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Likins details plans for UA's 'elite' future

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President Peter Likins outlined his plans yesterday for restricting admissions, raising tuition and cutting programs in order to move the UA toward the private sector.

The plans have been met with some excitement and some opposition from members of the university community who are wary of the possibility that UA students will find a drastically different institution when they begin school next fall.

Restricting admissions

Likins said he wants to create new admissions standards that will allow the UA to raise academic requirements for admissions and make the university a more elite institution in a memo to the UA community yesterday.

Likins has not specified what changes he wants to make to UA's admissions process, but the idea of raising the bar for potential students is being received warmly by some in the university community.

"It's a wonderful idea," said Miklos Szilagyi, a professor of electrical and computer engineering and a member of the Faculty Senate.

The current admissions requirements are "substandard," he said, which limits the quality of teaching that professors can do.

"We have to teach middle school material," Szilagyi said.

The shift in the admissions process will improve UA students' education, said ASUA

President Doug Hartz.

"It will put us in the position to be competitive nationally, and the values of the education and the degrees would increase," he said.

If the admissions process were refined, students would see smaller class sizes, a better focus on their area of study and more educational benefits, Hartz said.

While he is in favor of raising admission standards, Szilagyi said he is concerned with the loss of state funding that would result if enrollment at the UA were limited.

Because the amount of state money the university gets each semester is dependent upon the number of students enrolled, downsizing admissions would cause a substantial dip in enrolled students, and as a result, state funding.

The university must be prepared to deal with this problem, or else it will find itself in even more financial difficulty than it is in now, Szilagyi said.

Raising tuition and financial aid

Although UA's tuition is low compared to other public universities, Likins said access to financial aid is terrible.

To solve this dilemma, Likins said he wants to raise tuition and financial aid.

Tuition levels are limited by ABOR policy, which does not allow in-state tuition to surpass the 33rd percentile in the nation. Out-of-state tuition cannot

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Caroline Diep DJs at KAMP Student Radio for her alternative rock show, Robot Factory, which airs every Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. KAMP hopes to gain a larger listening audience by broadcasting over an AM radio frequency. Currently, the campus station's listeners must tune in on the Internet or on channel 20 in the residence halls, from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m.

KAMP sets sights on AM

BY NATE BUCHIK
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College radio will soon have a stronger voice on the UA campus, KAMP general manager Brian Van Buren believes.

While currently only available through the Internet, KAMP Student Radio hopes to expand to the airwaves through an AM station and get more students at UA to tune in.

KAMP offers more than 60 different shows broadcasted between 9 a.m. and 2 a.m. Since it is an entirely student-run organization, the variety of student tastes is repre-

sented with shows dedicated to everything from hardcore punk to sports talk to Indian pop. They also do play-by-play for UA softball.

"You'll find a show for whatever you like. And if there isn't one, join and make one. We are a unique medium in that we can play and say whatever we want. Most commercial radio stations are not even locally owned and the DJs don't really have any choice in what gets played," Van Buren said.

KAMP Student Radio and the *Arizona Daily Wildcat* are both divisions of Arizona Student Media.

Van Buren thinks people tend to forget that college radio was the

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starting ground for most famous bands and that the future of music can already be heard at KAMP.

"Nirvana would not have happened if it wasn't for college radio ... Punk would not have survived the '80s if it wasn't for college radio, and rap was initially only played on college radio."

The bands played on these non-commercial stations also recognize

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Cleared for takeoff

DEREKH FROUDE/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Applied sciences senior Gordon Berger shows off his moves yesterday at the Modern Languages building. The UA has installed devices around campus to keep skateboarders from destroying university property.



Passports now available on campus

BY JESSE GREENSPAN
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Students and staff in need of passports can get them at a new office on-campus instead of heading downtown.

The office — within the Office of International Faculty and Scholars — opened Aug. 19 to service UA students and faculty going abroad.

"The people serviced so far are glad to come here as opposed to traveling to the (downtown) courthouse," said Janice Searight, the passport acceptance agent hired to head the whole operation.

Director of OIFS Carol Carpenter estimated they are currently serving three to four people a day, but expects business to pick up.

Previously, the closest place a student or professor could find a passport was at the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County, 110 W. Congress St.

"The courthouse does excellent work, but there has been a need for this service for quite a while," Carpenter

said. "There has been a steady stream (of customers). It's not been overwhelming, but that's just with the Web site (for advertising)."

No funds for the program are taken out of the UA budget, Carpenter said.

For Carpenter and Searight, the office is the response to a demand for passports that went unmet last year.

Carpenter put up an online questionnaire last year that asked people what they thought of a passport office on campus, and received 200 positive comments within the span of a week.

Those who want a passport must go to the Passport Application Acceptance Service, located on the first floor of the International Center, 915 N. Tyndall Ave. Because most people renew their passports directly through the U.S. Department of State, the service is primarily for U.S. citizens who have never owned one.

Passport applicants must round up two 2-inch-by-2-inch passport photos, a certified birth certificate and a picture ID

before applying for a passport.

For people over the age of 16, a passport costs \$85 and takes about six weeks. The office accepts payment by check.

One advantage to using the office's passport service is that requests will be sent out the same day they come in, said Searight. This is not guaranteed at the courthouse.

And there's no line.

"Every individual case is different and every person is different," Searight said. "I want to give everyone who comes in my own personal care."

For family studies and human development sophomore Jerry Matiatos, it was this personal touch that made his experience enjoyable.

"Janice was great," Matiatos said. "She was very informed on what she was doing and was very personable. Aside from side conversations, it probably would have taken no more than 10 minutes."

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