Hay spill halts Campbell traffic

A police officer questions a truck driver yesterday afternoon after his truck dumped bales of hay in the street when he attempted an unsafe turn. The mishap caused Campbell Avenue near Speedway Boulevard to be closed for half an hour.

Hay truck overturns in front of UMC, delaying traffic for hours

A two-trailer hay truck tipped over yesterday stopping traffic in front of University Medical Center for two hours and spilling hay onto North Campbell Avenue.

The driver was trying to make a U-turn when the back of the front trailer hit the front of the back trailer, throwing the front trailer onto its side and causing bales of hay to fall onto the street, said Sgt. Marco Borboa, Tucson Police Department spokesman. The driver was cited for making an unsafe turn and for losing his load, Borboa said. No one was hurt in the accident and no other cars were damaged.

However, the University of Arizona Police Department and TPD did have to block traffic on northbound North Campbell Avenue between East Speedway Boulevard and East Elm Street for about two hours while the bales of hay were cleaned out of the street, Borboa said. Joe Lovell, who is visiting from Indiana, was walking his dog when he noticed the overturned truck.

“When I got here the trailer was at a 45-degree angle on its side,” Lovell said, “I bet the driver’s embarrassed. This is a mess.”

Police directed traffic while workers moved the hay bales to a side street and shoveled up loose hay.

The traffic block did not seem to affect patient entrance into UMC.

Katie Riley, from the UMC public relations office, said the UMC administration did not even know about the accident. She said the blocked traffic must not have been an issue for the hospital.

Administration blames state Legislature for ‘brain drain’

The decline in state funding has created an atmosphere at the UA where some faculty doubt whether the administration can support their needs.

Prevent George Davis blames the loss of talented faculty at the UA, known as “brain drain,” to repeated cuts in funding by the state Legislature.

“Not matter how well the UA functions, there is a record and a reality of repeated rejections of funding at the state level,” Davis said. “Legislators have other priorities they need to throw dollars at.”

Davis said the steady decline in funding causes a great amount of anxiety among UA faculty as they doubt whether the UA can support their research.

“It dashes our administration’s vision and plans,” Davis said.

Continued yearly cuts in the amount of funding by the state have hindered the UA’s ability to complete buildings or other capital projects, Davis complained.

“We are unable to plant projects, despite our stated intentions,” Davis said.

Davis did credit the state Legislature in finding funding for two recent capital projects, the BIO5 Institute and an addition to the Old Chemistry building.

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He referenced the article, “Zealotry damaging to nation,” by Garry Wills, an adjunct professor of history at Northwestern University.

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He said he was giving a lecture on the phenomenon of the Hopi people’s Great Abandonment in the Four Corners area. He gave five scientific examples and one fantasy, extraterrestrial example.

The lecture had nothing to do with evolution; it was an example of how scientific and non-scientific explanations raise issues of multiple narrative or points of view and how