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UA police: Prof fought her arrest

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The associate professor who said police treated her roughly during an attempted arrest had been resisting, UA police stated in a report released Friday.

Irene d'Almeida, an associate professor of French, told police she resisted arrest by University of Arizona Police Department officer Robb Fountain because she was a "good person" who had never been handcuffed before in her life.

The incident has been a cause for concern for the chair of d'Almeida's department, other professors around the globe and President Pete Likins.

A letter from a colleague of d'Almeida addressed to Likins, Police Chief Tony Daykin and others, stated that Fountain threw d'Almeida to the floor, broke her eyeglasses, tore her clothes and bruised her in an attempted Oct. 30 arrest.

Fountain approached d'Almeida's office at 11:38 a.m. on Oct. 30 to ask her questions connected with a hit-and-run incident, police reports stated.

D'Almeida opened the door and Fountain began to ask her about the student whom police believe d'Almeida hit with the side mirror of her car at North Cherry Avenue and East Fourth Street.

D'Almeida's lawyer, William Risner, said yesterday that d'Almeida had been at her doctor's office when the hit-and-run accident had occurred.

D'Almeida told Fountain that she did not have time to talk to him and she refused to give the officer her identification, reports stated.

Fountain told d'Almeida that they could talk there and resolve the situation the easy way or go down to the station and resolve it the hard way. Fountain attempted to handcuff d'Almeida, but she resisted, backing into a file cabinet and hiding her hands, reports stated.

Fountain struggled to get the cuffs on d'Almeida, as she yelled and screamed.

D'Almeida told police "you think I am just some nigger off the street you can push around," reports stated.

When other units arrived, d'Almeida was handcuffed and sitting on the floor, yelling incoherently, reports stated.

D'Almeida, said she resisted because she was a good person who had never been handcuffed before in her life, reports stated.

"I didn't want to (be handcuffed)," she said in the report. "This hurts more than physical. I have never been handcuffed before."

The police report of the attempted arrest does not include any reference to d'Almeida's clothes

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Music freshman Patrick Beers, guitarist and singer for Shitwheel, prepares to light a cymbal on fire with his already flaming guitar. Shitwheel was a part of last night's "Battle of the Bands."

Fiery battle of bands grooves, spins, jams

BY NATE BUCHIK
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On a night when rock band Shitwheel tossed flaming guitars in the air in an elaborate attempt to win over the audience, Christina Moussa's simple two-piece folk band took home first place at the finale of Battle of the Bands — a competition between UA bands for gift certificates and spots in future concerts.

The conclusion to Battle of the Bands gave four bands — Shitwheel, Christina

Moussa, The Sarcastic Atoms and Gorilla Behind Bars — the chance to wow a crowd of over 400 people on the UA Mall with 20-minute sets of music that included elements of jazz, rock, folk and punk.

University Activities Board presented the two first-round battles and the finals in collaboration with Associated Students of the University of Arizona.

"I think it's great that the students

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Campus split over tuition hike plan

Many think the UA would be a great buy; others fear accessibility could suffer

BY STEPHANIE SCHWARTZ
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Students and faculty had mixed reactions to President Pete Likins' proposals of an increase in financial aid coupled with tuition increases of \$500 to \$1,000 for in-state undergraduates.

Regents are proposing to set aside 14 percent of tuition for financial aid in combination with increased tuition.

The three models all proposed tuition increases of \$1,250 next year for non-resident undergraduate students, \$1,500 for non-resident graduate students and \$750, \$1,000 and \$1,500, respectively for resident graduate students.

"As a group, students will be better off than they are now with the president's third model (of raising tuition by \$1,000)," said John Nametz, director of financial aid. "The needy students would have less need for loans and other students who could afford to pay would, in fact, pay more tuition."

But whether or not the proposed tuition increase would come with a hefty increase in the amount of need-based financial aid available to students is also a concern to some.

Ryan Patterson, director of the student lobbyist group Arizona Students' Association, said he would like to see a package with more financial aid.

"I have heavy reservations as far as the financial aid part of the proposals," Patterson said. "We want financial aid to be as big a number as humanly possible so we won't cut the UA's accessibility to students."

The UA remaining accessible has been a major concern with proposals of increasing tuition.

If the UA did not do anything but raise tuition, the university could expect some drop in enrollment, said

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Coronado residents ask for AC during last hot week

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Tucson temperatures have been about 5 degrees above average recently and the rise in the mercury has made the difference between sweat and chills for many of the 800 residents of Coronado Hall.

The air conditioning was turned off in all campus dorms Nov. 15.

Soon after, temperatures began to rise, and the residents of Coronado began to complain about the heat.

"It was unbearable," said pre-business freshman Bridget Dorcey.

"One side of the hall was hot because it is always in the sun and the other side was cool."

Dorcey wrote a petition to get the air turned back on in Coronado Hall and put a copy under every door in the hall. Within 48 hours, she said she had more than 250 signatures.

"People were coming to me and thanking me for doing something about it," Dorcey said.

Dorcey never turned in her petition but the air was turned back on in Coronado on Thursday, after director of the department of Residence Life Jim Van Arsdel visit-

ed the dorm.

"This happens every year," Van Arsdel said. "Different people have different senses and comfort zones, so of course people will be dissatisfied."

Residence Life will check with the staff in all of the housing buildings on campus to determine whether or not air-conditioning is necessary; but most do not report the same problem with heat that affects Coronado, the largest dorm on campus.

"(Two weeks ago), students were asking us to turn the heat on," said

Arizona-Sonora Residence Hall director Steve Herndon.

The heating and cooling units in each of Coronado's 400 rooms are all connected to pipes that run throughout the building. Chilled water is sent through the pipes during the hotter months, cooling the air in each of the rooms. During the winter, hot water is sent through the pipes, heating the building.

The hot and chilled water cannot run simultaneously, or even within a few days of each other as the rapid change in temperature could cause

the pipes to break, Van Arsdel said.

Temperatures should return to normal for this time of year by the end of the week, said KVOA chief meteorologist Jimmy Stewart; however, it is still necessary for students to be prepared for changes in the weather.

"When it gets cooler, you need to be wearing pants. There's not a lot you can do if it's too warm; just stay hydrated," Van Arsdel said. "It's just common sense."

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