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Admissions proposal to diversify UA campus

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When the University of Michigan entered the national spotlight last year for its policy on the role of race in admissions, UA President Pete Likins said he would stay out of the debate.

Now, shortly after filing a legal brief opposing an alternative to Michigan's policy, he says he can't avoid the discussion.

Likins plans to push forward with admissions proposals that will give special consideration to minorities as part of his plan to make the UA more diverse, even as the Supreme Court considers the Michigan case, which could have major implications on the role of race in university admissions.

Diversity has been a centerpiece of Likins' Focused Excellence plan, and even if the court outlaws the use of race as a factor in university admissions, Likins said he is

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TOURING CAMPUS



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Spanish and communications senior Meighan Burke gives a campus tour to the Mergel family yesterday afternoon. Paul, 16 (left), and Jack, 15, came to UA with their mother Beth from Michigan to see what UA has to offer for their college education.

Teach-in professors express opposition to war with Iraq

By Aaron Mackey
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Four UA professors held a teach-in on the effects of a possible war with Iraq and expressed their opposition to a U.S. attack in front of an almost full auditorium last night.

The event, entitled, "Teach-In: Motivations and Wisdom on the Pending War with Iraq," featured opinions on Iraq from the history, philosophy, Near Eastern studies and political science departments.

All four professors presented views opposing U.S. military action in Iraq. They were each given 15 minutes to express their individual concerns, followed by an hour-long question and answer session.

Addressing the crowd, associate philosophy professor Thomas Christiano said he fears the United States does not fully comprehend the adverse effects that a war with Iraq has for the Iraqi people.

"When one wages war against another society ... what happens is we visit a veritable cataclysm on the people we attack," Christiano said.

Christiano asked the crowd to change its perspective and try to visualize what life would be like if they were living in a country about to be invaded.

History professor Richard Eaton said the U.S. government has wanted to re-invade Iraq as early as 1996. The U.S. hopes to remove Saddam Hussein and replace him with a leader who is friendly to Israel and the U.S., Eaton said.

Eaton also believes that the Bush administration has, "skillfully exploited the fears of 9/11," by



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Dr. Thomas Christiano, associate professor of philosophy, speaks at a campus forum regarding pending hostilities in Iraq.

pushing toward a war with Iraq.

Viewing Sept. 11 as a function of evil does not fully address the situation, because the attacks need to be examined as effects of U.S. foreign policy, Eaton said.

Political science professor David Gibbs claimed that since the end of the Cold War, the U.S. has

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GOP legislators may delay cuts until next year

Students lunch with
lawmakers, hoping
to impact future
budget decisions

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PHOENIX — Republican lawmakers will propose cutting "a lot less" from UA and the Arizona Health Sciences Center in the rest of this fiscal year than the \$15.8 million they proposed late last month, speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives said yesterday.

Instead, they will cut the remainder after July 1, meaning that GOP lawmakers who control the House and Senate might have downsized their proposal to cut \$35.2 million from the UA and AHSC between this year and next.

House Speaker Jake Flake (R-Snowflake) said lawmakers are looking to cut the UA and Arizona Health Sciences budget by about 1 percent, or \$3.1 million, before July 1 and then 4 percent more during the next academic year as they search for ways to resolve a \$1.3 billion state deficit. Lawmakers are considering cutting the UA budget once this year and five times during the 2003-2004 academic year, Flake said.

The proposed cuts would not include \$29 million for new research facilities at the UA and in Phoenix, which Flake is trying to find funding for, he said. Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano has repeatedly stated that she will not support funding cuts among Arizona's public universities, which use about \$740 million of the state's \$6 billion general fund budget.

Napolitano and legislators

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