Tenants move into Marshall building

By Melissa Winkus
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From the vast bird’s eye view of campus to bigger and cleaner offices, the Louise F. Marshall building provides a new home to many excited UA departments.

Students and faculty who moved into the new Marshall building, located on the corner of North Park Avenue and East North Campus Drive, are more than happy with their new home.

The unification of the various departments is a big plus in the new building, said Craig Caldwell, department head for media arts.

“Media Arts used to be in several locations on campus,” he said. “Now we are united in one place, and people will be able to find us.”

Tangelina Joe, an undeclared sophomore and student office assistant, said the centralization of the different departments is very good in the new building.

“It’s a big upgrade from Franklin, and it accommodates a lot more people,” Joe said. “Latin American studies and Judaic studies are all localized and together.”

The Marshall building will be home to several UA departments, including media arts, near eastern studies, Judaic studies and journalism.

In addition, the center for Latin American studies, the center for Middle Eastern studies and the racetrack industry program will also make their home in Marshall.

Despite construction teams finishing up with details, most of the departments have settled in and resumed business as usual, with the exception of the journalism department.

The journalism department was expected to move into the new building at the end of last week, but the move was postponed due to problems with the electrical system, said Paul Johnson, senior media arts.

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UA built artificial heart approved

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An artificial heart developed and tested by UMC cardiologists is set to receive approval from the FDA and is gaining nationwide attention.

An FDA panel concluded Wednesday that the device, called Cardiowest, was effective in treating patients with biventricular heart failure until they could receive a transplant.

Results establish that the SynCardia Cardiowest Total Artificial Heart is effective in providing a bridge to transplant circulatory support in cardiac transplant candidates,” the FDA’s report stated.

Cardiowest is intended for use in patients who are hospitalized awaiting a transplant. Many of these patients would die without Cardiowest, according to Dr. Marvin Slepian, professor of medicine and director of interventional cardiology at University Medical Center.

Dr. Jack Copeland, the co-director of UMC’s Sarver Heart Center, has been studying Cardiowest, which he helped develop, for nine years.

Copeland is referred to as a “world-renowned cardiothoracic surgeon” by Cardiowest’s Web site, and said he was pleased with the FDA’s backing of Cardiowest and its positive comments on the device.

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UA bills see early death in Legislature

By Bob Purvis
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PHOENIX — Well into its third month, Arizona’s lawmaking session will likely last into the summer. But many campus-related bills have already taken a permanent spring break.

Bills that would have increased the amount of state-funded financial aid, given fraternity house owners a break on privately owned land property tax exemp-

tions, mandated tuition installment payment plans and required university admissions to be equitable for students who were charter- or home-schooled have all been held or voted down by the Legislature.

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