Mike Bibby’s UA jersey retired

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There may have been a basketball game last night at McKale Center, but for the first time in a long while, the UA men’s basketball team was not the main event.

Mike Bibby, who spent two seasons at the UA and led the Wildcats to the national championship in 1997, was in attendance to have his No. 10 jersey retired, joining former UA greats Steve Kerr and Sean Elliott as the only Wildcats to earn such an honor.

“Winner,” “team player” and “all-around good guy” were just some of the terms thrown around by Arizona players, coaches and UA administrators about Bibby last night.

“I’ve preserved Mike not just as an athlete. I’ve preserved what kind of young man he is,” UA head coach Lute Olson said. “You can see that he’s still the same type of young man that he was when he was here.”

After the Wildcats defeated Southern Utah 106-46, Bibby came onto the court with members of his family, including his mother Virginia, his girlfriend Darcy and his young son, Michael, to see his famous No. 10 hang from the south wall of McKale Center.

“Mike had a mother who couldn’t be a prouder person for raising a young man as she did,” Olson said.

Bibby posed for pictures and watched as three-minute highlight tapes were shown, standing alongside Olson.

When the video was done, Olson took the microphone and praised Bibby for representing the UA.

“I don’t believe there can be a more unselfish player than Mike Bibby,” Olson said. “We’re so proud of what you did here, and we continue to be.

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Res. Life leaders converge on campus

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Students from schools in Canada and the western states began a conference at UA yesterday to learn how to be better leaders.

The Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls Conference began yesterday, and 350 students from 26 schools will be on campus until Sunday participating in workshops with UA residence halls.

The annual conference rotates between schools in the region, and this year the UA’s IACRHR members were the host institution.

The IACRHR dior has spent $67,000 to put together the leadership conference, and organizers say the program has been smooth and they’re excited for their hard work to pay off.

Assistant director of Residence Life Teresa Moore said the conference is a way to bring all the residence halls across the state together and work on the conference as a whole.

“Everything has been pretty smooth, and we have been fine and really pleased with this conference,” Moore said.

The conference was paid for by the National Survey Research and $3,000 allocated by the Residence Hall Association, Moore said.

Students from schools in Canada, New Mexico State, University of Colorado-Boulder, University of Utah, Colorado College and the University of Wyoming will be at the conference participating in workshops on topics such as personal development, leadership development and global and campus issues.

Daily Times, entertainment chair for the conference, said the planning committee has a lot of room to improve.

Five days remain from the UA’s annual Diva La Vie will be performed in IACRHR at the U’s Haas Hall, where the delegates will be staying.

The UA’s Swing Cats will perform and give swing dancing lessons to attendees. There will also be a

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Engineering groups join forces for fair

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Two campus engineering clubs will join forces tomorrow to host their first formal event for free to meet representatives from the engineering and technology industry.

The evening with the industry, hosted by the Society of Women Engineers and the National Society of Black Engineers, will give students the opportunity to sit down and talk with representatives from companies they might be interested in working for.

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Club aims to increase UA organ donation

By Jennifer Ansley
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A new club wants students to serve the community after they die.

The UA Students for Organ Donation, which will begin official meetings and activities next semester, will aim to educate and register students to donate their organs, as well as debunk common misconceptions about organ donation.

“We can save lives. Our main goal is to get the pool of donors increased on campus,” said Amina Shonka, the president and founder of the UAOD.

Shonka, a psychology senior, said she hopes the club will be on the UA Mall every other week to talk to students and creatively show them how much the community is in need of donors.

She said almost 100 students in Arizona ages 18 to 34 are on the waiting list for an organ transplant.

“These people are young and haven’t lived their life. We need to reach out to them,” Shonka said.

During an introductory meeting last week, Brandon Koofelck, a member of the UAOD, said people sometimes hesitate to register to be an organ donor because they do not know enough about the process.

More than 87,000 people in the United States are waiting for transplants, yet only 20,000 to 25,000 are given transplants each year, said Koofelck, a general biology sophomore.

In Arizona, more than 1,000 people are waiting for some kind

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