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SWIMMING TO THE SUMMER GAMES

UA's Beard looks for more gold in Athens

By Brett Fera
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Amanda Beard says she's just another student. "Sometimes, they call roll in class and people will look when they hear my name, but they don't put it together," she says.

While the rest of the UA community gets ready for a week's worth of semester-ending exams, the retail and consumer sciences junior is prepping for her own final, and it's now just 99 days away.

The course: History 2004.

The classroom: Athens, Greece.

"Right now, I'm very confident," says Beard, who plans to compete in the 200-meter individual medley and the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke at the summer Olympics. "But you never know what's going to happen."

Beard didn't know what would happen as a 14-year-old in 1996, when she won her first Olympic gold in the 400-meter medley relay in Atlanta. She also took home two silvers for the U.S. team that year.

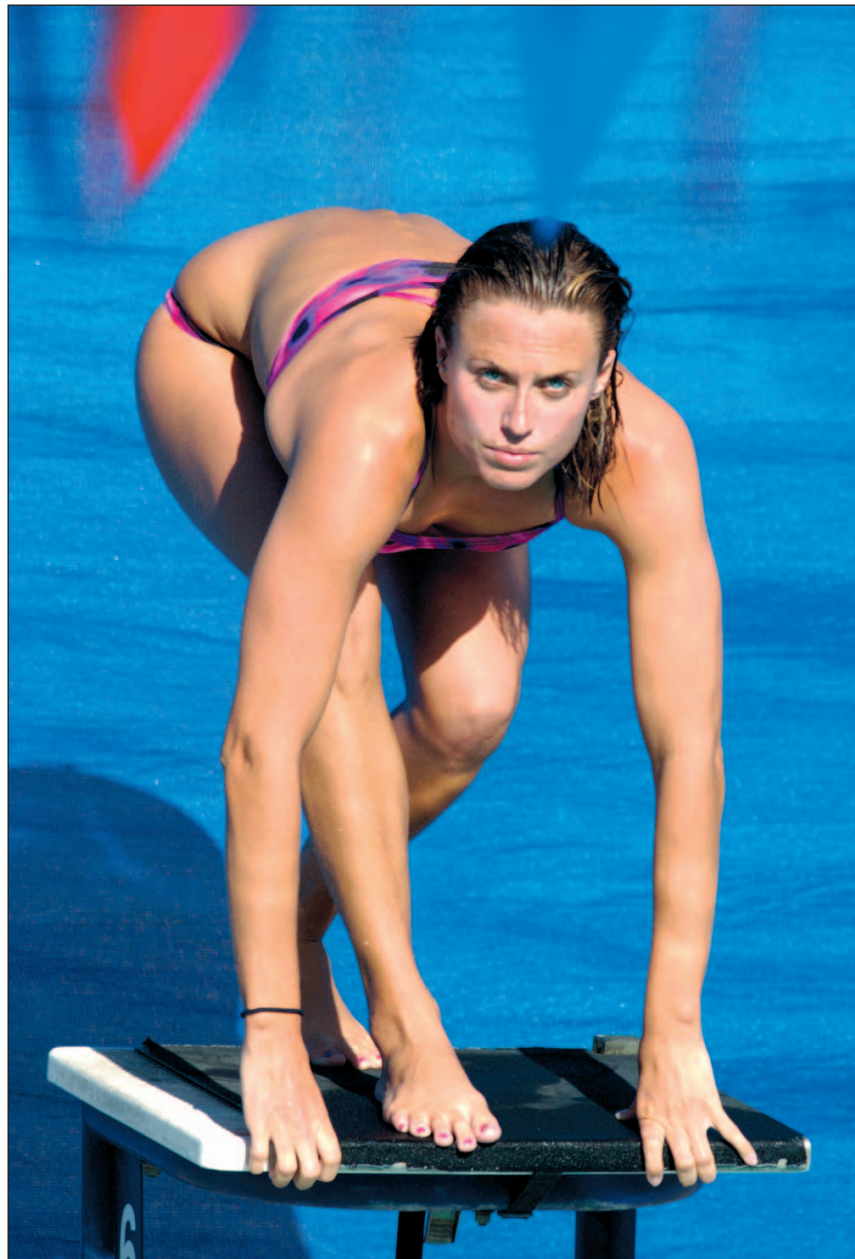
She also couldn't predict what would happen last July when she set the world record in the 200-meter breaststroke at the 2003 World Championships.

But if Beard manages to ace her first test at next month's U.S. Olympic trials in Long Beach, Calif., the 22-year-old can be certain her calendar will be booked for the week of August 13 — the date of the opening ceremonies at the 2004 Olympic Games.

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Amanda Beard, a 1996 gold medalist, hopes to return to the Olympics in Athens this summer. Beard plans to compete in the 200-meter individual medley, and the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke.

Tax would only affect high-rent housing

By Zach Colick
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Student renters shouldn't be worried about paying the city's proposed renter's tax, as city officials say the fee will only impact students paying more than \$600 in rent.

The extra monthly fee would only be tacked onto apartments that have a monthly rate of more than \$600 and would cost renters between \$10 and \$15 per month, said Carol West, Ward 5 council member.

"Six hundred dollars per month is where we want to start it," West said. "If your rent is \$601, then you'll pay the tax."

Rick Mucklow, general manager at NorthPointe Student Apartments, said NorthPointe plans on paying the fee instead of holding renters responsible.

"We would just absorb the tax and not let the tax be paid by the students," Mucklow said.

Mucklow said the new fee that NorthPointe would pay as a service to their residents shouldn't be a burden on the complex's pocketbooks.

"We only have 24 apartments with rent over \$600, so it would be minimally felt. It's only an additional 13 bucks per month," Mucklow said.

Dan Switter, property manager at Entrada Real Apartments, said all apartments at Entrada would be taxed even though each individual lease is under \$600. When added up, each three- or four-bedroom lease in the apartment comes out to \$1,800 or \$2,400 respectively, he said.

Switter said he worries Entrada could lose students to apartments that don't have joint leases like Entrada.

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Cinco de Mayo has history, not just parties

By Thuba Nguyen
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For many UA students, today's celebration of Cinco de Mayo offers another chance to party and drink beer. But the holiday actually commemorates the defeat of the French army at Puebla, Mexico, by poorly armed Mexican citizens.

Steven Carrillo, an engineering junior, said the holiday doesn't mean anything to him. He said he thinks it's celebrated to give partygoers another chance to drink beer.

"It's just another holiday made up by Corona," said Steven Carrillo, engineering junior. "It's more associated with booze and Mexican beer being cheaper."

But the reason for the holiday isn't so people can have another beer-chugging experience.

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4 students score top scholarships

By Natasha Bhuyan
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Four UA students have won nationally competitive scholarships for their excellence in the areas of science research and American Indian public policy.

UA students Marlene Benally and Bijiiba Garrison were named 2004 Morris K. Udall Scholars, while Brianna Muhlenkamp and Justin Steinfadt were awarded the 2004 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

Karna Walter, assistant director of international studies and scholarships, said although the annual number of UA recipients varies, it is not unusual for the UA to have multiple winners.

"We have a pretty good track record in these scholarship competitions," said Walter. "But it's always great to have students win them every year."

Garrison and Benally are among 80 undergraduates across the country to win the \$5,000 Udall Scholarship. The scholarship is

awarded to students who represent Congressman Morris K. Udall's legacy of public service in either environmental or tribal public policy and health care.

Garrison, a pre-health education junior, won the scholarship last year, but said she was surprised to be named a recipient again.

"The scholarship is very competitive and the UA alone nominated eight students; I knew what I was up against," she said.

Garrison, who wants to pursue doctor of medicine and master of public health degrees, said she will use her education to help get American Indians equal and adequate access to health care.

"I am from the Navajo Reservation, and I grew up in communities where there are so many different health problems," said Garrison. "Not just physical, but also the administration of health care."

Garrison, the 2003-2004 Miss Native American UA, said

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Bijiiba Garrison, a pre-health education junior, has won the prestigious Udall scholarship two years in a row. The \$5,000 scholarship recognizes students who have advanced in the areas of science research and American Indian public policy.

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