9/11 memories linger

Fewer international students coming to UA despite no longer being targets

By Cara O'Connor

Several international students and some teachers have been required to have an in-person interview with a U.S. consulate 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.

"They are simply coming to get an education and they are certainly not terrorists," Simmons said.

Implications of the Patriot Act have deterred many foreigners from coming into the United States, said visiting scholar Ahmad Mousaali, of the American University of Beirut in Lebanon. "The U.S. can arrest any foreigner 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.

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The University of Arizona (UA) has no plans to display "Wall of Expression" sits in campus storage room, UA has no plans to display

By Alexis Blue

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.

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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 passed 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 Kate 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 done with them.

"If (students) still have alcohol in their system, they're not allowed in Mexico," Daykin warned that after crossing the border, students who often travel to Mexico because the drinking age in Mexico is 18, Mejia said.

"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.

"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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Confederate ‘citizen’ files recall

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 reasonable and responsible 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.

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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 prevalent that all students from the Gulf area went home.

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

"I’ll 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 Ahmad Abdul Qader, Arab graduate student and president of the Muslim Student Association.

- From violence and verbal assaults, Khashan remembers a change in the public’s attitude toward her and other Arab people.

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

Michael Mejia, director of the Tucson Islamic Center, said that some Muslims — especially those who dressed more conservatively — avoided leaving their homes for up to three weeks after the harassment since the attacks.

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

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

"We will have additional officers on the streets," Mejia said. "As with any anniversary of a terrorist attack, our department and the nation prepared for similar attacks."
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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 Puls 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. Thus 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 pick-up truck, Rothstein said.

The Dean of Students office could not verify yesterday whether those 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' safety," Meza 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 Aplates contributed to this report

WALL:

"Wall" awaits permanent home

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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.

"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."

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