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Rainfall brings plenty of bees



**College brings in
removal experts**

By Alexis Blue
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Experts are warning people to beware of bees as an exceptionally busy insect season swarms Tucson.

Because of above-average rainfall the city received this season, flowers are thriving, and that may mean more bees than usual, said Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman, director of the Carl Hayden Bee Research Center in Tucson.

"We expect a good bloom season," said DeGrandi-Hoffman, an adjunct professor in the entomology department. "And the more flowers there are, the more pollen and nectar there is."

In the past three weeks there have

been 10 to 12 bee swarms reported on campus, said Deryl Smith, assistant director of Facilities Management's grounds services department.

Last week, an Arizona Diamondbacks spring training game at Tucson Electric Park was called in the fifth inning after a swarm of bees invaded the field.

And experts say the bee season is just beginning.

Dave Langston, a Tucson entomologist and superintendent of the UA's Maricopa Agricultural Center, said in Arizona it is safe to assume almost all bees in the wild are Africanized, or so-called "killer" bees.

Langston, who researched Africanized bees and worked on the UA's Africanized Honey Bee Education Project before the insects arrived in Arizona in 1993, said despite popular belief Africanized

bees are an aggressive species that attack without reason, the bees only attack when they feel threatened.

"They're highly defensive of their colony, food supply and their young," said Langston, also an adjunct entomology professor. "Forty to 60 percent of the colony will come out to defend (the colony)."

On campus, trash barrels filled with sticky soda cans often attract bees looking for food, but Langston said bees "foraging" for food are not likely to attack.

However, where bees are feeding, it is possible there could be a colony nearby, Langston said.

When bee swarms are reported on campus, the grounds services department barricades the area and calls in bee removal experts, Smith said.

But Smith said it is impossible to

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Bystanders OK after car crash

By Cassie Blombaum
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Several bystanders were in for a major scare Thursday when a 1991 Ford Windstar crashed into a Jeep, which injured passengers and left shattered glass along the roadside.

According to police records obtained from the Tucson Police Department, a car accident resulting in a few injuries occurred on the corner of East Helen Street and North Park Avenue at about 3 p.m.

Jerrod Harris, a computer science senior, was a witness of the accident and he said the incident was quite shocking and happened a mere 4 feet in front of him.

"As I stepped out (onto Park) I saw a van come out of 7-Eleven at a very high rate of speed," said Harris. "It then almost slammed into another car leaving the garage near there."

Harris said the driver of the van made a speedy sharp turn onto Helen going west, but never made it.

"It was slammed by a Jeep going south on Park," Harris said. "Both cars spun out of control and landed with the van almost flipping on its side to within 5 feet of where I was standing on the corner."

Harris also said he could hear the passengers in the van yelling.

"The passengers in the van (were) screaming 'Go go go!'" Harris said.

Following the crash, glass from the cars began to shatter, Harris said.

"Glass had been thrown everywhere from the van's windows," Harris said. "Next thing I know the driver and a passenger open the driver-side door of the van and about 15 to 20 beers land on the ground."

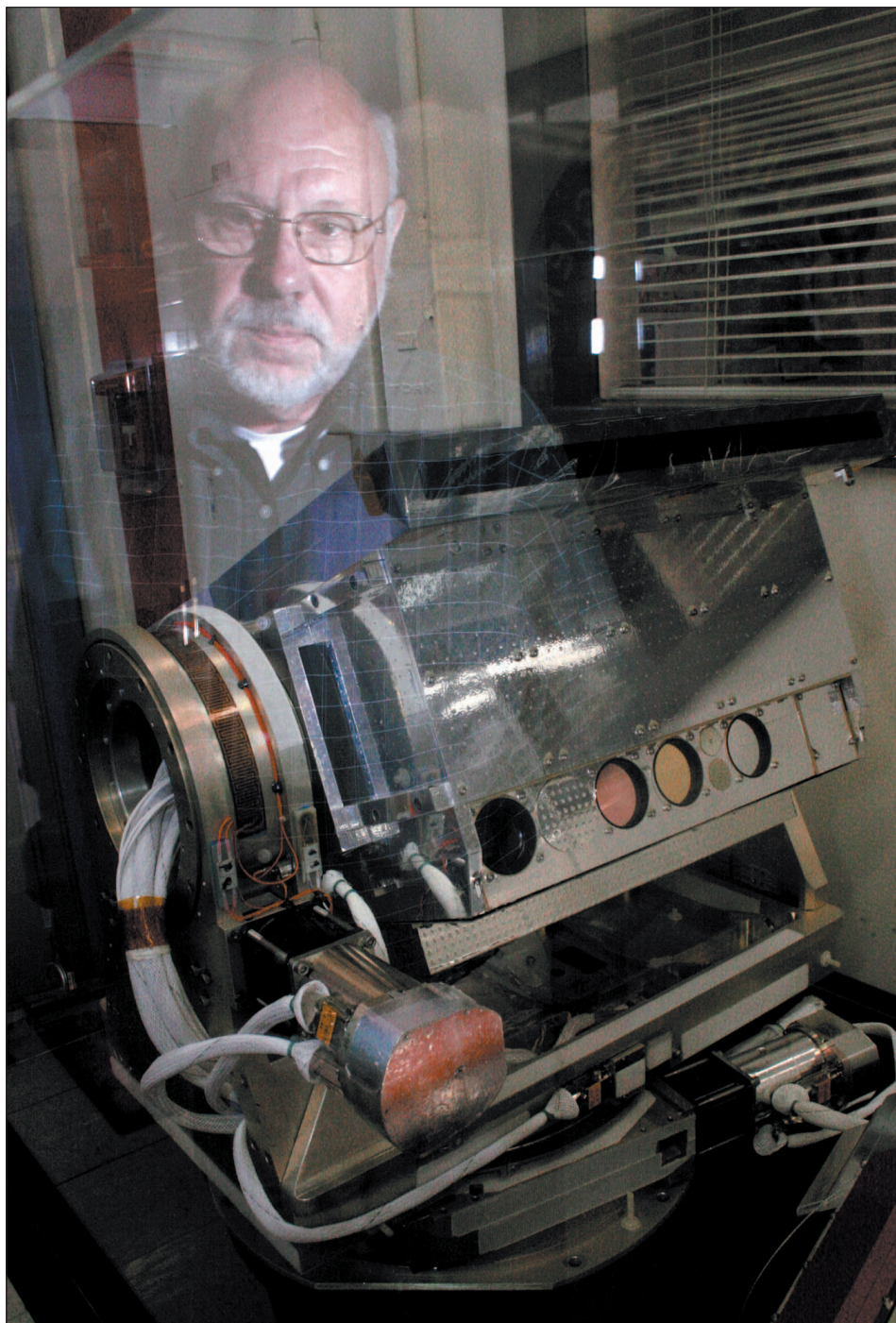
Harris also noticed a passenger sitting on the passenger side of the van had fallen unconscious while the driver picked up the beers.

"I walked up to the driver and looked into the van and saw the guy who was sitting shot-gun unconscious," Harris said. "The driver and another passenger picked up multiple beers and started walking fast west on Helen."

Harris said when the passenger in the van came to his senses, he heard him complain about

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HEAVY METAL



Robert Kingsley, director of the University Research Instrumentation Center, looks at an instrument the center constructed for John Glenn's 1998 space mission. SEE STORY, PAGE 3

Likins budget focuses on 'excellence'

Faculty, staff react
to reallocations

By Natasha Bhuyan
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President Peter Likins defended the budget reallocations announced last week and said the move will enable the UA to continue the Focused Excellence initiative by directing resources toward strong programs while stabilizing the university budget in three years.

Last week, university officials revealed nine budget reallocation strategies which would centralize university funding, including a half percent budget cut, a 10 percent carry forward tax and an increase in summer session tuition.

"In theory, that should equate to greater resource allocation to units with unmet needs and diminished allocations to those whose needs are not as severe," said Chris Segrin, department head of communication. "Whether budgets will actually redistribute in a fashion that is consistent with the term remains to be seen."

But Likins said administrators are "not just taking care of the poor" with the centralized funding, as many of the investments will go toward "excellent" programs.

While the budget reallocation will serve as a means to provide resources to programs that demonstrate excellence, Provost George Davis said some money will also be spent on units needing funding.

"Focused Excellence comes with the understanding the university must make some comprehensive investments," Davis said.

Introduced two and a half years ago, Focused Excellence called for the UA to capitalize on its strengths with the implicit understanding there would need to be

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