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## Animal rights group wants UA to cut animal sciences program



Horses graze at the University Agricultural Center, 4101 N. Campbell Ave., last week. Robert Cantor, the head of Responsible Policies for Animals, wants to see UA's animal science program dropped because he says it is cruel to the animals now and in the future.

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In a letter addressed to UA President Pete Likins last month, the leader of a national animal rights organization said he would not rest until a specific UA program is abolished.

The letter, from Executive Director of Responsible Policies for Animals David Cantor, contained a questionnaire

regarding the school's animal sciences and called on school officials to ban the teaching of animal agriculture.

"Preventing needless animal suffering and deaths is reason enough for universities to stop teaching animal agriculture," the letter stated.

Cantor called for an immediate halt to the animal sciences program in the letter, writing, "All involved are linked to those atrocities since all activities in the animal and agribusiness industries,

including education and training, are interrelated."

RPA condemns the program's ties to the meat packing industry and says that the department promotes killing animals short of their natural life span. In his letter Cantor pleaded with Likins to find compassion for the "ten billion (animals) killed for food each year."

The UA's campus agriculture center

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## Students urged to donate organs

Online permission slip lets students make the donation decision now

By Devin Simmons  
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Seventeen Americans died today because they didn't get the organ they needed, according to the Donor Network of Arizona.

With a new statewide online registry, the first of its kind in the nation, UA students are getting the chance to make a difference.

Before the installation of the online registry system officials were required to ask the families of the deceased for permission to take an organ. But now the online registry acts as a person's informed consent, saving valuable time and dodging difficult emotions that come during a moment of tragedy, said Kimi Petrick, a communication senior and student representative for the donor network.

"This takes the hard choice away from the family," Petrick said.

Petrick, along with members of a new student organization called Youth for Organ Donation Awareness, have set up a table on the UA Mall where students can sign up for the online registry.

"It's a little morbid, talking about death," Petrick said. "By coming out here we can help people to understand it."

People between the ages of 18 and 25 are the most likely to die with organs that are viable for transplants, said David Caretto, a bio-chemistry senior and vice president of YODA. But they are the least likely to donate, he added.

People have this image that a transplant team is hovering over them when they die, greedily waiting to take their organs from them. But this is not the case, it's about saving lives, Caretto said.

"People are afraid, they are afraid of death," said

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## Honors program celebrating 40th anniversary

College offers smaller classes, sense of community, access to instructors, and a challenging environment

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Today marks the culmination of a year-long celebration of the Honors College's 40th anniversary.

UA's Honors College began in 1962 as a small program that accepted only 75 students in its first year. Since then, the program has grown to include over 4,000 students.

The beginning of a fundraiser to build an endowment for undergraduate honor student support kicks-off today.

"It's a fantastic achievement for the Honors College," said Randy Richardson, vice president of undergraduate admissions, at an Honors luncheon yesterday.

Although it started out small, he said, leaders with a vision took the Honors program to new heights.

The Honors program, which became a college in 1999, now serves to help and challenge the gifted and talented, said Patricia MacCorquodale, dean of the college.

Beginning the Honors program was significant, she said, because it is important to recognize that there are different kinds of students.

"It's a great experience to take with you," said Beth Goodhue, an English senior who will graduate in May.

Goodhue said the Honors College has prepared her for graduate school, and for life, because it has exposed

her to cutting-edge research and given her more access to faculty members.

With an average of 18 students per honors class, students are able to work more closely with their professors.

"It was nice to meet with professors and not a graduate student or (graduate assistant)," said Nathan Gandomi, an anthropology junior who remembers the benefits of his freshman honors classes.

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