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Likins will not act as community mediator

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President Peter Likins is no longer being considered as a mediator between students and campus-area neighbors because ASUA senators think he's biased.

Likins was the leading candidate to mediate between students and the community during ASUA's planned forum on Feb. 3 of next year.

But ASUA decided to search for someone else because they thought Likins would be inclined to defend the university, ASUA Sen. Sara Birnbaum said.

"Likins would need to defend the UA, so he isn't unbiased," Birnbaum said.

The forum will bring in community members, students, administrators and local law enforcement officers to discuss student parties around the campus and their effects on everyone concerned.

Defending the UA and its actions is exactly what Likins has had to do as the conflict between students and the community becomes a conflict between him and the community.

In the past, Likins has told neighbors that the university is not responsible for students living off campus.

"I understand their anger," Likins said. "They want someone to do something and they turn to the UA, but there are practical and legal constraints."

Likins said that student drinking is the primary reason for problems, but the UA

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A FINAL BATTLE



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Lead singer of Troy's Bucket, James Lesure, a music junior, came up short in the second annual Battle of the Bands. Local band Gorilla Behind Bars won the competition and took home the \$300 gift certificate to the Guitar Center. See page 10 for details of last night's competition.

Yavapai students detonate ice bomb

Stolen nitrogen found in rooms of bomb suspects

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Residents and staff on the third floor of the Yavapai Residence Hall were evacuated from their rooms early yesterday morning after two students threw a dry ice bomb from an outside stairwell.

Steven Kobes, a computer science senior, and John Buonagurio, an optical sciences freshman, were arrested and booked into the Pima County Jail after police found evidence that the two had stolen liquid nitrogen from a university lab and used it to create and detonate the bomb, police and school officials said.

Residents and staff from the third floor were held in the lobby of the hall, 1222 E. South Campus Drive, until 8:45 a.m. while police searched the rooms of the students suspected in the bombing.

During the search of their rooms, police found the tank of liquid nitrogen and other university items that were stolen, police reports stated.

Someone heard the bomb go off 30 minutes earlier and called UAPD at 10:41 p.m.

The Tucson Police Department Bomb Squad was called in to help investigate. They confirmed that the bomb was made from liquid nitrogen.

Jack Rothacher, a business sophomore and Yuma resident, received a knock on his door early yesterday morning.

"They said that they were the police and that

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Students confront police about underage drinking



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Prosecuting Attorney Allen Merritt sits beside City Councilwoman Kathleen Dunbar as he speaks in favor of strict penalties for underage drinking violations at the forum for student drinking yesterday.

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Students banded together to show their displeasure with law enforcement tactics and motivations at the underage drinking forum last night.

The forum, organized by Republican City Councilwoman Kathleen Dunbar, addressed issues relating to neighborhood relations and community standards, but students in attendance were most vocal about their thoughts on recent police attempts to quell underage drinking.

"You think the guy whose fake ID you took this past weekend is not going to drink this weekend?" said ASUA Senator Kartikeya Kejriwal. "He's probably going to drink more because of it."

Kejriwal was one of two students

who said the problems caused by underage drinking are based in American cultural norms.

He said the crackdown on underage drinking will not sway students from finding their way to alcohol.

"Enforcement is not going to stop the drinking," he said.

Much of the student frustration was directed at Capt. John Leavitt of the Tucson Police Department.

Leavitt, a vocal supporter of stopping underage drinking, got into a number of exchanges with students questioning police tactics.

Still, he said he understands their frustrations and believes that they will eventually see his.

"I'm taking shots from people who will grow out of it," he said. "Look, I understand where they're coming from. I was a student once too. But the issue is that people are being raped,

beaten and killed."

Dunbar received a measure of criticism from Daniel Latin, Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity alumni board president.

Although he is not in favor of underage drinking, he called into question potential civil rights violations.

"I think you are walking a fine line, possibly violating people's civil rights while attempting to get your point across," he said.

He added that fraternity houses are in unfair situations when surrounded by residential homes in the Jefferson Park neighborhood just north of campus.

"We will at all times have at least six people on the premises," he said. "We are going to have a lot of cars

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