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## No end in sight for heat wave

By Ashley Nowe  
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It doesn't take a meteorologist to notice that it is unseasonably warm outside.

But it's not just the heat that is affecting Tucson, it's a lack of rainfall, too.

For the past seven years Tucson's average annual rain-

fall has declined 20 percent causing a serious drought, said UA urban horticulture agent John Begeman.

"Ordinarily this doesn't seem like a significant decline in rainfall, but we really depend on every bit of rain," Begeman said.

As the drought continues, Tucson is losing more large trees, which causes a loss of

shade.

With less shade the temperature rises and water evaporates, leaving the remaining plants strapped for water, Begeman said.

During the month of November, temperatures were above the 1971 — 2000 average for virtually all of Arizona, according to the Climate Assessment for the

Southwest Web site.

Although drought is determined solely by measuring current rainfall with average rainfall, hot temperatures can worsen the drought, said Kathy Jacobs, associate professor and specialist for the UA water resource center.

"When it gets hotter, it

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## Bonuses may put Stoops past \$1M

By Brett Fera  
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Newly appointed head football coach Mike Stoops could earn close to \$1.2 million in salary and incentives, according to his five-year contract made available by the UA yesterday.

Stoops was hired last week to replace former UA head football coach John Mackovic and interim head coach Mike Hankwitz after the Arizona program suffered its first 10-loss season in school history, finishing 2-10 overall. The team also finished last in the Pacific 10 Conference for the first time ever with a 1-7 mark.

The deal will pay Stoops \$650,000 to start — \$350,000 in base salary and another \$300,000 for radio and television appearances, speaking engagements and public appearances, according to the contract. The salary is \$150,000 less than Mackovic's contract.

Stoops has spent the last five seasons as associate head coach and co-defensive coordinator at Oklahoma, currently the nation's top-ranked team. The Sooners, led by head coach Bob Stoops, Mike Stoops' brother, face Kansas State Saturday in the Big 12 Championship game in Kansas City, Mo. Stoops will be on the sidelines for the game, but will be in Tucson Dec. 8 to take over full-time duties at Arizona.

Oklahoma is expected play in the Nokia Sugar Bowl in January for a shot at the Bowl Championship Series title.



Mike Stoops

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## THE ART OF CLASSES



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Art history junior Erica Zuhlsdorf rubs ink onto an intaglio plate to make one of her 15 final prints for her Printmaking 256 class last night in the Art building. Zuhlsdorf was working on her prints late into the night to catch up on time missed for being sick last week.

## Ariz. students encouraged to register to vote

By Dana Crudo  
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Student lobbyists said they are optimistic that ASU and NAU student government officers will be starting off next semester donning "I love UA," T-shirts.

That will be the punishment if UA claims victory in this year's Voter Registration Challenge that will end this Friday.

"NAU has typically won the competition, however, UA has had several strong years and has pulled through as No. 1 on numerous occasions," said Alistair Chapman, a student lobbyist.

The six week long competition with the three universities puts student lobbyists to the test by seeing which university can get the most students registered to vote.

"We hope that the other two universities will be wearing a shirt stating 'I love UA,'" Chapman said.

Melanie Rainer, ASUA executive vice president and former student lobbyist, said last year's competition brought in 300 to 400 completed registration forms.

She said that getting students to register this year is more challenging since no elections are occurring, thus there is no sense of urgency like there was

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## Admins want clearer guidelines for reporting thefts on campus

By Andrea Kelly  
STAFF WRITER

The Faculty Senate discussed policy amendments yesterday that would more clearly define which thefts and misuses of university property must be reported to administrators.

If the changes are passed, they will require university employees to report illegal behavior, incidents involving items worth more than \$500 and misuse of university property that benefits an employee.

The proposed changes will be up for review at the next meeting in January.

The amendments come one month after two students were arrested for stealing nitrogen from a university lab and using it to make a bomb, which they detonated outside Yavapai Residence Hall. The theft of the liquid nitrogen was not initially reported because those who used the laboratory thought it was misplaced, not stolen.

Andrew Silverman, a clinical professor of law, questioned one part of the amendment that would

require employees to report violations of rules or policies that would embarrass the UA or the Arizona Board of Regents if the public found out. He asked for more context for the proposal.

President Peter Likins said the embarrassment part of the policy should be taken out, and that the policy just needed to be clarified.

Senators also said they were concerned about the purpose for the policy update because no particular event was cited to bring about these changes.

"What's broken that needs to be fixed?" said Marlys Witte, a professor of surgery. "After reading the newspaper it made it seem like there was a rash of incidents."

She referred to a story in yesterday's *Arizona Daily Star* that mentioned the policy along with statistics from the Campus Safety and Security Report about theft, bicycle theft, robbery and burglary in the 2002-2003 school year.

"This report is intended to fix a small problem," Likins said. "It's not a giant issue, just tidying up

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President Likins addresses the Faculty Senate at their meeting yesterday afternoon. Members of the senate discussed amendments to a policy on the misuse of university property.