

Drumming up peace



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Interdisciplinary studies senior Jeff Smith (left) and creative writing freshman Erica Watson take part in a drumming circle led by Israeli group King David's Peace Drummers yesterday afternoon outside Old Main. The event, co-sponsored by the Arizona Israel Alliance, UA Hillel Foundation, Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Llamagshimim, was to promote cultural understanding and cooperation.

Student senate nearly suspends Lifeline program

BY NATE BUCHIK
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The student senate almost suspended distribution of emergency cab ride cards on campus Wednesday. But after receiving a four-page memo from the president of the emergency service regarding the progress the company had made in fixing transportation problems, senators decided yesterday to continue with the program and the distribution of cards.

Student Lifeline, Inc. — a company that gives free cab rides 24 hours a day to cardholding students, staff and faculty in cases of emergency — has been plagued by problems since its inception at UA.

These problems included malfunctioning service with Discount Cab and cardholders who couldn't get rides.

UA alum and Student Lifeline, Inc., president Richard Signarino said that all problems were fixed and that the problems stemmed not from Lifeline, but from the cab company Lifeline contracted with in Tucson.

ASUA's only responsibility was to distribute the 50,000 Lifeline cards and pay Lifeline's sales representative \$2,700 to sell ads. The revenue from the advertisements goes into a pool of Lifeline resources that pays cab companies for the rides.

Eight thousand of the paper Lifeline cards have been handed out at UA so far. They are about the size of a credit card folded up, but fold out two directions to display advertisements of local business-

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580 students receive morning-after pill

BY KAILA WYMAN
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Nearly 600 women have bought the morning-after pill from Campus Health Services since Jan. 1.

Plan B, commonly known as the morning-after pill, is emergency contraception that can be taken within 72 hours after intercourse to prevent pregnancy.

Of 358 health centers surveyed in colleges nationwide, 52 percent said they offered the pill, according to the 1999 survey released by the Chronicle of Higher Education yesterday.

A previous survey from 1996 showed 35 percent of respondents offered the pill.

Since Jan. 1, the Campus Health

pharmacy has administered 582 prescriptions to UA students, which averages out to about 18 pills distributed per week.

Although Plan B can be used in preventing unwanted pregnancies, it is not a form of regular birth control and should not be used as a substitute for condoms or regular birth control, said one campus health worker.

"It gets bad because most people use it as birth control and they don't use condoms," said Erin Harrington, a pharmacy technician. "We like women to establish a relationship with the staff and select some sort of birth control. It's just better if people are receiving regular women's healthcare."

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Regents to discuss UA focus, tuition rates, admission

"Changing Directions" plan would reinvent UA as a more research-oriented institution

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The Arizona Board of Regents will meet today to discuss changing the missions of Arizona's three public universities, possibly making UA more selective in admissions and tuition more expensive.

Since the possibility of differentiating the missions of each university was proposed at the regents' retreat in August, President Peter Likins has been working to develop a new goal for the institution with the Faculty Senate, the Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Council and ASUA, Likins said in a memo sent to the UA community on Sept. 17.

If the regents approve the universities' plans, UA would become more research-oriented, Arizona State University would become the state's largest university by many more students, educating the major-

ity of Arizona residents on its three campuses, and Northern Arizona University would become a primarily liberal arts institution.

If Likins' plans are put into action, UA would concentrate on protecting departments that bring in research dollars and other funding, limiting enrollment and raising admission standards.

Since the initiative, dubbed "Changing Directions," is in the early planning stages, the regents don't have specific ideas for all the changes that would take place at UA if they were to adopt the new missions.

ABOR President Jack Jewett has expressed interest in changing missions and tuition policies at the three state universities and thinks it is especially important given the recently shrinking state funds dedicated to the university system, said Matt Ortega, Arizona Board of Regents spokesman.

"(Jewett) wants to decrease (the universities') reliance on the legislature," Ortega said.

The universities would need to find



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Steven Warner, a second-year pharmaceutical science graduate student, conducts research on pancreatic cancer Tuesday. A plan proposed by President Likins could make research a top priority.

sources for additional revenue if the ideas proposed in "Changing Directions" receive board approval.

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The Arizona Board of Regents will meet in the Student Union Alumni Lounge at Arizona State University on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

If UA cuts enrollment, the formula for funding UA that is currently based on how many students are enrolled would need to be changed, or the UA would lose state funding.

A tuition hike may be in order, said student regent Matthew Meaker, of UA, and Regent Chris Herstam.

Arizona's tuition rates are ranked 49th in the country. Without changing ABOR policy, the board could feasibly increase tuition to 33rd or 34th in the country without violating the state constitution.

ABOR will discuss changing its tuition policies at its meeting today, though the final tuition levels will not be set until spring.

Chances are good that tuition through-

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