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Planning director awarded for efforts

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Since administrators announced the elimination of the School of Planning last year, Barbara Becker has been fighting to save her school.

Although Becker, director of the School of Planning, said she feels like she's fighting a losing battle, her efforts are winning her honors.

Becker received a national award last month from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

"There are many people who do wonderful things, but I gave the award to professor Becker in recognition of her heroic efforts this past year," said Wim Wiewel, who was president of ACSP at the time the award was given.

"She fought not just for her program, its faculty, and students, but also for good planning practice in the state of Arizona and indeed for the planning field as a whole," Wiewel said.

While attending the Administrator's Conference at Amelia Island Plantation in Florida, Becker was taken off guard when she was presented with the Presidential Service Citation.

"The award was a big deal to me. It's not like I won a gazillion-dollar grant, which is what the administration would rather see, but it's significant to me," Becker said.

Although President Peter Likins said he is still planning to move ahead with his decision to eliminate the School of Planning, he said Becker deserves to be recognized.

"I personally have great admiration for her. She's a good professor and an excellent person who has dealt with the elimination announcement with great grace and dignity," he said. "If she's been acknowledged for her work defending the school of planning, then I think that's entirely appropriate."

Last January, Likins announced that the school was one of 16 to be cut under Focused Excellence.

In April, administrators pulled the College of Planning off the chopping block and proposed that it be moved from the College of Architecture to the College of Public Health.

But over the summer administrators decided to go ahead with plans to eliminate the school because a move into the College of Public Health would be too expensive.

"It's surprising that a strong program can just

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Panel speaker Jomar Jenkins, an undeclared junior, addresses a question at the Create a Hate Free Zone forum last night in the Modern Languages building.

Greek forum addresses problem of stereotypes

By Alexis Blue
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Members of Theta Nu Xi multicultural sorority want students to know that words can hurt.

Theta Nu Xi's second annual "Create a Hate Free Zone" forum addressed the negative effects stereotypes and derogatory language can have on all groups of people.

"A lot of people don't realize how what they say can affect other people," said

Priyanka Gupta, president of Theta Nu Xi.

About 90 people attended last night's forum in the Modern Languages auditorium. The forum lasted almost three hours.

The three speakers at the forum addressed stereotypes based on many different factors, including race, gender and sexual preference.

A panel discussion with students, staff and members of the Tucson community

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Spring fling to stay at Rillito

Annual carnival will never return to Mall

By Elizabeth Thompson
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For the first 26 years of its existence, Spring Fling took place on the UA Mall.

But for the last three years it has been held at Rillito Downs — and according to Spring Fling coordinators, that's where it's going to stay.

Tricia Domschke, public relations director for Spring Fling, said the primary reason why the carnival will never return to the Mall is because it would exclude people with disabilities from the event.

Domschke, a communication junior, said that if Spring Fling were on the Mall, fences that are used to contain Spring Fling would make it inaccessible to people in wheelchairs.

Collette Gallegos, an undeclared freshman from Tucson, remembers when Spring Fling was on the Mall and wishes the event hadn't been relocated.

"I hate that. It was so much more fun on the Mall. It's so dusty at the Rillito," she said.

Domschke said the move to Rillito Downs, on the corner of North First Avenue and East River Road, is also due to a lack of space on the Mall.

With over 30 rides and 3,000 students involved, more space is needed for the event.

The carnival, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, needs seven acres now compared to the two acres it took up when it first began.

Spring Fling, the largest student-run carnival in the nation, hosted 28,000 attendees last year and about 120 student clubs and organizations help to put it on. It raised \$80,000 for student clubs and organizations.

The event was first moved off

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UA-produced Ariz. stats book wins award

By Nathan Tafoya
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It's no longer necessary for students to spend hours flipping through reference books trying to locate information on Arizona public school expenditures or statistics on the poverty status of Arizona counties.

Students looking for Arizona-related statistics can now consult the award-winning 2003 Arizona Statistical Abstract, published by the

UA's Economic and Business Research program.

The 700-page data handbook was nationally recognized when it received the Award of Excellence in Publications from the Association for University Business and Economic Research last month.

EBR researchers, Pia Montoya, a 1977 alumnus, and Valorie Rice, who received her graduate degree at the UA in 1994, compiled the newest

edition with the help of current students.

The EBR at Eller College is a coordinating agency for the Arizona State Data Center. Its purpose is to provide demographic and economic data to the public.

Marshall Vest, the EBR program director, said Montoya and Rice get the credit for putting together the best example of a state statistical abstract.

"It's formatted in a way that makes it very useful,"

Vest said. "So when somebody goes into a library and asks about social or economic data about Arizona or about Tucson, the librarian is going to go straight for this book."

Montoya and Rice said state decision makers, businesses and libraries are among those who use the abstract to obtain information about demographics and economics in Arizona.

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Valorie Rice, left, and Pia Montoya of the Eller College of Business authored the award-winning 2003 Arizona Statistical Abstract.