

STUDENT UNION ART

Straddling a fragile border

Touring art in Union reflects border issues

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Students who pass through the union today will have a hard time ignoring the towering metal figures that stand on the edge of the mall.

Four steel human sculptures, each approximately 14 feet tall and weighing 500 — 900 pounds, are on display as part of a national tour intended to promote discussion of border issues.

"Our mission is to create awareness and appreciation for the unique culture that has arisen on the U.S.-Mexico border," said Tom Whittingslow, founder of the Tucson-based, nonprofit Beyond Borders: Binational Art Foundation.

The sculptures, commissioned by Beyond Borders, came to the UA from Nogales, Mexico, where they had been anchored to the Mexican side of the border fence since Jan. 13.

The imposing steel figures now stand along an exact replica of a section of the international border wall made from a Vietnam-era air force landing strip.

The figures push against the wall with their hands, shoulders and backs as if they were trying to topple the barrier.

They are positioned on each



An artist puts finishing touches on a statue on Saturday. The statue is part of a traveling art show dedicated to the border wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

side of the model border in order to represent the complex nature of border issues, Whittingslow said.

Whittingslow said he hopes the piece "gives the viewer an emotional experience of dealing with barriers, either external or of the mind."

The UA is the first stop on a

national tour of the artwork, titled "Border Dynamics."

Socorro Carrizosa, director of Hispanic and Chicano Student Affairs, said she hopes the art encourages students to think about cultural tensions and border issues like migration, trade and immigrant deaths.

"It's an opportunity to bring

an academic discussion to issues they read about every day in the paper," she said.

Carrizosa said the idea to bring the sculptures to the UA arose when she met Whittingslow at a Latino Book and Family Festival in Phoenix

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Clubs don't ask for money

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ASUA has more than \$60,000 it can give out to the 431 recognized clubs at the UA. Only 40 of those clubs on campus seem to want it.

ASUA representatives said they are concerned about the lack of clubs requesting initial funding, which is money ASUA allocates to clubs to assist in start-up costs.

"Initial funding is a great opportunity for clubs and organizations to get the year started off right by receiving ASUA financial support," said Melanie Rainer, ASUA executive vice president.

Clubs and organizations were told about the initial funding process weeks ago in a letter that was included in their club packets. There was also a club recognition assembly where clubs were informed about the available funding and given the chance to sign up for it.

However, many clubs left before initial funding was addressed.

"At the club recognition assembly, the hostess should have had all the club representatives stay and listen to Melanie

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Used tunes could mean cash

Bookstore debuts student-run used CD section

By Andrea Kelly
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Students who want to make a little money at the UofA Bookstore will now have their chance.

Starting today, students can buy and sell used compact discs in a student-managed section of the bookstore.

Brannon Larson, a junior majoring in English and creative writing, will take charge of the used CD section, where students will be able to buy CDs for \$6 to \$8, and sell them for \$3 to \$4.

When Mojo Records failed to carry out the full term of its contract in the bookstore, there was an opening for a manager in the CD section. Larson, an avid book reader and music lover, began managing the new CD section six months ago, though he has worked in the bookstore for 2 1/2 years.

Before he started managing the CD section, Larson ordered general supplies, worked in elec-



Two people check out the merchandise at the UofA Bookstore's new used CD section. Today marks its grand opening.

tronics and provided help for customers in the bookstore.

Now he does all the ordering, sales tracking, stocking and managing for the CD section.

"I love music, and I always

wanted to work in a music store," Larson said.

For that reason, Larson said he is excited to give students the

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25 arrests bruise greek bid night parties

By Will Seberger
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One of the biggest party nights on the UA campus came and went with about two dozen alcohol-related arrests.

Friday night was bid night, a night of celebration for hundreds of students who found out whether they had been chosen by fraternities.

Approximately 25 arrests were made for alcohol-related charges, including minor in possession, said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, spokesman for the UAPD.

A "party patrol" consisting of one sergeant and five officers was dispatched to help keep parties under control, Mejia said. That activity is part of the UAPD's ongoing efforts to curb loud parties and underage drinking at the UA.

"We have found that alcohol has been involved in many actions that lead to violent crime," Mejia said. Mejia hopes that diligent enforcement of Arizona alcohol laws will help to reduce underage drinking to zero.

UAPD had officers on standby

at several locations around campus, and were seen talking to and laughing with students at various parties.

Kappa Alpha was red-tagged at around 10 p.m., and people were turned away from a party at Sigma Phi Epsilon because it was overcrowded.

Dan Fritcher, president of Pi Kappa Phi, said bid night went much more smoothly than last year. He said that despite having a full house, no arrests were made in the house, and no noise complaints were filed.

Private security guards at the house aided in preventing underage drinking, said Fritcher.

In addition to private security, Fritcher said, "We had police officers around the property throughout the night."

Control was not only maintained inside of the house; several officers checked partygoers for signs of intoxication as they went to their cars, Fritcher said.

The fact that the two biggest parties on campus were across the street from each other helped to contain the event as well, he added.

— Ty Young contributed to this report.