Step by step
Assistant dean to raise funds on Kilimanjaro to memorialize his son
BY STEPHANIE SCHWARTZ Staff Writer
A UA employee is about to embark on a journey to the top of Africa’s tallest mountain in the name of his late son. 

In less than a month, Ray Umashankar, assistant dean of industrial relations for the college of engineering and mines, will begin the 19,453 foot climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise money for a scholarship fund in his son’s memory. 

He hopes to raise $100,000 to create an endowed scholarship in memory of his son, a UA student who took his own life more than a decade ago while suffering from depression.

The idea for the Naren Umashankar Memorial Scholarship Endowment and the hike came from three of Naren’s closest friends after the recent tenth anniversary of Naren’s death. The Umashankar family and family friends want the scholarship to cover tuition for two UA resident students on an annual basis.

Umashankar’s climb up the peak will begin on Sept. 23. The goal is to raise enough money to start the scholarship and continue it from year to year.

In order to match this goal, Umashankar needs to raise approximately $51.5 per foot.

Kilimanjaro is a big mountain, even for Umashankar, a solidly built man who has experience on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

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Salvaged bell to ring again
USS Arizona artifact will play central role in Sept. 11 ceremony
BY RACHEL WILLIAMSON Staff Writer
After being salvaged from a sunken battleship in Pearl Harbor, almost melted for raw steel in 1944 and hidden in the old UA clock tower, the now-visible USS Arizona bell will toll one again on Sept. 11.

The bell is one of two salvaged from the sunken USS Arizona battleship, which sunk on Dec. 7, 1941, and is now visible in the clock tower of the Student Union Memorial Center. It will ring out during a Sept. 11 ceremony on the UA Mall.

But the bell almost met a much different end. In 1944, during World War II, the bell was scheduled to be melted for raw material at the time.

Bill Bowers, a 1927 UA graduate and a captain of the United States Army at the time, noticed the bell in a crate. He thought of the his alma mater — UA.

“I just thought that there’s only one place for this bell,” Bowers said.

The bell was delivered to the university in 1946. A few years later, the bell was placed in the clock tower of the Student Union Memorial Center.

Although the bell could be heard after each UA sports victory against out-of-state teams, it was never seen.

Ninety-nine-year-old Bowers will be the first to ring the historical bell this year on Sept. 11.

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ResLife taking steps to make halls safer
BY KIRSTINA DUNHAM Staff Writer
On the doors of La Paz Residence Hall sits a sign that reads: “Do you like loud, annoying and obnoxious sounds? hat a pleasant environment it is when you move to residence halls. In addition to the wired doors at La Paz, residence halls across campus are under a lockdown, with at least all the exterior doors being locked 24 hours.

Police presence has also been stepped up and students have been instructed to follow some steps that department of Residence Life director Jim Van Arsdel calls “simply a matter of common sense and behavior.”

Van Arsdel said that there are a handful of ways students living in the residence halls can ensure their own safety, as well as that of their neighbors, such as not prop- ing doors open, not allowing people they do not know into the buildings and politely challenging anyone who looks like they do not belong in the halls by asking that person what his or her business is in the halls.

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Police: Rape suspect may still be in Tucson
Number of officers searching for accused rapist James Allen Selby reduced as police receive fewer leads on his whereabouts
BY JAMES KELLEY Staff Writer
Although police have scaled down the search for accused serial rapist James Allen Selby, police warn he may still be in the Tucson area.

The number of TPD offic- ers searching for Selby has dropped from 25 to 10.

“We don’t have as many resources now that we have in the past,” Wendling said. “We are still investigating as if he is in town.”

Selby has not been identified as a suspect in the University of Arizona Police Department’s case at this time, said UAPD Commander Brian Seastone.

Selby is a suspect in a number of sexual assaults nearby campus, but not on the UA campus.

Selby, who was featured on the television show “America’s Most Wanted,” is the subject of multi-state manhunts where he is suspected to be responsible for 15 sex crimes over the past four years, in San Diego, Nevada and Oklahoma due to DNA evidence.

“The decision has no effect on us, regardless of how many detectives are on the case, our communications with TPD doesn’t stop,” said Seastone, who said he cannot comment on how many officers searching for the accused.

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