Architecture sophomore Wendoly Abrego (left) and elementary education and psychology sophomore Krystle Anderson hold candles near the fountain at Old Main last night at a vigil for Matthew Sheppard, a 21-year-old who was a victim of a hate crime, in Wyoming.

Yesterday was the five-year anniversary of his murder.

Start litigating: Law fair today

By Elizabeth Thompson

Representatives from law schools around the country will be on campus today for the 19th annual law fair to meet aspiring lawyers and ease their fears about the admissions process.

“The law fair is a good arena for students to ask questions,” said Sonna Roberts, a business economics senior and law fair chairwoman. “It’s a more personal way in getting information from law schools.”

Verlaine Walker, the coordinator for the pre-law advising office and a Phi Alpha Delta advisor, said that for anyone considering law school, the fair is important in order to make contacts.

“Sometimes law school representatives will remember students from the year before,” Walker said.

“Law schools want to get their names out too,” Walker said. “Something like this allows for law schools to get a sneak preview of students interested in coming.

Law school admissions have become more competitive recently, so any contact a student can make with a law school representative could be to their advantage, she said.

According to Andrea Sossin Bergman, assistant director of admissions and recruitment for UCLA law school, more students are going to graduate schools due to a lack of jobs.

In 1996, UCLA law school, which will be represented at the fair, had over 3,500 applicants and over 7,000 applicants in 2003, Bergman said.

New Coronado security decreases vandalism

By Dana Crudo & Alexandria Blute

The number of vandalism and theft cases has decreased since Coronado Residence Hall imposed tighter security restrictions earlier this semester, the Coronado hall director said at the ASUA senate meeting yesterday.

Last night’s senate meeting was held at Coronado as part of an attempt to let students get to know their ASUA senators.

Coronado Hall Director Trisha Schwery spoke to the 10 senators about the results of Coronado’s increased security measures and its impact on the residents.

Coronado is the only residence hall with cameras. Earlier this semester the residence hall also began to require that guests sign in, present two forms of identification and receive a stamp. “The results have been great,” Schwery said.

The new security measures have lowered the high rates of vandalism, thefts and visitors that were problems for Coronado in the beginning of the year, she said.

ASUA Senator Blake Buchanan asked if other residence halls will be looking for and they will be able to talk to representatives on a one-on-one basis.

People who talk about the UA’s world-class programs usually have astronomy, hydrology, dance and other top-notch departments in mind.

What they don’t know is that, hidden away from the main campus, the UA has an internationally renowned zoo — a ChimpanZoo.

The ChimpanZoo, located in the Geronimo building on East University Boulevard, works to raise awareness about the endangered status of chimpanzees and provide training material for those interested in learning how to save them from extinction, said Virginia Landau, director of the ChimpanZoo.

In her office, surrounded by countless plush monkeys and pictures from trips to jungles in far away countries, Landau and her team have compiled one of the world’s largest databases on chimp behavior and health.

The program also gives its participants a lot of freedom to work one-on-one with people from all over the world.

People apply from all over the world in hopes of working with the team at ChimpanZoo, Landau said.

“There’s nowhere else to go to learn,” Landau said, mentioning that nearly 3,000 people apply each year.