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Committee: Candidate fired from ASUA post

By Jennifer Amsler
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Many students on the Associated Student University Arizona's Spring Fling committee said presidential candidate Jacob Reuben was fired from his position this year, and they question if he can commit to a higher position.

Reuben was the corporate director for Spring Fling, a paid appointed position that he was supposed to commit to for a year, but was removed after a few months, said current directors of Spring Fling.

His job as corporate director was to seek out business to sponsor the spring fair.

Siobhan Hamilton, Spring Fling promotions director, said Reuben was fired because he never showed up for his office hours, and later, the group found out, he lied about certain contacts.

Reuben was warned he needed to start attending his 10 office hours each week or he would be asked to leave.

"All he had to do was start showing up," said Hamilton, an anthropology junior. "I feel like he let down a team."

During the Arizona Daily Wildcat debate yesterday and in a Friday KAMP radio interview, Reuben did not specify why he left the position but said the decision was "mutually beneficial" and he was not fired.

Reuben declined further comment about his former position and his reasons for leaving.

Administrative Vice President Jordon Miller and Spring Fling Director Amanda Meaker both said they were present when Reuben's term as director ended, but neither would comment about the incident.

Spring Fling Field Operations Director Chris Domschke said Reuben was fired for not meeting the goals of his position months into planning for Spring Fling and ASUA.

Two weeks after the warning, Reuben had not ful-

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Presidential candidates square off in Gallagher



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ASUA presidential candidates Jacob Reuben, left, and Cade Bernsen face off in a debate yesterday afternoon at Gallagher Theater. The ASUA general election is being held today and tomorrow online at asua.arizona.edu.

By J. Ferguson
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The final ASUA presidential debate yesterday was dominated by questions of character and experience.

Both Associated Students of the University of Arizona candidates were asked tough questions about their past actions during the *Arizona Daily Wildcat* sponsored debate in the Gallagher Theater in the Student Union

Memorial Center.

During the debate, candidate Jacob Reuben, a business economics junior, answered questions from a panel representing Arizona Student Media about the circumstances of his dismissal as corporate director for Spring Fling. Panelists also asked about a 2003 incident involving his fraternity, and

he made to the *Wildcat* as a freshman stating his indifference to a large increase in tuition.

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"You guys really did your homework," Reuben said.

Reuben defended himself stating he was neither forced out of his position nor fired by Spring Fling directors.

"It was a mutual decision

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A final beam is added to the Thomas W. Keating building yesterday. The building is expected to be completed in early 2006.

BIO5 building adds last steel beam

By Natasha Bhuyan
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The final steel beam was added to the Thomas W. Keating building yesterday, signifying one of the final steps before the UA is able to usher in an era of collaborative research with the physical completion of the BIO5 Institute.

Vicki Chandler, director of BIO5 Institute, said scientists on campus from different fields are already collaborating in their research, but BIO5 will provide them with a central way to facilitate the research.

"The UA is uniquely positioned in the country to be able to capitalize in bringing all these areas together," Chandler said. "Our his-

tory of collaboration gives us a one-up on putting all these teams together."

During yesterday's ceremony, administrators, scientists and the public signed the final steel beam to be added to the building.

Labs in the Keating building, the central site of BIO5, will focus on nine areas of research: genomics, quantitative biology, high-throughput screening, regenerative medicine, medical imaging, respiratory immunobiology, genetic improvements of plants, medical device design and nanotechnology, according to a press release.

Brenda Jackson, a research specialist in David Gang's plant sciences lab, said the UA already breeds an atmosphere of collabora-

tive research and is a leading institution in recognizing the next wave of science will combine units, not divide them.

"Other (institutions) may pull back and see how BIO5 works," Jackson said. "The UA could be the first of many."

Dick Powell, vice president for research, graduate studies and economic development, said BIO5 is also different from a standard research institute since there will be no ownership of the laboratories. Instead, each lab will be designated for a specific area of research, and scientists will rotate on a long-term basis.

As many fields of science across campus are already collaborating, the method of no-owner-

ship is the most effective for BIO5, Powell said.

Lizhi Yu, assistant research scientist in the Arizona Respiratory Center whose lab will be moving to BIO5, said he is excited to work in the new facility because he will receive more space, a factor which will increase productivity and likely bring in more outside funding.

Sprawling across 177,000 gross square feet, the \$65.5 million Keating building will house 300 researchers and staff and is expected to be complete in early 2006.

Reenie Keating, whose husband Thomas Keating donated \$10 million to the project, said with the advent of BIO5 she expects more national attention to be placed on the UA.