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HONORING THE VICTIMS

Remembering the past



Judaic studies senior Mickey Jotkowitz paints the words of the traditional Jewish prayer for the deceased, the mourner's Kaddish, in Hebrew during a vigil ceremony for Holocaust victims on the UA Mall Monday. The vigil lasted 24 hours.

Holocaust conference begins with vigil; other events include movies, seminars and dinners

By Devin Simmons
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A 24-hour vigil to honor victims of the Holocaust sparked the beginning of the 11th Annual Conference on the Holocaust, sponsored by the Hillel Foundation.

UA President Peter Likins started the vigil at 1 p.m. Monday on the UA Mall with a speech honoring the victims. Over the next 24 hours, 50 students and many others read the names of 20,000 people killed during the Holocaust, according to Rebecca Rosenberg, a Jewish campus service corps Diamond Family fellow.

"I was really impressed with President Likins' speech," said Daniel Pack, a student leader at the Hillel Foundation and co-chair of the committee for the conference. "It was passionate, and it appeared that he gave it off the top of his head."

Pack was surprised by the student turnout, which included not only members from Hillel, but passers-by from various ethnic and religious groups who identified with the need to remember the tragedy.

One of the most emotional moments of the day's activities, according to Pack, took place during the reading of the names of children

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Next week brings UA elections

By Stephanie Schwartz
STAFF WRITER

Spring is almost here. Soon, flowers will be springing up all over campus, and so will ASUA campaign posters.

Primary elections for positions on the Associated Students of the University of Arizona

are March 3 and 4, and candidates are publicizing all they can to get votes. There are 13 ASUA positions up for grabs, but 28 people are running to fill them.

"I'm really pleased with the turnout," said ASUA President Doug Hartz. "Last year we only had

two candidates run for executive positions."

Last year's primary elections did not eliminate any candidates because less than two ran for each executive position and less than 20 ran for senate positions.

This year, during the primary election, one candidate will be removed from the presidential race and one candidate from the administrative vice presidential race.

"I don't think turnout matters in elections," said Jennifer Reece, ASUA executive vice president. "I think the quality of people running is what matters."

"I think this will be a really good race," Reece said.



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Levasseur awaits trial for drug bust

By Joshua Sills
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Justin Levasseur, the UA football player arrested for transporting marijuana, will have to wait another month before his case goes to court.

According to the Henry County Clerk's office, Levasseur had a preliminary hearing on Dec. 9 in which he pleaded not guilty. The pre-trial hearing was then set for Jan. 10 and the jury trial was to begin on Feb. 3.

However, because a new judge was assigned to the case, the pre-trial hearing was postponed until March 18. No date is set for a jury trial yet.

While Levasseur awaits

legal decisions regarding his case, his status at the university as a student and athlete still remain in question.

Media relations for the athletics department confirmed that Levasseur is not on the roster for spring football.

The athletics department could not comment on his future with the team. UA head football coach John Mackovic could not be reached for comment.

The Dean of Students office could not comment on Levasseur's specific case, due to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. The act requires students or

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Sunken USS Arizona lives on in new union

By Patrick Shelton
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It has typically been a place where students can sit down on campus or grab a meal on the go, but now the Student Union Memorial Center may provide students with a quick history lesson when they visit.

Aside from eateries, services and entertainment forums, the four-story union is also equipped with a number of architectural and design elements that honor the history of the USS Arizona. The ship suffered more than half of the 2,390 casualties during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The new union was built with a desire to preserve the theme of the

old one, which was constructed in 1951 and partially funded by students who wanted to memorialize the fallen heroes who died for their country.

"We wanted to represent some continuity," said Dan Adams, Arizona Student Unions director. "We didn't want to just get rid of the old building and start on a brand new one."

So with this perspective and the help of MHTN Inc., a Salt-Lake City-based architectural firm, the Student Union Memorial Center now houses a blend of both subtle and obvious memorializing features, Adams said.

Some apparent features include

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Electrical engineering junior Jad Halimeh (left) and Peter Tomlinson of Denver talk while overlooking the "anchors" of the new student union.