Pres. Likins: No pain, no gain
President looks to better days in State of University address

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Although university employees may be feeling “pain” now due to budget cuts and program eliminations, the UA has a promising future because of bold visions and higher standards of excellence, said UA President Peter Likins yesterday.

In his State of the University address, Likins spoke about the UA’s national future to an audience of more than 500, including U.S. Congressmen Jan KOLTIE (R-AZ), former US Congressman Jim McNulty, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, and three past UA presidents: John Schaefer, Henry Koffler, and Manuel T. Padrco.

During his speech, Likins discussed the program called Focus Excellence, a plan that allocates funds to strengthen specific programs, which was introduced two years ago in response to limited resources for “excellent performance.”

Likins said Focus Excellence is difficult to implement because any time there is program restructuring, it hits university members. However, Likins said if the university spends its limited resources wisely, programs that are perceived to be good, the UA will never be great.

“People are feeling pain now, (but) the gain comes later.” Likins said. “Focused Excellence is hard work today, but it will make sense that some time tomorrow.”

Likins said the university is in a situation where it is dramatically restructuring itself and bold initiatives will launch the UA higher into the national university ranks.

Referring to the UA College of Medicine’s expansion into鸿博士 and the Rio Nuevo downtown revitalization project, Likins said “the vision that will allow us to meet the challenges of the future as well as the needs of the 21st century.” Likins said those visions require “a more visionary, more forward-looking leadership.”

Likins said the UA Science Center, which will house the UA College of Medicine in the Rio Nuevo development project, will also be “a bold, creative, and successful” project that will attract outside investors.

Likins said the UA has to think expansively. “You don’t go there by counting your money — you get there with a compelling vision.”

Serial rapist Selby found hanging from cell window

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Convicted serial rapist James Allen Selby was found dead in his cell yesterday at Pima County Jail, after apparently hanging himself, authorities said.

His death occurred the day he was scheduled to be sentenced for sexually assaulting five Tucson women and a 17-year-old girl between October 2001 and November 2002. One of the women was a UA student at the time. Selby could have faced life in prison.

A correction officer at the jail found Selby, 39, hanging from the window of his cell by sheets from his bed at 7 a.m. yesterday, said Deputy Dow Barranca, Pima County Sheriff’s Department spokesman.

CPR and medical care were immediately initiated and paramedics were called to the scene, according to the Pima County Sheriff’s Department press release.

“He was pronounced dead 30 minutes later,” Barranca said.

The sheriff’s department’s homicide unit is investigating the incident in order to rule out homicide as the cause.

“They are investigating to ensure it was a suicide,” Barranca said.

The sentencing was cancelled when news of Selby’s death was received, said David Ricker, community relation coordinator at the Pima County Superior Court.

Judge Howard Bell, the judge in Selby’s case, is only commenting on the death through Ricker.

He spoke with Ricker yesterday morning when the sentencing was cancelled.

“Surprise it to say, Mr. Selby would have received a sentence that would ensure he would never again endanger this community,” Ricker said on fell’s behalf.

UA’s Cassini team to probe Titan, Saturn’s largest moon

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The Cassini-Huygens spacecraft orbiting Titan, Saturn’s largest moon, will release a lunar probe on Christmas Day that will probe the mysterious moon’s thick atmosphere and be the first to land on a world in the outer solar system.

UA professor Jonathan Lunine, one of the interdisciplinary scientists working on the mission, described Titan as “the last unexplored Earth-like environment.”

“I think it will be an incredibly exciting and rewarding world to study,” Lunine said, NASAs, along with several UA

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