**Assistant director jazzes up the band**

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Doug Tidaback has all that jazz.

In only his second year as the assistant to the director of jazz studies, he has already led students from the UA and Pima County to large competition wins and organized the UA Jazz-a-thon.

More than 500 students, parents, teachers and musicians met at Bear Down Gymnasium Saturday for the Jazz-a-thon, where ensembles of jazz students from Tucson participated in the festival with teachers and professional musicians.

Tidaback directed and performed with many of the groups.

He also teaches at the UA and serves as the Music and Education Director of the Arizona Jazz Academy. The academy gives students in Pima County the opportunity to explore and grow in the world of jazz.

“Jazz stimulates the three major ways we learn — audio, visual and physical. It makes us more prime to learn,” he said.

On April 5, jazz ensembles from the Arizona Jazz Academy and the UA Jazz Band competed against 350 ensembles in the 31st Annual Fullerton College Jazz Festival in California. The UA Jazz Band, under Tidaback’s direction, beat out 14 other colleges for top honors in the University Big Band division.

**Conference focuses on Latina women**

By Debra Hollander  CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A group of Latin American women gathered Saturday to discuss the “younger generation.”

Many of those women were UA students, looking to their predecessors for guidance.


More than 700 Arizona women are members of LULAC, and both of the state’s young adults...