

TWO YEARS LATER



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Electrical engineering senior Faisal El-Azzouzi, left, and MIS junior Umair Malik discuss how to broaden Muslim acceptance and understanding on campus during a meeting of the Muslim Student Association.

Students abducted, detained in Mexico

By Ty Young & Tim Lake
STAFF WRITER & CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A female student was drugged and abducted from a bar during a Labor Day weekend trip to Nogales, Mexico, UAPD and the Dean of Students reported yesterday.

Word of the abduction came yesterday when UAPD Chief Anthony Daykin and Dean of Students Melissa Vito discussed their concerns over weekend party busses that take underage students to the Mexican border.

Vito and Daykin said the university or any organizations connected to the university do not sponsor trips of this nature. The two also requested that any students who are solicited to purchase tickets for these trips contact UAPD.

Vito and Daykin also reported that there were two male students who spent the night in jail during the same trip and had to hitchhike back to Tucson. UAPD could not verify this report because it is being handled by the Nogales, Sonora police department.

All the students have returned safely to Tucson. Jorge Ruiz, a Nogales, Sonora police officer who works at the jail there, said through a translator that there was no record of the students staying in the jail. He also said that there was no record of the female student's abduction.

At the press conference, Vito and Daykin also warned students about drinking alcohol in Mexico.

Alcohol was the reason the students did not return, according to the Dean of Students press release.

"Apparently there was some heavy alcohol consumption," said UAPD Sgt. Eugene Mejia. "There were three students unaccounted for when the busses returned."

Promoters for Pulse New York Productions, the company that sponsored the trip, would not comment, after being advised by their attorney.

Mejia said promoters for the company had left advertisements around Coronado Residence Hall, where most of the students are underage.

The advertisements appealed to the young students who often travel to Mexico because the drinking age in Mexico is 18, Mejia said.

Although it is legal for persons under 21 to drink in Mexico, Daykin warned that after crossing the border, "If (students) still have alcohol in their system, they're breaking the law and are subject to arrest."

Nogales, Ariz. Police Chief John Kissinger said that

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JACOB KONST/Arizona Daily Wildcat
UAPD Chief of Police Tony Daykin and Melissa Vito, UA Dean of Students, held a meeting Tuesday morning to inform students about travel scams.

9/11 memories linger

Fewer international students coming to UA despite no longer being targets

By Cara O'Connor
SENIOR WRITER

Madiha Raina recalls being followed between classes and taunted following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"People would say, 'Go back where you came from,'" the physiology junior said.

The harassment has since ceased, but challenges for Arabs in America still exist.

Since 9/11, the UA has seen a sharp decrease in the number of Middle Eastern students arriving from abroad, said Kirk Simmons, executive director of the Division of International Student Affairs.

He said that while he used to see about 40 to 60 students from Middle Eastern countries during each international student orientation, this year he only saw about six students.

The total enrollment of international students has dropped about five percent, from 3,000 to 2,850, said Rick Kroc, director of assessment and enrollment research.

Simmons said he sees this drop as a direct result of laws associated with the Department of Homeland Security.

International students entering the United States are required to have their information entered in the Student and Exchange Visitor

Information System.

As of Aug. 1, 2003, all new international students and some teachers have been required to have an in-person interview with a U.S. consular before they have been granted visas.

"They are giving up because of the bureaucracy involved in getting their visas," he said. "The university can do nothing as long as the current laws are in effect."

Simmons said he thinks that delays caused by the new laws are unreasonable.

9/11 MEMORIAL President Peter Likins and students will gather on the UA Mall today at 9 a.m. There will be a moment of silence at 9:11 a.m.

University of Beirut in Lebanon. "The U.S. can arrest any foreigners without due process," he said. "Most Arabs and Muslims are suspect."

This is part of the problem why people are very hesitant to come here, he added.

Mousalli thinks that the United States has detained foreigners without reason just to pacify the American public.

"The United States has to show

"Wall of Expression" sits in campus storage room, UA has no plans to display

By Alexis Blue
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the days following the September 11 attacks, members of the campus community filled the "Wall of Expression" with poetry, artwork, prayers and other expressions of grief, hope, frustration and anger.

Hundreds paused before the wall each day to read and reflect.

"I can remember being on campus and everyone would stop and read them," said family and consumer sciences senior Katie Myers. "I stopped continuously."

Now, the "Wall of Expression" lies unseen in a facilities management storage room.

The panels were removed from campus and put into storage in October 2001 because "it was just time," said Veda Kowalski, associate dean of students.

Kowalski said the response to the wall after 9/11 was overwhelming.

"It gave students the opportunity to express what they were feeling at the time," she said.

Kowalski said there are no plans to display the wall again, mainly because there haven't been requests to do so.

As the walls collect dust in a storage closet, students have their own ideas about what should be done with them.

"It might be interesting to display it in a museum to look back and see what people were thinking," Myers said.

Emily Adams, a journalism junior, said she liked to read comments on the wall to see if others felt the same way she was feeling.

"I think they should be displayed again, especially on the anniversary," she said.

Junior Matt Barreira said bringing out the wall panels on the anniversary would make people remember how hard it was.

"It's easy to forget, but it's not good to forget,"

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NEWS BRIEFS

ASUA agrees to fund A-Day

Lone Blue Key event of year will familiarize freshmen with traditions

By Dana Crudo & Debra Hollander
CONTRIBUTING WRITER & STAFF WRITER

At the ASUA meeting yesterday, the senators gave the Blue Key, a national honorary, \$1,095 in funds in order to help the club plan A-Day.

The funding was \$100 short of what the club originally asked for. The ASUA senators refused to give money for advertising in the *Wildcat* because they said A-day can be put in the datebook section.

A-Day is a free event for freshmen that teaches them university traditions.

Students are taken to "A" mountain to paint the "A." They are also taught the words to "Bear Down," and are given a chance to interact with Wilbur and Wilma. A-Day court is also announced, in which the most spirited freshmen are chosen so they can be presented to the university during the football game.

The event will be held on Sept. 27 and students meet at Old Main. A-Day is the only event Blue Key is planning on holding for the entire 2003-2004

academic year.

Sara Birnbaum, an ASUA senator, reported that the plan to create an Alumni garden in front of the Administration building will not affect the cactus garden.

Two years ago, plans for the alumni garden caused a huge debate among the UA community because the coordinators originally wanted to remove or change the cactus garden, which contains decade-old cacti.

The garden will not impede on the cactus garden, but will disrupt access to the Administration and Modern Languages buildings. Students will have to enter the Administration building from the back, and the usual 28-inch footpath in front of the buildings will be reduced to 8 inches. The Student Union Memorial Center will not be affected by the construction.

Construction will begin in December.

A representative of Jim Click's Automotive Team spoke to ASUA during the meeting about the Run 'N' Roll

marathon that will benefit the UA Disability Resource Center on Oct. 6 beginning at 6:15 a.m.

The marathon includes an open 8K run/walk, 3K run/walk, a kid's Run 'N' Roll, and an 8K wheelchair race.

It will be held on the UA Mall.

Prizes will be awarded to top racers in several categories. Prizes include cash gifts, performance footwear gift certificates and free entry into next year's race.

Participants can register on the day of the event from 6:15 a.m. — 7 a.m., go in person to Performance Footwear, Williams Center, from Sept. 20 to Oct. 4, or go online and register at Active.com.

After the race, breakfast will be served and athletic vendor tents will be set up. UA cheerleaders, the basketball team and Wilma and Wilbur will be present throughout the event.

At the Graduate and Professional Student Council meeting last night, the representatives reminded everyone that next week they will relocate their office from the Esquire Building on East Helen Street to the Student Union Memorial Center.

After the move, GPSC plans to hire a graduate student part-

time for office work.

This is a new position that is being created to help streamline GPSC's activities.

In the past it has been difficult to know whom to contact for certain things and so this will hopefully get rid of this problem, said Jani Radebaugh, president of GPSC.

The student's salary will be \$15,000/year.

Also, GPSC representatives were reluctant last night to sign the Petition of Academic Visa Reform, which is being signed by graduate councils around the country.

The petition is calling on students to ask for the easing of regulations on multi-entry and long stay visas for foreign students.

Jason Johnson, the College of Medicine representative, said that he had sent out an e-mail to College of Medicine students and had only gotten one somewhat positive response.

Many of the other responses actually asked that he not sign it, he said.

GPSC passed its \$62,500 budget.

Radebaugh called this "pennies compared to ASUA's budget."

Confederate 'citizen' files Gov. recall

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — A Tempe man who calls himself a citizen of the Confederate States of America has taken out a recall petition against Gov. Janet Napolitano.

The recall petition filed yesterday by Charles Goodson accuses Napolitano of failing to serve "in a responsible and reasonable manner."

The petition said Napolitano violated the Arizona Constitution by usurping legislative powers, "refused to support" natural-resource industries, failed to act responsibly on forest issues, harmed communities which supported her campaign, spent too much on staff and travel and went on vacation when a gasoline crisis was beginning to brew.

It would take 306,528 signatures of registered Arizona voters by Jan. 8 to force the proposed recall election of Napolitano, a Democrat who took office in January.

Napolitano spokeswoman Kris Mayes reacted dismissively.

"All I can say is this recall is about as serious as Mr. Goodson's 'save the Confederacy' movement," Mayes said. "We'll leave it to Arizona voters to decide how serious this effort is."

Goodson did not immediately return a call for comment.

A Web site for the "Southern Parties of the Southwest" — <http://www.southernpartysw.org> — identifies him as chairman, giving his Tempe address and phone number.

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Tightening of regulations on visas hinders Arab students

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that they are doing things for the safety of this country," he said.

Nearly two years ago, the violence toward the Arab community was so prevalent that about 40 students from the Gulf area went home.

Their families said that it was not safe for them to live in this country, Raina said.

"9/11 was not only an attack on the U.S. It also did a lot of damage to the image of Islam in this country because many people wrongly

blamed it on the religion," said Asad Iqbal, a philosophy graduate student and president of the Muslim Student Association.

Apart from violence and verbal assaults, Raina remembers a change in the public's attitude toward her and other Arab people.

"People at stores would give me weird looks," she said. "They would be more careful around me."

Michael Burdine, director of the Tucson Islamic Center, said that some Muslim women — especially those who dressed more conservatively — avoided leaving their

homes for up to three weeks after the harassment since the attacks began.

Burdine also said that someone tried to run his friend's car off the road and later through a rock through his car window. At the time, his friend was the director of the Islamic Center at Tucson.

Threats and hostilities were not limited to practicing Muslims, but were also directed toward Arab Christians.

Nesreen Khashan, a Near Eastern studies graduate student, said that her parent's church in San Jose, Calif., a Christian Arab church, burned down shortly after the terrorist attacks.

The police said it was arson,

Khashan said.

Khashan said that she felt embarrassed by the attention she received because of her Arab background.

"Even though I am as American as people whose descendants go back many generations I remember feeling awkward," she said. "This was just a group of fanatics that didn't represent my community or me."

About a year ago some of Raina's friends were verbally assaulted by strangers as they walked home from classes late at night, Raina said.

She has not heard of any harassment since then.

UAPD spokesman Sgt. Eugene

Mejia said that he does not know of any harassment claims filed with the police department by Muslim people in the past year.

Still, the Muslim community is taking precautions.

He said that the anniversary of the event raises some concerns about safety and he has worked with the university and Tucson police departments to increase security at the mosque today.

"Things seem to be pretty quiet and I hope they stay that way," Burdine said.

"We will have additional officers on the streets," Mejia said. "As with any anniversary of a terrorist attack, our department and the nation prepares for similar attacks."



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MEXICO:

Bus tour leaves pair to hitchhike home

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once students cross the border, they become prime targets for theft, abuse and arrest.

"What students need to understand is that when they cross the border into Mexico, they give up all their constitutional rights to search and seizure," he said. "They need to be careful when they are in Mexico."

Rob Rothstein, a business freshman, said he and his friend Jean Paul, a management information systems freshman from Honduras, were left at the border by the bus over the Labor Day weekend when Paul was prevented from returning to the United States for not having proper identification.

Rothstein was already on the bus headed for the United States when he found out Paul was not being allowed back into the country.

He left the bus to help Paul and said representatives from Pulse New York Productions came to him and told him the buses would be leaving Nogales.

Rothstein said the representatives made sure he knew the group was leaving, but Rothstein did not return to the bus anyway.

"They didn't just ditch me," he said. "I would never expect them to wait."

Paul also said he did not blame the company for leaving him.

He said he signed a waiver and said, "It was my responsibility."

The company requires people to sign forms releasing the company from responsibility after they enter Mexico.

Paul said he had his Arizona driver license, CatCard, and a credit card, but U.S. border officials required more identification.

Additionally, although his alien status was verified, he was required to pay \$200 before returning to the country. This upset the intoxicated Rothstein, who said he yelled at police and was restrained and handcuffed.

Police released Rothstein after he agreed to pay the \$200 fee for Paul, Rothstein said.

The two caught a ride back to Tucson in the back of a pickup truck, Rothstein said.

The Dean of Students office could not verify yesterday whether these two students were the hitchhikers mentioned at the press conference.

Vito said there are no plans to discipline underage students who participated in the trip.

"My concern is not the students who were there," she said. "We're concerned about (students') safety."

Ruiz, the Nogales police officer, said unruly American

youth often make themselves targets with their behavior while in Mexico.

"The two reasons (why) Americans get into jail: drinking alcohol on the streets and fights," he said. "Usually the fights are between Americans."

Ruiz added that American students are often disrespectful to the population of the city, making it "ugly" at times.

"They just come to Nogales to party and drink," he said. "They just come to get drunk."

Kissinger said the jails in Mexico are nothing like those in the United States. He said the threat of going to jail in Mexico should deter people from acting up.

"I personally have never been in a Mexican jail, thank God," he said. "I've heard stories, and I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy."

Mejia said traveling to Mexico is risky for students because most do not recognize the dangers. He added that some students do not understand the difference between law enforcement in the United States and that in Mexico.

"Students need to remember that Mexico is a foreign country," he said. "(They) need to remember that they don't have the same rights as American citizens when they cross the border."

The Nogales, Sonora police department is handling the investigation. The Nogales, Ariz. and university police are also helping with the investigation.

— Orlando Ayala contributed to this report.

WALL:

"Wall" awaits permanent home

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FILE PHOTO/Arizona Daily Wildcat
An unidentified man reads messages left on UA's Wall of Expression. The wall was temporarily installed on the mall after the terrorist attacks to provide an outlet for people to express their emotions.

he said.

Luke Wootton, an education sophomore, said he appreciated the artistic value of the wall and thinks the panels should be put on permanent display as a constant reminder of how people felt after the attacks.

"It was basically an art gallery on campus," he said.

Wootton said blank panels like those used for the "Wall of Expression" should be set up on campus more often to allow students to visually express themselves.

"There's always issues that need to be expressed," he said.

Others think the wall should just remain a memory.

"I think it was perfectly appropriate for the time, but I think now we have to move forward as a community and look toward the future," said dance senior Renee Blakeley.

Blakeley said while she remembers reading many hopeful comments on the wall, she also saw a lot of negative and

angry remarks that she thinks may have made some people feel worse about what happened.

As words like "revenge" and "anarchy" mingled with messages of "love" and "peace," some worried the wall panels were becoming more controversial than helpful.

While chemistry senior Dan Feeney thought the wall was a good way for students to express themselves, he didn't agree with some of the words he saw.

"I'm not an angry person," he said. Kowalski said there were concerns expressed about some of the wall's content because it was unregulated.

But she added that the purpose of the panels was to allow everyone to freely express themselves without fear of suppression.

Kowalski said she would like to hear from students about what they think should be done with the walls in the future.

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