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QUICK HITS

ASUA senate still plans to hold impeachment hearing

Student officials are still planning to hold an impeachment hearing for ASUA President Cade Bernsen but are unsure when the hearing will take place, sources said.

"We're still trying to figure out the right procedure," said Sen. Matt Boepple, a political science sophomore.

The hearing will not take place at tonight's senate meeting.

The hearing was previously set for Dec. 7, but was postponed indefinitely due to a technicality in the Associated Students of the University of Arizona constitution.



Cade Bernsen

The ASUA Supreme Court, according to the ASUA constitution, must try any ASUA official impeached within two weeks of the decision.

The senate decided to hold an impeachment hearing after Bernsen was accused of allegedly sexually harassing two ASUA officials.

Bernsen has denied the allegations, calling them "completely and totally false" in a Dec. 1 statement.

The purpose of the impeachment hearing is not to determine whether Bernsen is innocent or guilty regarding the harassment complaints, but to decide whether to file impeachment charges, said Sen. Patrick Cook last month.

— Nick Smith

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Likins returns after surgery

President treated for kidney stones, given pacemaker during New Year's

By Nicole Santa Cruz
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

New Year's is usually marked as a festive occasion with people partying the night away with music, dancing and plenty of drinking. This

annual ritual is a way for us to say goodbye to the old year and welcome the new.

But this New Year's was different for UA President Peter Likins, who spent the last three nights of 2005 quietly recuperating after surgery

at the University Medical Center.

Likins admitted himself to University Medical Center Dec. 29 for a routine treatment of a suspected kidney stone and underwent a procedure to remove the kidney stone Dec. 30, according to a press release.

A physical assessment



Peter Likins

prior to the Dec. 30 surgery revealed the need for Likins to have a pacemaker, which was successfully implanted on Dec. 31, the release said.

Likins said that from a doctor's perspective, the two surgeries he underwent were routine, even though it

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BOOKSTORE BLUES



Courtney Smith/Arizona Daily Wildcat

UA students wait in line yesterday at the UofA Bookstore to purchase their books before spring classes begin. Students have the option to reserve their books online in order to minimize waiting time.

Ill ASUA senator resigns from post

Matt Loehman undergoes 2nd spinal surgery

By Zach Colick
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A student government senator resigned last week after an MRI revealed his spinal cord was not healing properly from a November surgery, forcing him to return to Tucson last week to undergo a second procedure to fix the problem.

Associated Students of the University of Arizona Sen. Matt Loehman resigned from his senatorial position last week and will take a break from classes for the spring semester.

Since late July, he has been suffering from spinal stenosis, a condition in which the spinal cord becomes narrowed, limiting circulation in the arms and legs.

Loehman said his condition had worsened significantly since mid-December, causing him to lose a lot of the independence he had gained through post-surgery rehabilitation. Much of his strength and coordination deteriorated,

making it hard for him to walk or grip a pen.

Last week Loehman returned to Tucson to undergo a second surgery, which he said was successful.

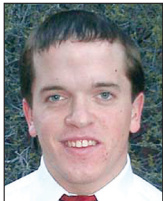
"The doctors were finally able to decompress my spinal cord by removing an extensive amount of scar tissue, which the first surgery wasn't able to do," said Loehman, a business junior, who will be at University Medical Center for another week before returning home to New Mexico for outpatient recovery.

ASUA will continue working without Loehman, whose voice and decision-making powers in carrying out projects will be sorely missed, said Sen. Patrick Cook, a pre-education sophomore.

Loehman plans to return to the UA for summer school, but considers his resignation and break from school "the responsible thing to do at this point."

A replacement has not been named for Loehman and it is the job of President Cade Bernsen to appoint a new senator.

Both Loehman and his doctors



Matt Loehman

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'Bear Down' composer dies

Jack Lee served as band director for 33 years

By Seth Mauzy
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A piece of the university's musical heritage was lost over the holiday break as Jack Kenneth Lee, former UA director of bands and composer of the school's fight song, died Dec. 23 of Alzheimer's disease. He was 84.

Lee served as the UA's director of bands for 33 years, brought

prestige and notoriety to the Pride of Arizona marching band as a member of the American Bandmasters Association, and touched the lives of more than 2,000 students who played under his direction.

Lee began his legacy at the UA in 1952, when the then-assistant marching band director at the University of Michigan flew to Tucson to interview for the job of director of bands at the UA.

On the return flight, Lee noticed the motto "Bear Down" painted on the roof of the Bear Down

Gymnasium, and he spent the rest of the flight composing a tune that would become the most well known song on campus.

Lee had his hands full as director of bands at the UA. He directed the marching and symphonic bands as well as The Hepcats, a jazz combo that played at basketball games and other smaller events that would later become the pep band.

"He was such a multit talented individual," said Alice



Jack Lee



Photo courtesy of Deon Doulein

Former UA director of bands and composer of the UA's 'Bear Down, Arizona' fight song, Jack Kenneth Lee died Dec. 23 at the age of 84. The memorial service honoring Lee was held in the Bear Down Gymnasium over the break.

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