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Wildcat Powwow draws 1,000

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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 Bitsuie, a pre-veterinary science senior who has been singing and drumming with Panther Creek, the gourd drum group at the powwow for two years.

About 1,000 people filled Bear Down Field during the two-day event, said Lee Jackson, president of the UA Powwow Committee and American Indian studies graduate student. The committee revived the UA powwow last year and has been working year-round to raise money for the event.

"It's as much for campus as it is for the community. It's a celebration to share cultural heritage," said Jackson, a member of the Chumash tribe of southwestern California.

Justin Haynes, a sociology and religious studies sophomore who is Choctaw, said it was only his second time at a powwow.

"It's a way of keeping in touch with my Native American side," Haynes said.

"It brings diversity to campus and you meet new people," said Tondalia Brown, a former Miss Native American and aerospace engineering junior. "You learn from other tribes too."

Diversity among the Native Americans in attendance could be seen from the different dance categories and drum groups. Jackson said members from at least 15 tribes were present.

This year, the committee brought two of the United States' best 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 for the dancers with other groups. Each group circled around a big drum they beat while they sang. The circles of drum



A powwow participant enters Bear Down Field Saturday afternoon as part of the grand entry. After the entrance, people from many tribes played in a drum circle and held dancing competitions, celebrating American Indian culture.

groups formed a bigger circle around the dancers, who displayed their elaborate, homemade costumes as they moved.

Jackson said the singing often alluded to battles and why they must be fought, or praised the dancers. Intertribal songs relied on "vocalics,"

or chanting, instead of words.

"You don't really get that kind of singing anywhere else around here," said Bitsuie of the Tucson drum group Panther Creek.

He described his experiences

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

Exhibition game not included in students' Zona Zoo season

By Jessica Lee
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Angry students waited anxiously outside Hillenbrand Stadium Friday afternoon hoping to score tickets after discovering that their Zona Zoo passes would not be honored at the UA vs. Team USA softball game.

The game was labeled an "exhibition game" and did not qualify as a regular season game, one that is usually free for Zona Zoo members. A sign taped up near the stadium entrance read "Zona Zoo and Wildcat Sports Passes Not Accepted."

"We're pissed," said David Ybarra, 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 \$40 Zona Zoo pass would not be accepted.

On the back of the Zona Zoo card, it states the pass is good for all regular season home UA intercollegiate athletic events.

Students said the situation made them think the Associated Students of the University of Arizona had not thought about the possibility of midseason exhibition games because they were not clarified on the Zona Zoo card.

"It almost seems like false advertising on the card's part," said Jeff Gryniewicz, a pre-business sophomore.

Peter Wand, ASUA spirit director, said he thought it was clear that an exhibition is not a regular season intercollegiate game.

Neither the athletic department nor ASUA communicated to students before the game that the entrance would require Zona Zoo members to purchase regular student tickets, students said.

Seats for the game sold out Tuesday, said Darren Graessle, the McKale Center ticket manager.

"This is not a regular season game. For this game, we are not honoring all sports passes," Graessle said Friday afternoon.

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Campus Health surveys frats on binge drinking

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Campus Health officials are targeting fraternities with a survey on binge drinking as part of an effort to stop alcohol abuse among college students.

Greek Life Coordinator Chris Bullins 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.

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Lion hunt relocates telescopes to Mall

By Natasha Bhuyan
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The Sabino Canyon mountain lions simply can't be the life of the party.

For that reason, the sixth annual Telescopes for Telethon, a star-gazing party usually held at Sabino Canyon, had to relocate Saturday night to the UA Mall.

Fifty telescopes were scattered across the Mall Saturday night for planet, star and galaxy viewing.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department closed Sabino Canyon to the public March 9 in order to capture mountain lions they feared were a threat to canyon visitors.

Michael Terenzoni, assistant coordinator for Telescopes for Telethon, said the change was last minute, but after checking the UA calendar, he thought the Mall would be a good location.

"I've had star parties canceled by rain and clouds, but never mountain lions," said George Barder, a member of the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association.

Although the event was moved abruptly, organizers said attendance was the highest it's ever been, with a turnout of about 1,000 spectators.

Andrew Cooper, a club officer for the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association, said viewing nebulae and galaxies are "crisper" at Sabino Canyon since it is darker, but planets are seen clearly from the UA.

Organizers of the event paid university officials to turn off the lights surrounding the Mall.

"The deep sky is viewed better (at Sabino Canyon), but it does not matter for planets," said Gary Jew, an astrophotographer who has attended the event for two years.

Bill Lofquist, who said the "astronomy

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Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association star party coordinator Steve Marten aligns his telescope with Jupiter and its four surrounding moons, Saturday night on the UA Mall.

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