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UA sees steep rise in bike theft total

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Whenever David Giannini locks up his bike, he makes sure to take his seat, his headlight and his pump with him.

He also uses a \$50 lock; all of this just to make sure he isn't going to be walking home at the end of his shift.

"What I do is enough for me," Giannini, who works at Domino's in the Student Union Memorial Center, said.

This type of protection has become necessary for students like Giannini as bike thefts have become increasingly common on campus.

Bike thefts have increased more than 60 percent in the last year, bringing the number stolen in 2003 to 524, according to UAPD's Annual Campus Safety and Security Report released yesterday.

Reducing bike theft is everyone's job, said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman.

"Appropriate locking devices can reduce those numbers," Mejia said. "The university community also needs to report any suspicious activity."

The police department is trying to educate people who ride a bike to use specific locks that take time to break.

UAPD suggests using a U-shaped bolt-style lock to secure the front tire and frame of the bike to the rack.

Mejia said this delays the theft, which increases the chances of someone witnessing the crime.

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BIKE THEFT



DAVID HARDEN/Arizona Daily Wildcat
Pre-education freshman Kasondra Lambertson holds the tire that remains from her bike, which was stolen from the Kaibab-Huachuca residence hall. According to the Annual Campus Safety and Security Report, bicycle theft is up 60 percent in the past year.

Students, neighbors getting along well

By Dana Crudo
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Despite complaints from neighborhood associations about loud students who live off campus, the relationship between students and their neighbors is not as bad as it used to be, President Peter Likins said at the ASUA senate meeting yesterday.

Likins, who, along with Provost George Davis spoke to ASUA senators, said that in past years the relationship in neighborhoods verged on warfare. But this year the community is making a concerted effort to work together.

Likins blamed the lack of respect on alcohol. "You are who you are, young people who are breaking from constraints and acting out in the exuberance of youth, Likins said. "That's not new and it's not going to stop."

At the same time he said he admits that it is the people across the street who suffer and do deserve sympathy.

Likins said it is impossible to eliminate the stress of the relationship between students and neighbors; learning to manage it is the key.

Likins also told senators about the Focused Excellence and the Changing Directions initiative, which now allows Arizona's three universities to develop distinctive identities and follow different missions.

"A historic change was released by regents when they adopted the changing directions initiative, our lives are tied in with the Board of Regents," said Likins. "Students are living in an historic moment, what we do with this opportunity depends on us."

He said that a change of this sort is not seen often, mentioning how he hasn't seen such a big policy

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Likins rules out Neuheisel, Price

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President Peter Likins has scratched two names off the list of potential replacements for fired head football coach John Mackovic, confirming that both Rick Neuheisel and Mike Price are out of the running for the vacant position.

Likins showed concern yesterday at the idea that Neuheisel — the former Washington head coach who was fired after gambling on the NCAA men's basketball tournament, a strict NCAA rules violation — was rumored to be a candidate alongside Price.

"The University of Arizona will not hire Rick Neuheisel as



Rick Neuheisel

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Club calls for peaceful solutions

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When former UA student Paul Snodgrass was denied entry into Israel three weeks ago, some said it was due to his ties to what they called a pro-Palestinian organization.

But members of the UA's Alliance for Peace and Justice in the Middle East, the organization to which Snodgrass belonged, say that while they are interested in giving Palestinians a voice, they are not a pro-Palestinian organization.

APJME is not pro-Palestinian and it's not pro-Israel. It's pro-reconciliation, said APJME president George Torrieri.

Near Eastern studies graduate student Carrie Brown said she started APJME last year with fellow student

Noah Haiduc-Dale to promote awareness of Middle Eastern issues because she didn't feel all sides were being discussed.

"I felt there was nothing going on on this campus except very one-sided activities and events that address the issues," she said.

Last night, APJME hosted their first speaker this year: Joseph C. Watkins, an associate professor in the mathematics department and faculty head of the UA chapter of Amnesty International USA.

Watkins said that both sides are guilty of human rights violations in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Although Watkins' presentation was well received by the 40 people in attendance, not all of APJME's events have been so readily accepted.

Since the formation of APJME, there

has been continued controversy over the role the organization plays on campus, as some worry that the group focuses on Palestinian viewpoints and creates a bias against Israel.

Bill Straus, director of Arizona's chapter of the Anti-Defamation League, based in Phoenix, said his office has received calls from Tucsonans who are concerned about the club.

But Torrieri, a physics graduate student, said anyone who fears APJME probably misunderstands them.

He said that while APJME has received a lot of attention for its positions on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, that is not its only focus.

The approximately 30 APJME members say their primary goal is to educate UA students and Tucson

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