Wildcat Powwow draws 1,000

By Mitra Taj

"Famous powwow drumming, colorful costumes, and American Indian dance performances drew people from across the country to campus Friday and Saturday to participate in the second annual UA Wildcat Powwow. "For a lot of Native American students, it's a way of getting together and celebrating being native," said Shawn Bitseaux, a pre-veterinary science senior who has been singing and drumming with Panther Creek, the grade drum group at the powwow for two years. "A lot of Native American people filled Bear Down Field during the two-day event, said Sue Jackson, president of the UA Powwow Committee and American Indian studies graduate student. The committee received the UA powwow last year and has been working year-round to raise money for the event. "It's much for campus as it is for the community. It's a celebration to share our culture," said Jackson, a member of the Chiricahua tribe of southwestern California. Josie Hayes, a sociology and religious studies sophomore who is Caucasian, said it was "only her second time at a powwow." It's a way of keeping in touch with my Native American side," Hayes said. "It brings diversity to campus and you meet new people," said Jolanda Brown, a former Native American and aerospace engineer who learned from other tribes too." Diversity among the Native Americans in attendance could be seen from the different dance categories and drum groups. Jackson said musicians from at least 15 tribes were present. This year, the committee brought two of the United States' top drum groups, a big draw for many who went to the powwow. "When the Indian community hears that there is a big drum coming, they like to come out and see them," said Jackson. Omaha White Tail, the southern drum group from Nebraska, and Black Lodge, the northern drum group from Washington, alternated playing with the dancers with other groups. Each group circled around a big drum they beat while they sang. The sound of drum groups formed a bigger circle around the dancers, who displayed their elaborate, homeade costumes as they moved. Jackson said the singing often alluded to battles and why they must be fought, or praised the dancers. Instrumental songs were played on "swoices," or chanting, instead of words. "You don't really get that kind of singing anywhere else around here," said Illume of the Tuscon drum group Panther Creek. He described his experiences as CELEBRATION!/'

Zoo' pass not valid at USA Softball game vs. UA

Exhibition game not included in students' Zona Zoo season

By Jessica Lee

Angry students waited anxiously outside Hiatab Stadium Friday afternoon hoping to see tickets after discovering that future Zoo passes would not be honored at the USA vs. Tucson game.
The game was labeled an "exhibition game" and not eligible for a regular season game, one that is usually free for Zoo Zoo members. A sign taped up near the stadium entrance read "Zona Zoo and Wildcat Sports: Fares Not Accepted."
We're closed," said David Yeh, an electrical engineering sophomore. "We didn't know; we assumed we could get in."
The confusion occurred because "exhibition games" are not included in the list of games where the 540 Zoo Zoo pass would not be accepted.
On the back of the Zoo Zoo card, it states the pass is good for all regular season games at Arizona, but not intercollegiate athletic games. Students said the situation made them think the Associated Students of the University of Arizona had not thought about the possibility of mislabeling exhibition games because they were not clarified on the Zoo Zoo card.
"It almost seems like false advertising on the card's part," said Calahowlolu, a pre-business sophomore.
Peter Ward, ASUA spirit director, said he thought it was clear that this is not a regular season intercollegiate game.
Neither the athletic department nor ASUA communicated to students before the game that the entrance would require Zoo Zoo members to purchase regular student tickets, students said.
Seals for the game sold out Tuesday, said Damon Craswell, the McKale Center ticket manager.
"This is not a regular season game; for this reason, we are not honoring any passes," Grandes said Friday afternoon.
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Campus Health surveys frats on binge drinking

By Jesse Lewis

Campus Health officials are targeting fraternities with a survey on binge drinking as part of an effort to stop alcohol abuse among college students.
Creek Life Coordinator Chris Rollins said binge drinking is common with all college students, especially among members of fraternities.
Binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks in a row at least once in the last two weeks.
By Natasha Bhyat

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