hit a car driven by Xupin Zeng. Zeng's 12-year-old son was also in the car, Borboa said.

A patrol car following Peralta, driven

by officer Nowie Mendoza and carrying officer Monte Gonzales, also hit the median, but did not hit any other cars, Borboa said.

Zeng, his son and the three officers were treated at the scene, taken to University Medical Center for additional treatment and later released, UMC officials said.

Police were chasing a 1990 Nissan Altima after Peralta recognized the car's

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Protest surrounds anti-gay minister

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About 30 students, staff and members of the Tucson community protested outside the Student Union Memorial Center last night as a minister spoke against homosexuality to over 200 people.

Pride Alliance, an ASUA resource center for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, organized the protest against the appearance of Tim Wilkins, a North Carolina-based minister and

director of Cross Ministry.

Cross Ministry is a religious organization that disagrees with the homosexual lifestyle.

Wilkins' speech, which was held in the ballroom of the union, focused on his own previous homosexuality, and how his religious faith led him to become a heterosexual.

Wilkins also said that homosexuals deserve to be apologized to for the persecution they have felt from the Christian community.

"Christians have not always addressed the issue of

homosexuality as lovingly and redemptively as they should," said Wilkins during his 30-minute speech which was followed by an almost hour-long question and answer portion with audience members.

"We've not addressed this issue as well as we could. For that there needs to be an apology," he said.

But members of the Pride Alliance said Wilkins' message was offensive.

John Tucker, co-director of the Pride Alliance and a molecular and cellular biology senior, said the Refuge, a

collegiate ministry service affiliated with the Baptist Student Union, contacted the resource center in early September to ask if they would like to be involved in a dialogue with Tim Wilkins.

After Pride Alliance's executive board looked at the Cross Ministry Web site, they contacted Wilkins and asked him not to deliver his talk during National Coming Out Week, a weeklong series of events being presented by the Pride Alliance.

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CHRIS CODUTO/Arizona Daily Wildcat Creative writing senior Omar Garbarena, front, and veterinary science junior Megan Nyboer hold signs protesting Tim Wilkins, a Baptist minister, last night outside the Student Union Memorial Center.