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Assistant director of Facilities Management for Operations Services Tom Ellis sprinkles Vectobac, a mosquito larva killer, into a rainwater drain near the Math building yesterday in an attempt to halt the breeding of virus-carrying mosquitoes.

## Bird season may usher in West Nile

*Virus has not yet reached Arizona, but may be carried in by fall migration*

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The West Nile virus has infected more than 1,000 people from the East Coast to California this year, but Arizona residents have remained untouched to this point, as UA prepares to do battle against mosquitoes that propagate the virus.

"We're one of few states that it has not been reported in," said Frank Ramberg, assistant research scientist for the university's entomology department. "But with the start of bird migration season coming (in late fall and early winter), the cycle could get started here."

The virus, which arrived in the United States in 1999, is transmit-

ted to humans through infected mosquitoes.

Most people who become infected with West Nile virus will have either no symptoms or only mild ones. However, on rare occasions, the West Nile virus infection can result in severe and sometimes fatal illnesses, including encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain.

The virus often goes unrecognized because it exhibits symptoms that can be similar to the flu.

It is spread by mosquitoes that get the disease from biting birds that carry the virus. The disease cannot be passed from person to person, but has spread quickly across the country because of bird migration patterns.

Only a small percentage of people who get the virus experience severe symptoms and die, Ramberg said.

Most susceptible are people older than 60

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## Students flood law colleges

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Applications for law school are up this year at the UA and other law colleges across the country.

The James E. Rogers College of Law saw applications jump 25 percent in their applicant pool for this year, leading administration to believe that the sluggish economy is prompting students to delay entering the job market.

"In general, national data shows when the economy goes down, enrollment goes up," said Gary Pivo, dean of the Graduate College. "People start to look for a competitive edge and they view education as that edge."

Law school applications around the country jumped 17.9 percent for 2002-03, giving law schools the largest applicant group they have seen in 20 years, according to the Law School Admission Council.

"The struggling economy and some of the controversy surrounding the business community has made business a little less appealing. A good place to be when the economy is struggling is to pursue higher education," said Terry Holpert, assistant dean for admissions at the college of law.

Some students went to law school because of instability in the job market.

"The nature of the job market is changing. A college degree doesn't get the higher positions, but a graduate degree might," said Vanessa Gross, a first year law student.

Gross was in the work force for 10 years, but decided to return to school to find a more challenging profession.

Sam Daughety, a second-year law student, graduated with degrees in English and political science and decided to return to school to pursue a law degree to boost his qualifications.

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## ResLife yet to fill 149 spaces

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Due to the housing cap established last year, Residence Life now finds itself trying to fill 149 open spaces in the residence halls, a stark contrast to what administrators encountered last year when they were faced with putting 500 students in temporary housing.

"We are working aggressively to bring that number down as much as possible," said Joel Hauff, associate director for administrative services in ResLife. "If we're 150 spaces short, then that's a shortfall where we planned to have money, but we don't."

With an average room rate of \$3,392, the

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## Senior makes run for governor

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Not many candidates for governor hold their fundraising rallies in a bar.

History senior Carlton Rahmani isn't your typical gubernatorial candidate.

After becoming disillusioned with Arizona politics and the gubernatorial race in particular, Rahmani recently declared his write-in candidacy for governor.

He's running on a pro-business, pro-solar energy, progressive, Republican platform that includes a plan to fund public education through a formula based on the price of beer.

"I was considering the gubernatorial candidates and I was really unimpressed with them," the 27-year-old history major said.

To get the word out about his campaign, Rahmani organized a rally Sunday night at 7 Black Cats, 260 E. Congress St., but it never opened and he was unable to raise any money at the event.

"(The bar) didn't open up at all, so I put 'show cancelled' signs over the thing," said

Rahmani. "It's disappointing but it's not atypical."

Nonetheless, the self-proclaimed Republican is going to give fundraising another try tomorrow from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Gentle Ben's, 865 E. University Blvd., where he will try to communicate his self-described blend of progressivism and conservatism.

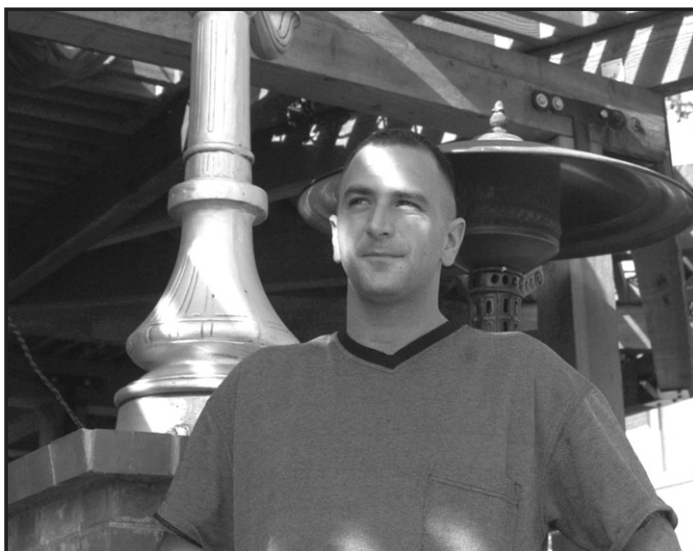
"You can still be conservative and have progressive ideas," Rahmani said, as he pledged to support mom and pop businesses and small companies. "We are losing our indigenous culture to corporations and a bunch of people moving into the state that don't care about the state."

Though Rahmani's bid for governor is sincere, not everyone thinks he's a viable candidate.

"Is this person delusional? It's not going to happen," said Peter Goudinoff, a political science lecturer who served in the Arizona Legislature for two decades. "There are nuts running for office all the time."

Unlikely candidates have won before, he said, "but this is a joke."

Besides the promotion of local business, another of Rahmani's



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Carlton Rahmani is running for governor as a write-in candidate this year in Arizona. Rahmani's slogan is "What's the worst I can do?"

ideas involves what he refers to as the "solar economy." This plan involves the use of low-interest loans to private homeowners who agree to use solar power.

These homes would still be able to use standard energy forms when needed, but would get the majority of their power from the sun.

"In Arizona, the greatest resource is the sun," Rahmani

said. "It is never lacking and it can actually generate enough electricity for a house without a battery."

Rahmani also proposes "A-Beer-or-a-Brain" tax, which would amount to roughly the price of one beer per month for each taxpayer to help fund

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