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Dean search leaves 3 hopefuls

College of Education
position to be selected
with diversity in mind

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Three finalists vying to be College of Education dean are visiting campus this month, marking the final stage of a search for the highest-ranking campus position to be filled under new guidelines for hiring diverse faculty.

Provost George Davis expects to decide which candidate to hire in early May and hopes the person will begin work by July 1.

The first finalist, Ronald Marx, an education professor at the University of Michigan, is visiting campus all week. Steven Bossert, an education professor at Syracuse University, will visit next week, and Kathryn Borman, a professor at the University of South Florida, will visit later this month.

The search committee whittled a pool of 36 applicants down to the three finalists, said Joaquin Ruiz,

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BLOODY WEDNESDAY



University of Arizona students walk past students Arthur Richard, on floor, and Jesse Saba Kirchner, right with mop, as they protest the war in Iraq by staging a die-in at the Student Union Memorial Center.

‘Die-in’ disrupts Union

Student protesters stage
demonstration to illustrate
their take on realities of war

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A group staged a mass murder of sorts in the Student Union Memorial Center at noon yesterday, with at least 10 drenching themselves in a blood-like liquid and playing dead to demonstrate their opposition to the war.

Students in the group, named UA Peace Refuge, said the presentation, which was held among hundreds of students during the lunch hour, was to give students a first-hand account of who the group believes is the real suspect in the conflict.

More than 20 students and staff met on the UA Mall, with some wearing shirts defining what characters they were to play, including Iraqi citizens, U.S. soldiers and others.

After running into the union’s food court, those carrying cornstarch, red dye and water solution in sandwich bags poured the concoction over themselves and fell to the ground as if they were dead. Once

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Students on Mall break for community

Spring Service Week
reveals the ease of
community service

By Cara O’Connor
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Five minutes is all it takes to make a difference in the community.

That is the message Project Volunteer members hope to convey in this year’s Spring Service Week.

“The whole purpose of Spring Service Week is to provide five to 10 minute service projects for UA students who might not experience these things otherwise,” said Greg Billings, director of Project Volunteer, a program run through the University Activities Board.

The group designed projects that students can complete

between classes like decorating ornaments for the elderly residents of Life Care Center.

Today, student volunteers will have the opportunity to write messages inside more than 150 donated children’s books in a project called “Libros para los niños.” The books will be sent to a school for children with disabilities in Sonora, Mexico.

Rich Hopkins and Luminarios, a local bluegrass band comprised partly of members in Tucson’s homeless community, will play in the Cellar Restaurant from noon to 1 p.m. to benefit Casa Maria Soup Kitchen and raise awareness about hunger issues.

Many of this week’s activities were built around a hunger awareness theme, Billings said. For example, Project Volunteer

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U.S. forces move in on Baghdad

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH OF BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. forces fought to within sight of the Baghdad skyline 20 miles away yesterday, seizing key bridges and shattering two divisions of the vaunted Republican Guard as they thrust north from two directions — the Army from the southwest, Marines from the southeast.

Some Republican Guard units were moving out of the capital yesterday toward the approaching Americans, Pentagon officials said, though they had no details on how many Iraqis were moving in.

The maneuvers hinted at the battle still looming over the Iraqi capital. A U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter was shot down by Iraqi small arms fire near Karbala — about 50 miles south of Baghdad — killing seven soldiers on board. The other four on board were



A U.S. Marine Corps M1A1 Abrams tank slid into a canal yesterday during the advance towards the Tigris River near Baghdad.

injured, but rescued by American troops.

Elsewhere in yesterday’s advance, the Americans met little resistance. Iraqi soldiers shed their uniforms for plain robes, and smiling civilians offered the Americans Iraqi-brand cigarettes.

“It feels better going north,” said Marine Cpl. John Edwards of Clovis, N.M. “The sooner we do it, the sooner we go home.”

Thousands of Marines who had protected the U.S. Army’s eastern flank along

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