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If you research the student housing market in Tucson, AZ you will find that most properties are very similar with

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Sahara Apartments, located less than one mile west of the UofA campus on N. Stone Avenue, has had a “No Party” Policy in place since it opened seven years ago. In that time there have been no wild parties, no accidents, no drunken or drug-related injuries, and no Red Tags given by the police. Red Tags are given to properties when the police are called for disturbances or illegal activity. Yes, not a single Red Tag in seven years.

“Yes, some people view our ‘No Party’ Policy as a negative and frankly, some students choose not to live here because of the policy,” says Ted Mehr, owner and developer of Sahara Apartments. “We look at Sahara Apartments as a sanctuary for students where they can feel safe, secure and free from the usual commotion that goes on in most student oriented apartment buildings. The kinds of things that can disturb a student’s sleep or study time. As a student-only property, we do not consider ourselves to be in the nightclub business, or the bar and entertainment business. There are plenty of choices for those activities all around Tucson. We are a student’s home away from home.”

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“Safety is the number one thing parents are concerned about when their child moves away from home,” says Ted Mehr. “The concept of Sahara was born out of my concern for my own daughter’s safety as she was preparing for college. I wanted her to be in a safe and comfortable living environment no matter where she lived. I simply asked myself, what kind of place would I want my daughter to live in for the times I could not be there to watch over her? Sahara Apartments was my answer to that question.”

The concern for safety and security is evident as you approach the entry gate, or when you step into the leasing office. Sahara Apartments steps up with state-of-the-art fire safety and security measures that are unmatched by any building in Tucson. The gated property includes an electronic key system with retrievable history of every entry into each apartment and through each gate. The property is equipped with



80 security cameras that monitor all public areas on a 24/7 basis. There is even a network of infrared beams over the perimeter walls that sound an alarm and calls the owner on his cell phone if the perimeter walls are breached... regardless of the time of day or night. “If someone breaches the security of the building, I want to be the first one to know. If I wanted it for my daughter, I am sure you would want it for yours. It

may be considered overly protective, but I would prefer to wake up and investigate in the middle of the night than to find out in the morning that something happened that could have been prevented,” admits Ted Mehr.

What else needs to be said about Sahara Apartments? They have a good long list of modern amenities that the students want, such as ALL utilities included in the rent, VERY high-speed Internet, kitchens and private bathrooms in each apartment, FREE shuttle service to and from campus, FREE bicycles for use as long as you are a resident, lower prices than the on-campus residence halls and comparable off campus student apartments, and you might have guessed...

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Welcome to the UA Wildcat Family!

Hello Wildcat Parents & Families,

Welcome to the eleventh issue of Parents & Family Magazine. You're receiving this magazine because you are one of our valued Parents Plus members or you have made a generous donation to support the goals of the UA Parents & Family Association. I thank you for your support! In addition, parents of new students are also receiving this issue as a complimentary welcome to the Wildcat Family.

The spring semester is speeding quickly by! This is a time of some favorite traditions including Spring Fling, softball and baseball. In fact, our baseball team has a new home at Hi Corbett Field. We also had a preview of our new football coach, Richard Rodriguez, during spring practice and two exhibition games. PFA had a chance to interview Coach Rodriguez — see the article, “Meet Coach Rod: Arizona's New Football Coach” on page 7.

One of my favorite activities of the year, New Student (and Parent) Orientation begins soon. We will be holding three out of state orientations in Chicago, New York and Seattle. The on-campus sessions begin at the end of May. If you are a new parent or family member, please come up and introduce yourself during one of these sessions. It is always exciting for me to meet the newest members of our Wildcat Family.

Whether you are a new or returning parent, I want to encourage you to get involved with the Parents & Family Association. We need your talents, skills and passion. In return we will help you be more connected to campus and you will have a voice in an organization which has an important role on campus. You can sign up online at our website to volunteer or feel free to contact me directly. Our website address is www.uafamily.arizona.edu. Be sure to bookmark it as it is an excellent source of information and support!

I want to express my thanks to all the wonderful parent volunteers who have served the association over the past year. I really appreciate your dedication and support — and so do our students.

I also want to give a shout out to Tyler Thom who has worked with Parent & Family Programs as our Graduate Assistant this year. He has been wonderful and has been part of our behind the scenes team (which also includes Barbara Camp), both of whom help to keep you all connected and updated with information.

As always, don't hesitate to give the Parents & Family Association a call or send us an email if you have a question or concern. Barbara Camp, Tyler Thom and I are happy to be of assistance. We can be reached at (520) 621-0884 or via email at dos-uafamily@email.arizona.edu

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By Kathy Adams Riester, M.S. Ed
Assistant Dean of Students &
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The spring semester is flying by as PFA gets ready for a variety of spring/summer activities. We will have our Spring Committee Meetings on Friday, May 11 from 10:30-11:45 a.m. here on campus. If you plan to be in Tucson that day, we would love to have you join us — please RSVP at dos-uafamily@email.arizona.edu by May 9, 2012. Here is an update on our PFA Committees.

Committee Updates

► **The Public Affairs Committee**, chaired by Gail Griffin, has done a great job in letting the Arizona State Legislators know how PFA feels about legislative issues effecting Higher Education in Arizona. Tim Bee, UA Associate Vice President for State Relations, and Beth Sauer, Director for State Relations, briefed the Parents & Family Association Board Members

on key legislative issues effecting Higher Education in the State of Arizona during their winter Board Meeting. The PFA Board voted to support the University of Arizona's viewpoint on these issues and under Gail's leadership, position letters were sent to various state legislators. In addition, the Public Affairs Committee is working at getting involved with the Adopt a Legislator program.

► **The Recruitment and Retention Committee**, co-chaired by Christine and Branch McNeal (In State Recruiting) and Laurie Laychak (Out of State Recruiting), has been working to help recruit new Wildcats. In collaboration with the UA PAWS Program (Parents and Alumni Working with Students) our out of state parents have been assisting our UA Recruiters with the spring college fairs and high school visits. If you would be interested in helping to recruit for UA either at a college fair or at your local high school please let us know and we will get you signed up!

► **The Ad-Hoc Phoenix Summer Send Off Committee**, chaired by Charlene

Duff and Patti Teter, is hard at work planning the 2012 Great Phoenix Summer Send Off which will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2012. The Send Off will be at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort from 2-4 p.m. The Committee is currently looking for event sponsors and we would love to have some more parents to help in planning this event so please let us know if you are interested in joining the Committee!!

► **The Campaign Committee**, chaired by Michelle Capin, is gearing up to review grants for our annual Grants Process. The Committee is also excited to announce that PFA will host the 3rd Annual Family Weekend Golf Tournament. This year we are partnering with Fraternity & Sorority Programs to plan this event. The Tournament will benefit the Olympian Heath Advocate program as well as the UA Parents & Family Association's Annual Grant Program. So, save the date for Thursday, October 18, 2012!

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Meet Coach Rod: Arizona's New Football Coach

By Tricia Don, Coordinator of Special Projects for Student Life

On Nov. 21, 2011, Greg Byrne, University of Arizona's Athletic Director, announced via twitter that Rich Rodriguez would be the University of Arizona's new head football coach.

Much can be said, and has, about Coach Rodriguez's coaching career. Having worked 18 seasons as a college head coach, Rodriguez's career began at an early age and has seen many ups and some downs. However, through it all his passion for football and his desire to build a strong football program with the "right" student athletes has never faltered.

Born and raised in the small town of Grant Town, West Virginia, population less than 1,000, Coach Rodriguez got involved in sports at an early age. While attending North Marion High School, Rodriguez was a four-sport letterman participating in track, baseball, basketball and football. By graduation in 1981, Rodriguez was named an all-state honoree in football and basketball and helped to lead his high school team to a Class AAA state football championship.

Coach Rodriguez began his post-secondary education at West Virginia University (WVU) and was a walk-on defensive back, eventually earning an athletic scholarship. It was during this time at WVU, his sophomore year to be exact, that the idea of a coaching career first began to surface. After playing defensive back for three seasons, Rich made the move from

"I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me, my staff and our families to the UA and I hope we can all pull together and help us build a 'championship culture' for the UA football program!"

player to coaching staff, and became a grad assistant coach while finishing up his degree in physical education and safety. In addition to the start of his career path, his time at WVU brought Rich the good fortune of meeting his wife Rita, who also graduated from WVU with a business administration degree. The couple, married in 1989, celebrated 22 years of marriage

this past July.

Following his graduation from West Virginia University, Rodriguez attended Salem College in West Virginia, earning a master's degree in physical education while serving as special teams coordinator and secondary coach. After graduation Rich continued at Salem as defensive coordinator and eventually head coach at the young age of 25. "Coach Rod's" career had begun.

A football coach's schedule is daunting but Rodriguez loves the challenge. From working with student athletes developing their talent and skills to meeting great people both on and off the field, Coach sees many "perks" to his job. His coaching philosophy is, "to get the most out of what we have, work hard to get an 'edge,' recruit talented, competitive, unselfish student athletes, and develop them." Rodriguez feels his most important role as a coach is to recruit the right student athletes and develop them to the best of his and his coaching staff's ability.

When Coach Rodriguez isn't on the road he looks forward to spending time with his family. Rich and Rita have two children, a daughter Raquel (15) and a son Rhett (13). With both children involved in sports, Raquel has participated in high school varsity cheerleading and Rhett

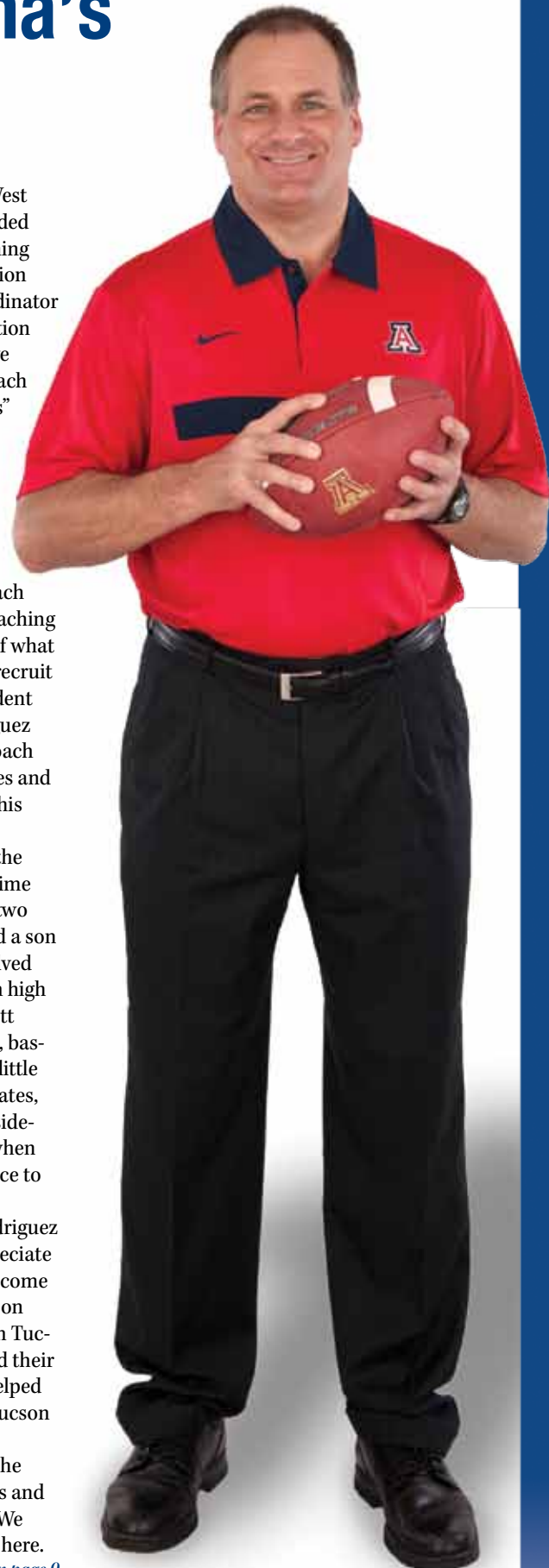
plays football, basketball and a little golf, Coach states, "I'm a quiet 'sideline' parent when I get the chance to watch."

Coach Rodriguez and Rita appreciate the warm welcome they received on their arrival in Tucson.

The Tucson community opened their arms to the Rodriguez family and helped make the transition go smoothly. "Tucson has been fantastic," he says.

When asked if he had a message he would like to share with UA students and parents, Coach Rodriguez replied, "We have a great school and community here.

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Coach Rodriguez...

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I can tell that there is a genuine care for the students at the U of A from the UA staff and community.

"On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me, my staff and our families to the U of A and I

hope we can all pull together and help us build a 'championship culture' for the U of A football program!"

The UA Wildcats' first football game of the season is a home game on Sept. 1 against Toledo. A full schedule can be found at: <http://www.arizonawildcats.com/sports/m-footbl/sched/ariz-m-footbl-sched.html>

Coach Rodriguez's Coaching History

- 1985** Student assistant, West Virginia
- 1986** Secondary/special teams, Salem
- 1987** Assistant head coach/DC, Salem
- 1988** Head Coach, Salem (2-8)
- 1989** Volunteer assistant, West Virginia
- 1990-96** Head coach, Glenville State (43-28-2) — WVIAC Champions 1993-96
- 1997-98** Offensive coordinator/ QBs, Tulane
- 1999-00** Offensive coordinator/ QBs, Clemson
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New Student Orientation

Welcome to the Wildcat Family!

By Dr. Rachel Beech

Welcome to the Wildcat family! The next few months will be very busy planning with your student their upcoming transition to the University of Arizona, and key to that process is New Student Orientation.

New Student Orientation is the time in which your son or daughter will get their first chance to connect with the UA community as a student. They will meet with their academic advisor, talk with current students, check in with campus resources, and walk away ready for the first day of class. In short, orientation is the time at which your student outlines their path to becoming a Wildcat for Life.

There are a lot of things to do in order to be ready for your student's New Student Orientation program, and you may be thinking, "We need to put a list together to make sure we don't miss anything," but know that UA has you covered with the Next Steps Center (nextsteps.arizona.edu). The Next Steps Center is where your student will go to pay their enrollment deposit and register for an orientation program. Additionally, the Next Steps Center allows students to change their major up to seven business days before their scheduled orientation program and is the means by which they can complete the necessary academic procedures to be ready for orientation. It is imperative that students complete their Math, Second Language, and Writing placement before attending their orientation program, and the only way to do so is via Next Steps. Please make sure your student checks in on their Next Steps Center on a regular basis so they are prepared to attend orientation.

While New Student Orientation is for your student, it's also for you. The UA offers a parent orientation program that provides tips on how you can assist your son or daughter throughout their UA experience, giving you the tools you need to continue to support your student, no matter how close, or far, from home they may be. During the parent orientation experience you will receive a calendar with important dates and campus resources,



Incoming Wildcat and parent get tips and advice during the Business Services Fair at Orientation.

hear from your student's academic college, learn about support resources, like the Parents & Family Association, and have the opportunity to work with your student to complete important university business.

New for 2012, all parents who register for New Student Orientation are provided with a link to log into the Parent Essentials website. This website was designed to be a one stop resource for Wildcat families; connecting you with the resources you can utilize to help your student become successful. In many ways it's a family Next Steps Center, complete with important dates, pre and post orientation to do lists, and helps you to be ready for orientation by giving you insights into the University of Arizona community. Parents and family members who register to participate in New Student Orientation will receive the link to the Parent Essentials website in the confirmation emails sent one month ahead of your scheduled orientation program.

Registration for the New Student Orientation parent program is completed as a part of your student's orientation reser-

vation via the Next Steps Center. If your student has already registered for their orientation program, and you would now like to attend, please have your student log back into the Next Steps Center and select "Make a Change to My Orientation Reservation" in the completed items section under their Orientation program date reminder.

At the University of Arizona we see Orientation as being more than just the program you and your student will attend this summer. Wildcat Welcome, the ten days around the start of the fall semester, is also a key part of your student's transition to the university. During Wildcat Welcome we mix social and academic activities, helping your student to make connections to their peers, to their college and to the UA, their new home away from home.

Amongst the variety of activities during welcome there are two must attend events for students, UA Clicks and New Student Convocation. UA Clicks, which will take place on Friday, August 17, helps new

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The UA Alumni Association and Parents & Family Association Present

2012 Summer Sendoffs

By Jill Hall

For more than 10 years, the University of Arizona Alumni Association and the Parents & Family Association have partnered to celebrate the UA's incoming freshman class by hosting summer sendoff celebrations across the country. National alumni chapters host sendoffs to welcome incoming UA students with the mission of educating students about the transition to college while creating the feeling that these students are a part of the Wildcat Family, and now, Wildcats for Life! These events are a chance to educate parents and family members about campus resources including the Parents & Family Association and the Alumni Association.

Hosted by alumni and friends of the UA, summer sendoffs begin in early July with a culmination sendoff in Phoenix for all our Greater Phoenix Area freshmen and their families. The Greater Phoenix Area Summer Send Off will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2012. Incoming freshmen get the chance to meet other incoming students attending the University from their area and to ask current students, staff, and alumni questions



Incoming UA freshmen from Portland, OR pose for a picture with their new Wildcat friends.

about life at the UA. Parents also connect with alumni and staff members for questions and answers. In 2011, more than 25 national alumni chapters hosted summer sendoff events. A comprehensive lineup

also is scheduled for 2012.

For more information about 2012 summer sendoffs or to find out about what is happening in your area, please visit <http://alumni.arizona.edu>

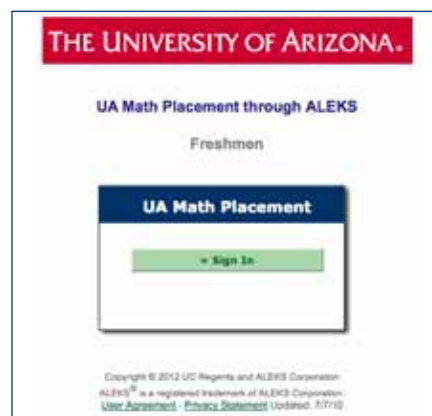
Math Placement for Incoming Students

By Tina S. Moore

Math Placement Coordinator

Math placement is an important part of student success at UA. The overall purpose of our placement process is to determine, based on a student's background and current demonstrated ability, which Math course may be appropriate. Although placement into a course does not guarantee a passing grade, our experience has shown us that the Math Placement Test (ALEKS) may be the clearest indicator of success in our courses.

Important information about the UA ALEKS Online Math Placement Test is available through the Next Steps Center at nextsteps.arizona.edu and on the Math Placement Website at math.arizona.edu/placement/mpt. Incoming students access



the test through the Next Steps Center. Current students test through the UA Testing Office.

All incoming freshman students who plan on taking a UA math course are asked to take the UA Math Placement Test, even

students with college math credits.

How can you help? Here are some important reminders for incoming students:

► **Read about the test and math placement.** There is important information that students wish they would have known about, like what the "I don't know" button means, how to retest, which test to take, etc.

► **There is no practice test, but students can practice.** We have test topics and course review material available through the Math Placement Website. Many students tell us that they would have done better if they had a chance to review. They do have a chance to review, but many don't do it and end up having to pay for a retest.

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After a successful Family Weekend 2011, we are very excited to announce that Family Weekend 2012 will take place on October 19-21, 2012! While we are still several months away from Family Weekend, we encourage prospective participants to make travel arrangements well in advance of Family Weekend, as area hotels tend to fill up quickly.

While we are still finalizing many of the details of Family Weekend, we already know that this year's Family Weekend will be bigger and better than ever! As has become tradition over the past few years, Wildcat World Fair will be returning once again to Family Weekend! Wildcat World Fair showcases several of the University of Arizona's international clubs and organizations. They will be making delicious treats for you to enjoy from around the world on Friday morning.

As always, make sure to bring your Wildcat spirit, as there will be a home football game on Saturday evening! While single-game tickets are not available yet, make sure to keep your eye on the Arizona Athletics website (<http://www.arizonawildcats.com>) for the on-sale date announcement.

Family Weekend 2012 will be full of fun for the entire family! From movies in



UA Wildcat parent and student enjoy the ZonaZoo Tailgate before the big game.

Gallagher Theater and billiards and arcade games in our Student Union Games Room to dueling pianos and a variety show, Family

Weekend 2012 is sure to have something for all members of the family! Stay tuned for more information regarding registration!

Math...

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► **Complete the test at least one week prior** to your orientation or registration date, if possible.

The first attempt at the test is online and should be taken as if it is a proctored in-person examination. Placement tests are designed to determine what a student knows on his or her own, without any outside materials or assistance that may artificially increase a student's score. Students do not have to take the highest course that they place into. They can discuss options with a math advisor. Taking a course beyond a student's mathematical ability generally results in unnecessarily repeating a course, or later having to take a lower level course. It is important for students to make an honest



and unassisted attempt at the test.

Students with AP, IB, CLEP, and dual enrollment math credits should test. See a math advisor at orientation to review your options.

Retesting is only recommended after a student has had a chance to review. Students can retest through the UA Testing Office on campus by appointment. Call (520) 621-7589. Testing is available around the orientation schedule.

College Math courses are different from high school courses and it is difficult for some students to make the transition. More is expected, more material is covered in less time, students have to seek their own resources for extra help, and most of the learning is done by the student outside of class. It is important for students to think about these differences and create a plan for success in college level courses.

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Welcome to the Wildcat Family!...

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Wildcats learn what to expect on their first day of class from technology to faculty expectations and is required of all new students. Details about the program will be sent out via email in July and early August so make sure your student checks their UA email (CatMail) for important information about UA Clicks. New Student Convocation is the official university welcome and pep rally for incoming freshmen hosted by our new University of Arizona President Dr. Anne Weaver Hart, with Wilbur, Wilma and the Cheer Team joining in on the fun to teach students about UA pride and traditions. Convocation continues with a celebration of the start of the new academic year, with music, entertainment and a free t-shirt for all new students. Your student should be ready to Bear Down at New Student Convocation in the McKale Center Sunday, August 19, 6 p.m.

To find out more about UA Clicks, New Student Convocation or any of the other activities UA offers to students during Wildcat Welcome visit the Wildcat Welcome website, <http://welcome.arizona.edu/>. There are even parent and family programs during welcome, to make sure that you are feeling comfortable leaving your student at UA. Check out the parent link on the website to learn about the Wildcat Welcome programs and events designed just for you. Students can add Wildcat Welcome events to their CatMail calendar by visiting the schedule page, selecting an activity they are interested in and clicking "copy to my calendar." Adding items to their calendar is one way to be sure that way they won't miss out on any of the fun!

Again, welcome to the Wildcat family. The UA has many resources for you, and we hope that you will utilize the parent program of New Student Orientation to start getting connected. If you have any questions with regard to New Student Orientation or The University of Arizona, please contact the Next Steps Center at (520) 621-5293 or at admissions@arizona.edu. We look forward to seeing you this summer at orientation!

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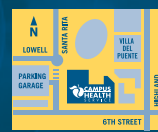
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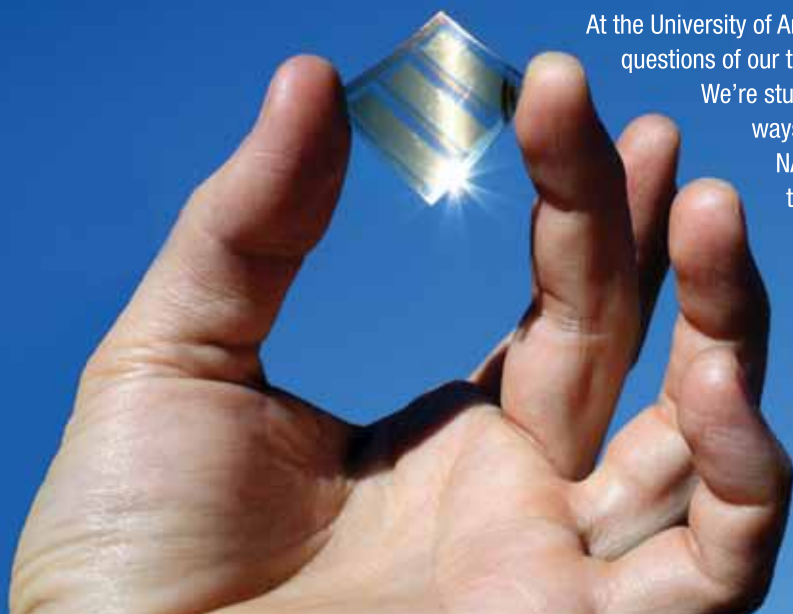
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By Megan Kimble

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As the growing university expands within its borders, assessing and assigning value to these trees is a crucial step in preserving their continued presence within the campus landscape. So UA students and faculty, along with the City of Tucson's Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development, have initiated a comprehensive study to quantify the value these trees

contribute to the university and Tucson community.

Six UA students are involved in the project, and will traverse the campus from February to May to inventory and assess every one of those 7,810 trees. Students are collecting data using i-Tree software, which was developed by a former UA professor, Greg McPherson, who now heads the Center for Urban Forest Research at the University of California at Davis. Though the software is now used to catalogue trees around the world, it is rarely used on university campuses. In fact, only 2 individuals in southern Arizona are trained to use the software. With the completion of the arboretum inventory project, the six UA students will quadruple that number.

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runoff reductions, as well as aesthetic and other benefits. Many economic considerations are direct, such as maintenance expenses, but others are more complicated, including replacement value of large trees and energy cost savings. For example, by lowering the campus temperature and shading buildings, the nearly 8,000 trees of the Campus Arboretum save the university thousands of dollars every year in energy costs.

The tree inventory program is only one of many projects that students and faculty are pursuing across campus to help make the university a more sustainable institution. In fact, it is innovative projects like this one that helped the UA earn a gold rating for sustainability from AASHE STARS in February of 2012. This designation from Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, an organization with more than 850 university and college members committed to advancing sustainability in higher education, puts UA in the upper echelon of colleges and universities pursuing sustainable management, as only 30 of 160 colleges and universities who have applied for an AASHE STARS rating have earned gold.



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ally, any scholarship matching has been limited to categories such as GPA, major or class status. In reality there is a wide variety of eligibility requirements beyond these traditional categories. To name a few, there are scholarships based on a student's interests, memberships, employment and medical history. Eligibility requirements can also apply to information about the parent or family of a student. There are thousands of donors and organizations with scholarships that require a myriad of qualifications for their scholarships. SU has integrated these other matching categories so students can spend less time searching for scholarships and more time on the critical part of applying. So how does it work? SU is only avail-




able to U of A students because it requires a valid UA Net ID and password to login. However, the student doesn't have to be a current U of A student to use the website. For example, a current high school senior that has been admitted to the UA can log in with their UA Net ID and start applying for scholarships before they start attending UA. This is true for transfer and international students as well. Once students log in, the process is simple. All students have to do is answer a series of questions, which takes fifteen minutes or less to complete. The questions are generated from eligibility requirements of scholarships in the system with open deadlines. The student's profile saves all the answers, which is used to continually match the student to scholarships throughout the year. Students can also edit their profile at any time, which is encouraged since new scholarships are added daily and new questions may appear for the student each time they

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Transition Tips from Seasoned Parents



PFA Board co-chairs Janet and Alan Stein with daughter Allison, UA senior

*By Alan & Janet Stein
Parents of a UA Senior*

We Know. THE day is approaching. You're not looking forward to letting them go. They're more than ready, or at least they think they are. If your son or daughter is not an incoming freshman you've done this before. If they are new, you're letting them go for what is probably the first extended time. The question is, are you ready? Are they ready?

As east coast parents of a senior Wildcat, we've been through this enough times and we've learned a few things about letting our daughter head off to the desert. Perhaps you may find a few of our tips useful. The first tip is to address the question of communication. How will you com-

municate with your son or daughter and how often? How will you communicate with the University and who do you communicate with? It's good to have a plan. We found that setting communication expectations is critical. You don't want to hover, but you do need a sense of security that both you and your Wildcat are coping and doing well. Set up a plan on how you communicate, how often you talk, and over what medium. We found that young women like to provide news back to their parents much more frequently than young men; nevertheless you should have a (pick one) weekly, monthly and at first, probably daily plan to talk. Cell phones are the first thought, but we've found that email and even Facebook, should they friend you,

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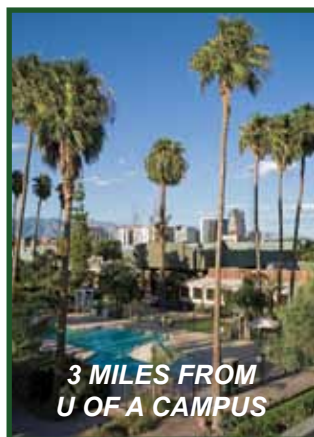
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are also good ways to stay in touch. If your Wildcat is a freshman, our experience, completely anecdotal, is that the chances of them getting some degree of homesickness is somewhere between 99.9 and 100%. The key to getting them through this is to a) let them know that if they come home, all their friends have moved on, and b) encourage them to get involved in something: clubs, organizations, sports, dorm activities. There are over 500 different organizations to choose from and at least one should get their attention.

What do you do in emergencies? Obviously the university is the best first means of communication, but we found that having a roommate's cell phone number or an RA's cell phone number is also a good idea. Also, make sure you sign up for UAlert. We know you really don't care about whether or not there's a power outage at a building on campus you've never heard of, but the mechanism is really there for alerts on campus. And it works.

Have you thought through how they will get money? Make sure you think through their ready access to funds if they need it, and how you will provide it. A local bank account has worked well for us. We chose a bank with an ATM at the Student Union.

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Once they're established, we offer a few other insights. When they come home, it's NOT a good idea to say "Oh, I see you've put on some weight." Also, don't be surprised when they start referring to the University of Arizona as home. It's their world, and it really is a nice place for them to call home during most of the year.

Final and most useful bit of advice: Join the Parent & Family Association, uafamily.arizona.edu. It's the best way to stay in touch with the University of Arizona and the best way for the University of Arizona to stay in touch with you.



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- ▶ **Order of Omega Hall of Fame Award**
Tiana Ronstadt, Kappa Kappa Gamma
- ▶ **Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award**
Bonnie Darby, Kappa Kappa Gamma
Robin Winters, Sigma Chi Chapter
- ▶ **Charter President of the Year Award**
Ray Holmgren, 2011 President of Pi Kappa Alpha
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Christina Clausby, 2011 President, Alpha Phi
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- ▶ **Emerging Leader Award**
Marc Small, Alpha Sigma Phi
Bree Blatchford, Delta Gamma
- ▶ **Greek Man of the Year**
Hunter Curtis, President, Sigma Chi
- ▶ **Greek Woman of the Year**
Lexi Shinn, Chi Omega
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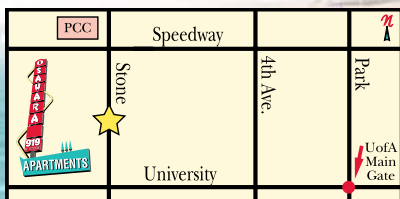


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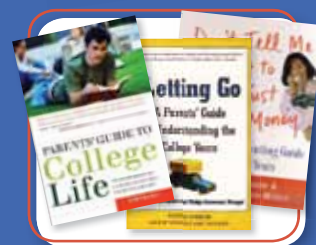
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