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Math education switches colleges

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In an effort to increase the number of math teachers, the UA math education program is transitioning from the College of Education to the College of Science.

Sandy Garber, director of admissions for the College of Education, said the move began in the fall when the math department accumulated enough resources to offer a

math education degree through the College of Science.

"The math education faculty are better able to recruit math majors to teaching and integrate mathematics into the professional education courses offered in the College of Science," Garber said.

The switch was made in response to a "nationwide push" to increase subject matter backgrounds for math and science teachers, said Debra Tomanek, director of the College of Science Teacher

Preparation Program.

Math education majors will now graduate from the College of Science with a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts, said Chris Mikel, a math adviser.

Virginia Horak, an associate math professor who helped with the relocation, said she believes a long-term effect of the change will be a higher number of math education graduates.

"Some students like to have a degree in mathematics," she

said. "It gives them flexibility in getting a job."

There are about 40 to 50 math education majors at the UA, Mikel said.

Science education majors experienced a similar transition in 2000, when they were moved from the College of Education to the College of Science.

Tim Slater, director of the UA Science and Math Education Center, said having

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Diversity initiative leader selected

Humanities dean to head Hispanic recruiting team

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As part of the UA's broader goal of increasing diversity on campus, the dean of the College of Humanities has been put in charge of spearheading a new initiative aimed at recruiting and retaining more Hispanic students.

President Peter Likins said he asked Dean Charles Tatum to take on the task of reaching out to Hispanic communities to close the gap between Hispanic representation in the student body and the surrounding populace.

"He's always been an active participant in outreach activities," Likins said. "I just asked him to officially take responsibility. He's willing to take on more."

Tatum said he will be able to recommend practices to the president and vice president that he believes will promote recruitment and retention of Hispanic students.

He said he will not implement policies or manage budgets, and that implementation of his recommendations will depend on cooperation among student leadership, faculty, the president and college deans.

"I'm going to develop an overall plan or strategy to substantially increase the number and quality of Latino and Latina students, faculty and personnel," Tatum said.

Because the initiative is so new, the means by which more diversity will be created is still "vague," he said.

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UP ALL NIGHT



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Second-year architecture students Dustin Revella and Alexis Carver pound away at their architecture projects late last night in the Architecture building. The two said they planned to work late every night in order to finish projects that are due at the end of the month.

City officials to consider killing Grant 'suicide lane'

By **Zach Colick**
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Students who live near East Grant Road may be able to breathe a sigh of relief if a proposal to end the road's "suicide lane" is passed.

Monday, the Tucson Department of Transportation will consider whether to eliminate the reversible lane, which carries traffic westbound from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and eastbound from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and inhibits drivers from making left-hand turns during those times.

The department will look at the pros and cons of removing the reversible lane, said Jim Glock, director of the Department of Transportation.

Michael R. Graham, spokesman for the department, said it is considering the removal of the lane because it has received a number of complaints.

"Businesses have long complained that they've lost business during the total four-hour period," he said.

Michelle Rhodes, a physiological sciences senior, said she avoids using Grant altogether because of the frustrations that come with using the reversible lane.

"It's a hassle because if I have to make a left turn, I use side streets," Rhodes said. "I try to avoid Grant Road totally."

Rhodes said she would support the removal of the suicide lane.

"They should get rid of it

because it's dangerous. People could die," she said. "It's tough for people from out of town who aren't used to it."

Other students said they find the suicide lane a nuisance and wish it would be phased out.

"(It's) very irritating because you can't turn left during rush hour," said Adam Carroll, a mechanical engineering sophomore. "It just inconveniences me, and I think it needs to go."

Graham warned that if the suicide lane is removed, there could be more traffic during rush hour because there will be one less lane.

Add 600-700 vehicles competing for space on the road, and suddenly there's more congestion.

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The "suicide lane" that runs from North Stone Avenue to North Swan Road on East Grant Road could be eliminated because of complaints from city residents. The Tucson Department of Transportation will discuss the lane's fate on Monday.

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