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Police crack down on fake IDs

By Holly Wells
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Tucson Police Department officers say the beginning of the school year is a prime time to crack down on fake ID usage, and those who are caught usually don't expect the tough penalties that go with it.

"It's amazing how much of our activity revolves around alcohol," said officer Chris Wildblood, who is part of

TPD's downtown division. "It's a big hot button, especially this time of year."

Students arrested for using fake IDs could have their driver licenses suspended for six months, making the punishment for fake IDs more severe than penalties for a DUI arrest.

"A DUI results in a 90-day suspension, and even then you can get a 60-day restricted license to go to school or work," said TPD officer Rick Marcias, Wildblood's partner.

Wildblood said most judges think the suspension is too harsh. He said every year judges ask for more leeway and every year the request is turned down by the state.

Friday night, a bouncer at Maloney's caught at least four UA students trying to get in with fake IDs.

Wildblood said employees at Maloney's are the best at spotting fake IDs.

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December graduation ceremony cancelled

By Natasha Bhuyan
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This December, the university-wide commencement ceremony will only be open to Ph.D. and graduate students, while undergraduate seniors will attend their individual college convocations, university officials said over the weekend.

UA President Peter Likins said discussions began after members of the College of Law asked to opt out of the university commencement, preferring instead to only hold their own graduation ceremony.

"Later, other deans expressed an interest in that kind of model, so we thought to try it," said Likins.

The decision was made by the Commencement Policy Committee, which includes Edith Auslander, vice president and senior associate to the president; Alexis Hernandez, associate dean of students; Amanda Brobbel, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Council; Alistair Chapman, student body president; the Office of Special Events and representatives from colleges and the Alumni Association.

Auslander, who spearheaded the changes, is out of the country and could not be reached for comment.

But Chapman, who is strongly opposed to the changes, said the issue of flying tortillas dominated CPC discussions.

Tortilla-flinging at commencement has been a tradition for UA graduates for years.

However, Likins has tried to stop the practice in recent years because he said it is offensive to the Hispanic and Native American communities.

In 2001 and 2002, there were no off-campus speakers at graduation as Likins found the tortilla tossing tradition disrespectful.

Last year, "Tortilla Marshals" tried to prevent graduating students from smuggling in tortillas.

Chapman said videos from recent university commencements clearly show the majority of thrown tor-

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PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE



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Arizona Representative Jim Kolbe (R) speaks Friday morning at the rededication of Herring Hall, the second-oldest building on campus. After a year-long restoration, the building is now the home of the Campus Arboretum.

Last year's yearbook to be delivered in Oct.

By Zach Colick
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The yearbook signifies the culmination of a school year and is usually delivered to students before they head off campus for the summer.

However, UA's official memory guide, *The Desert Yearbook*, got a late start and should be arriving in the homes of students who ordered them last year in the next two or three weeks, said Kevin Klaus, *Desert* editor in chief.

Daniel Scarpinato, last year's yearbook editor in

chief and former *Wildcat* editor in chief, said students might be wondering where their yearbooks are, but said the yearbook didn't finish production until early June because the yearbook staff wanted to include commencement ceremonies, senior photos and athletic events that continued on past the end of the school year.

"This seems late to people, but it was meant to be a fall book," Scarpinato said. "My guess would be that they'll probably be mailed out by mid-October."

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'Tailgating for Kerry' kicks off

By Lisa Rich
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With the help of local Tucson community members, the UA Young Democrats kicked off a new project, "Tailgating for Kerry," before Saturday's football game.

UAYD president and political science senior Alicia Cybulski said the new campaign focuses on increasing voter registration and voter participation via out-of-state ballot, as well as informing students about the Democratic choice for the November election, Sen. John Kerry.

"Voter registration is important because it's the first step in the voting process. [Students] need to be part of the election so the politicians elected keep to their promises so they can be re-elected," Cybulski said.

UA alumnus Dave Deibel and his

wife Kim Fitch, who have hosted their own tailgate parties for years on the UA Mall, offered to share their space with the UAYD because they support the Democratic party.

Renting a tailgating spot on the Mall for the football season costs \$355, but Deibel let the UAYD share his spot free of charge.

While student turnout at UAYD's first tailgate was low, a few community members and Kerry supporters stopped by to visit the tailgaters in the rain before the game.

Cybulski said one of the major benefits of the Tailgating for Kerry project is working with Tucson residents to "increase ties between the university and community."

Cybulski said as far as she knows, the UAYD is the only chapter of the Young Democrats in Arizona to take part in the Tailgating for Kerry project.

With over 650 registered members, Cybulski said the UAYD also works

closely with the Pima County Democratic Party and the UA Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Atzlán (M.E.Ch.A) group in areas of increasing voter participation among Hispanics.

With the rise in Hispanic population, Cybulski stated that the UAYD would be looking into ideas regarding Hispanic voters in the near future.

The UAYD will be tailgating for Kerry in front of the Ina E. Gittings building before every home football game.

Cybulski said the UAYD also has a table set up Monday through Thursday on the Mall where students can register to vote, obtain information for out-of-state voting, and learn more about the Democratic Party.

In addition to voter material and information, students can also get free merchandise like bumper stickers and buttons.