

THREE CHEERS FOR RETIREMENT

Pomline pioneer retires from UA

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When Jacquene Amanda Price attended the UA in 1970, there were no black members of the Pom Squad.

Price was the first.

"I was somewhat of a trail-blazer," she said.

Thirty-three years later, she's finally leaving the UA.

More than 100 people filled the Student Union Memorial Center's Grand Ballroom yesterday at a celebration in honor of Price, who retired this year from the human resources department.

"She's missed," said Cathy Nicholson, director of institutional resources and information technology for human resources. "Jacque is unlike anyone I've met. She's a rare person treasured by her coworkers for her civility, warmth and graciousness."

For Price, more than three decades at the UA began in 1970 with struggles against discrimination.

"It was a wonderful time, but occasionally lonely," she said. "You meet people with all kinds of attitudes but you just have to keep a positive outlook."

Price said her involvement on the pom squad was largely attributed to a very progressive athletics director. She said she will never forget his vision of inclusion.

Price said that the biggest change she has noticed on campus is the registration process. No longer are students forced to stand in long lines for hours, thanks to



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Jacquene Price celebrated her retirement from the human resources department yesterday. Price was presented with a thank you present and recognized by coworkers and family members.

technology. There are also more fields of study compared to the '70s.

Price, who was a sociology student, began her career at the UA as a clerical worker in the football office.

She later became a receptionist and then from 1978 — 1984, she worked in the Multidisciplinary Laboratories in the College of Medicine helping first and second year med students.

After working during this time and not focusing on school, Price took advantage of an opportunity to graduate.

Attending school while pregnant, Price finished her degree in sociology with a minor in personnel and hospital administration.

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Students hunt for cheaper textbooks

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Registration is in full swing, and students who are tired of shelling out their money to the UofA Bookstore are finding cheaper places to buy their textbooks.

"I buy almost all my books from Amazon.co.uk," said Shawn Jackson, a molecular and cellular biology and biochemistry junior. "They're usually about a third off the UofA Bookstore price."

Many students said they hadn't heard about the online savings but would have purchased their books online if the savings had been advertised better.

Salina Ramirez, a biochemistry freshman, wished she'd heard about online savings earlier. Ramirez bought her books at the UofA Bookstore.

"It was the easiest," she said.

Friends told her she should have looked online in the first place, suggesting Web sites like eBay.com.

But not everyone purchasing books online does so as their first choice.

"Sometimes professors are so focused on their research that they forget to put their books through the bureaucracy in time to get them in the bookstore," said Tom Douglas, a senior majoring in Spanish and anthropology.

In those circumstances, Douglas said he usually purchases them from Amazon.

Brian Hewlett, a sociology graduate student, said that he had to go to Amazon to find one book that wasn't at the UofA Bookstore.

"They didn't have it at local libraries either, even though it's a classic," Hewlett said. "That's problematic."

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Air quality warning issued as dust, smoke fill sky

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Students should limit their outdoor activity as a combination of factors, that include the California wildfires, take their toll on Tucson's air, local experts said.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has extended an advisory warning that it issued Wednesday until 11:59 p.m. today. The advisory urges the elderly, children, and people who suffer from respiratory problems and asthma to limit outdoor activities.

Due to high winds, blowing dust, and lingering smoke, pollution particle concentrations are at unhealthy levels, according to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

"The thing to do is limit exposure to outside, if things can wait then people should wait and do

them later," said Frances Dominguez, the coordinator at the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality.

It looks like it might even get worse over the next few days as firefighters continue to struggle to put out the fires that are blazing from San Diego to Los Angeles, Dominguez said.

Yesterday, as a haze settled over Tucson, clouding the mountains, some wondered whether the smoke from the fire had reached Tucson.

"I did notice a difference in the sky, and I presumed that's (the California fires) what it was," said Susan Ott, a member of the UA theatre arts advisory board.

But Dominguez said that she is not sure whether the wildfires caused the decreased visibility, citing high winds and blowing dust as the probable causes.

"I thought it was cloudy," said Manuel Mascarenas, an economics senior. "I thought there were

clouds and some dust."

The Pima County Department of Environmental Quality also issued an advisory on Wednesday. That advisory expired yesterday.

The pollution particles in the air concern health advisors because the particles can pass through the nose hairs that usually serve as protection. If people have breathing problems, this can make matters worse.

Symptoms people will have are itchy, watery eyes, an itch nose, coughing, and headaches. People should definitely visit their doctor if they have respiratory problems and are experiencing these symptoms.

"It almost looked like it was going to rain," said Rebecca Blakiston, an interdisciplinary studies junior. "But I didn't notice a breathing difference or anything. It just looked different."

— Eliza Tebo and Sam Gorman contributed to this report



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A haze was visible over the Tucson skyline late yesterday afternoon, looking northwest from the roof of the Henry Koeffler building.