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Bush pledges to work with states to address immigration

EL MIRAGE, Ariz. — President Bush said yesterday he understands the burden illegal immigration puts on border states like Arizona and that federal officials are working hard to enforce the nation's borders.

"I understand it's putting a strain on your resources," said Bush. "It's important for the people of this state to understand, your voices are being heard in Washington, D.C."

Bush, a former Texas governor, told a crowd dominated by retirees that he understands the challenges of illegal immigration and will work with Gov. Janet Napolitano and other border governors to address the problem.

"We have an obligation to enforce the borders," he said, noting that U.S. Homeland Security officials and others were working with Napolitano.

More people, detention space and resources will be made available in border areas, Bush said.

Bush was in El Mirage to promote a new Medicare prescription drug benefit that becomes available in January, but he said he knew the crowd would want him to address illegal immigration — a comment that elicited a groan from those gathered in a community building at a mobile home park here.

—The Associated Press

Board will set criteria for Likins' successor

By Troy J. Acevedo
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The committee tabbed with picking the next UA president must first define their expectations and establish criteria before they can begin selecting candidates.

Chairman Fred Boice and other committee members will begin developing these criteria at next week's meeting to get the ball rolling in employing a new UA president come June.

"The committee is together, the consultants have been hired, but until the first meeting, we really don't really have too much to go on," said Boice, treasurer of the Arizona Board of Regents.

The search could be more difficult than planned, however, because other universities are also looking for a new president, like the University of Texas and University of North Carolina, Boice said.

Committee members that were capable of properly representing the interests of all parties across campus

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Katrina swamps Louisiana

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Dozens of New Orleans residents walk to higher ground yesterday after Hurricane Katrina swept across Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. At least five people were confirmed dead, and that total was expected to increase.

NEW ORLEANS — Announcing itself with shrieking, 145-mph winds, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast just outside New Orleans yesterday, submerging entire neighborhoods up to their roofs, swamping Mississippi's beachfront casinos and blowing out windows in hospitals, hotels and high-rises.

For New Orleans — a dangerously vulnerable city because it sits mostly below sea level in a bowl-shaped depression — it was not the apocalyptic storm forecasters had feared.

But it was plenty bad, in New Orleans and elsewhere along the coast, where scores of people had to be rescued from rooftops and attics as the floodwaters rose around them.

At least five deaths were blamed on Katrina — three people killed by falling trees in Mississippi and two killed in a traffic accident in Alabama. And an untold number of other people were feared dead in flooded neighborhoods, many of which could not be reached by rescuers because of high water.

"Some of them, it was their last night on Earth," Terry Ebbert, chief of homeland security for New Orleans, said of people who ignored orders to evacuate the city of 480,000 over the weekend. "That's a hard way to learn a lesson."

"We pray that the loss of life is very limited, but we fear that is not the case," Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco said.

Katrina knocked out power to more than a million people from Louisiana to the Florida's Panhandle, and authorities said it could be two months before electricity is restored to everyone. Ten major hospitals in New Orleans were running on emergency backup power.

The federal government began rushing baby formula, communications equipment, generators, water and ice into hard-hit areas, along with doctors, nurses and first-aid supplies. The Pentagon sent experts to help with search-and-rescue operations.

Katrina was later downgraded to a tropical storm as it passed through eastern Mississippi, moving north at 21 mph. Winds were still a dangerous 65 mph. Forecasters said that as the storm moves north through the nation's midsection over the next few days, it may spawn tornadoes over the Southeast and swamp the Gulf Coast and the Tennessee and Ohio Valleys with a potentially ruinous 8 inches or more of rain.

Oil refiners said damage to their equipment in the Gulf region appeared to be minimal, and oil prices dropped back from the day's highs above \$70 a barrel.

Religious groups funded by ASUA

By Zach Colick
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ASUA gave out more than \$2,000 to the Priority College Ministry last week, saying although they cannot support an actual religious organization, they support religious events on campus as long as there is a substantial amount of student interest.

Erin Hertzog, Arizona Students of the University of Arizona executive vice president, said ASUA's aim is to help support student interest on campus, and they want to financially support events rather than the clubs or organizations themselves.

ASUA approved the allotment of more than \$2,300 at last week's senate

meeting to an event sponsored by the Priority College Ministry, which is a part of the First Southern Baptist Church of Tucson.

Hertzog said they have funded religious events before, including ones held by the Hillel Foundation, Campus Crusade for Christ and the Asian Bible Fellowship.

"As long as there is student interest we usually support it," she said.

The College Ministry said more than 600 students had already shown interest in coming to the event during their presentation, which was enough for the ASUA senate to OK allocating the large sum to the religious organization after more than 30 minutes of mulling the



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