College tops in minority enrollment

Health college at top in American Indian student enrollment in U.S.

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Schools of Public Health states that among 33 accredited schools of public health, the Nell and I. M. Scholl School of Public Health ranks in the top 10 in total minority enrollment in accredited schools of public health.

"The data reflects our commitment and mission to eliminate health disparities in the Southwest," said G. Marie Swanson, dean of the Zuckerman College of Public Health, in a press release.

"The College not only attracts minority populations to recruit faculty, staff and students, but also focuses on its community service and research in these populations.

"Programs within the Zuckerman College of Public Health concentrate on the reduction of health disparities, the maintenance of healthy communities and the promotion of healthy lifestyles."

According to the ASPH’s annual data report, 19 percent of students enrolled in the college in fall 2003 were from minority populations, or that 30 percent, 15 percent identified themselves as Hispanic, and 9.1 percent identified themselves as Asian.

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UA senior named top chemical engineer

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The American Institute of Chemical Engineers named a UA student the top chemical engineering student in the nation for 2004.

The AIChe award of $5,800 John J. McKetta Undergraduate Scholarship to Stephanie Freeman, a chemical engineering senior.

The McKetta award emphasizes leadership, a requirement Freeman fulfilled by serving as the vice president of the UA chapter of AIChe last spring.

Other criteria for the selection of the top student award were an essay detailing the student’s future plans, including the student’s career goals, along with three letters of recommendation, Freeman said.

Freeman’s plans for the future involve studying abroad in Europe post-graduation, and then getting her Ph.D in the United States.

"I would like to gain a global perspective with my graduate education and earn a master’s degree abroad before returning to the U.S. to pursue a Ph.D in environmental engineering," Freeman said.

The University of California at Berkeley, Stanford, and the University of Texas in Austin are a few of the schools Freeman is considering for her master’s degree, she said.

"I am also looking into a few foreign universities like Wageningen University and the Technical University of Delft, both in the Netherlands," Freeman said.

In the future, Freeman says she would like to work in the field of research and development for wastewater treatment utilizing bioremediation.

Bioremediation involves removing or

ASUA to discuss Dec. graduation at town hall

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ASUA senators announced plans to hold a town hall meeting to address concerns about the cancellation of the December university-wide commencement ceremony.

A special Senate meeting was called Friday to approve funding for the town hall, which will take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Riva Auditorium of the Student Union Memorial Center.

After the seemingly sudden decision to cancel the