

## A FLAG IN EVERY CLASSROOM



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Tyler Mott, a political science senior, wants to hang a U.S. flag in every classroom on the UA campus. Mott does not want the funds to come from the university and is setting up a nonprofit organization called "Operation Angel" to raise money for the flags.

## Student sees red, white and blue

### Old Glory may find its way into UA classrooms

By Nate Buchik  
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Political science senior Tyler Mott's quest began as a freshman when he came to the UA, went to class and noticed something was missing.

Red, white and blue. Old Glory wasn't in the

classrooms; it wasn't in the lecture halls. Sure, it was in front of Old Main and in the sports stadiums, but that wasn't enough for Mott.

It took him a while, but Mott has decided to follow in the footsteps of a group at the University of Central Florida that lobbied successfully to get flags in more than 200 of its classrooms.

"The flag represents what gives (students) the ability to speak freely," Mott said.

Mott wants to put the 2-by-3-foot free speech reminders in

every UA classroom, excluding chemistry labs, where they would be considered flammable.

Facilities Management told Mott there are 438 classrooms where he could put flags, and he estimates the cost at more than \$4,000. He doesn't want to get any money from the UA. Instead, he says he would seek private donations.

When Mott first got the idea of putting flags in every classroom, he asked around and found that some people didn't even notice the lack of flags.

UA spokeswoman Sharon Kha said she has been trying to find some flag policies, but couldn't find any in UA or state policy for colleges and universities.

"We don't have a specific policy on flags other than if they are displayed, they should be displayed with the proper regulations," Kha said.

Kha said a decision on whether to put up the flags would probably not be made by a vote from students or faculty. Individual building monitors

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## School of Planning may be spared

By Jeff Sklar  
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Faculty senators voted overwhelmingly yesterday to support saving the School of Planning, which has been slated for possible elimination, by moving it into the department of geography and regional development.

Though the 18-0 vote was nonbinding because the senate lacked a quorum, Provost George Davis said it nonetheless sent administrators a resounding signal that the faculty opposes eliminating the school.

According to a report presented yesterday to the senate, by joining with geography, the school could help serve undergraduates in that department who have said they are interested in learning about issues like city history and structure, economic development and transportation.

"If you approve this, you are making the right decision," said John Paul Jones, head of the geography and regional development department. "My faculty is open to the possibility ... of devising an appropriate agenda for the future."

That comment drew a wink from Faculty Chairman Jory Hancock, who sat on the committee that recommended moving the school rather than closing it.

The senate will vote again over e-mail in hopes of attracting enough votes to make the recommendation official and will forward it to a variety of committees, made up largely of students and faculty. Ultimately, though, President Peter Likins will decide whether to ask the Arizona Board of Regents to support the senate's recommendation or to eliminate the school completely.

Planning and geography share an intellectual foundation, Jones said, and combining the two departments could lead to a more well-rounded education for students in the geography department while still allowing planning students to focus on service and community outreach.

Planning faculty would welcome the chance to teach more undergraduate courses and perhaps eventually develop a formal undergraduate curriculum for planning, which now offers only a

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## Grant Road suicide lane gets the ax

By Zach Colick  
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The Tucson City Council decided 7-0 to shut down the suicide lane on East Grant Road yesterday.

The reversible lane runs west from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and east from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The suicide lane has existed for 20

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## RA killed in early morning cycle crash

By Holly Wells  
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A UA resident assistant and an unidentified woman died Sunday morning in a motorcycle accident at North Euclid Avenue and East Edison Street.

Joseph Johnson, an economics junior and a Graham-Greenlee Residence Hall RA, and his female passenger were heading north on Euclid Avenue at 2 a.m. when the motorcycle they were riding went

off the road and hit a house's brick wall, according to Tucson Police Department reports.

The passengers were thrown from the vehicle.

Michelle Pickrom, TPD spokeswoman, said Johnson died at the scene. The female passenger was taken to the University Medical Center, where she died around 11 a.m.

Johnson was 22 and had been an RA for two years.

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Molecular and cellular biology junior Mike French places flowers and a card at a memorial for Joseph Johnson yesterday afternoon. Johnson and an unidentified woman were killed on Sunday while riding their motorcycle at North Euclid Avenue and East Edison Street.

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