

Chávez now a campus fixture

Building name change honors civil rights leader César E. Chávez

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Hundreds of people rallied on campus yesterday afternoon to support and celebrate the renaming of the Economics building, now the César E. Chávez building.

Chávez was a Yuma-born leader of Chicano civil rights and founder of United Farm Workers, a national labor union for exploited farm workers from California.

Supporters gathered in front of Old Main holding red and black balloons and "Viva La Raza" signs and began a celebration march up the Mall while singing songs.

At the Administration building, President Peter Likins joined the march, and the procession marched back to the building where the formal dedication ceremony was held.

"We're honoring the man, but, more than anything, we're honoring what he stood for," said Socorro Carrizosa, director of Chicano/Hispanic Student Affairs and leader of the campaign for the name change.

"There is no doubt that the greatest leader for the Hispanic people has been and continues to be César Chávez," said Antonio Estrada, director and professor of Mexican-American studies. "Chávez's name continues to embody justice and civil rights."

Also attending the dedication ceremony was Richard Chávez, brother of the late rights activist, Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and the deans of both the College of Humanities and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

"Today, this is not about icon politics. Today is about the history of our people, and the struggle of our people," Grijalva said from a podium in front of the new Chávez building. "He insisted early on that we not be relegated to anything less than equals."

Richard Chávez spoke about his and his brother's humble beginnings, and said their mother, a Tucson native, would never have believed that one of her sons would one day have a building named after him.

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Media arts freshman Daniela Moreno holds a photo of César Chávez during a march before the dedication ceremony of the César E. Chávez building. Organizers led a march from Old Main to the Administration building and back to the César E. Chávez building.

List to expose UA sex criminals

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University students, faculty and staff will now be able to find out if a sex offender studies or works on campus.

The Sex Crimes Prevention Act — which was authored by Republican Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, approved at the federal level on Oct. 28, 2000, and enacted by the Arizona Legislature last week — will give people access to the names of all registered sex offenders working or living on campus.

The act is an extension of the 1996 Megan's Law, which established a registry for all sex offenders and allowed law enforcement officials to track registered offenders' employment and resident status.

Megan's Law also created a system for a broad-based community notification plan, including a Web site and posted flyers that give names and addresses of registered sex offenders.

With the adoption of the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, Megan's Law will now extend to the UA campus.

UAPD, as an informational arm of the Sheriff's Department, will notify university officials and employers of registered sex offenders who are trying to register or find employment on campus.

While on campus Saturday, Kyl said he thinks the newly adopted law will likely improve the lives of all on campus.

"I think it's going to make (campus) a much safer place," he said. "Students on a university campus should have just as much right to a safe environment as anyone living anywhere."

The major change for Arizona residents is that law enforcement officials will now need to report a registered sex offender who works or resides on campus.

The act also amends the Family Educational

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Stalker targets 2 in wheelchairs

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A man has been following two female students who use wheelchairs for about a month, but police say they cannot stop him.

The students, who recently reported the incidents, said the man has followed them into university buildings and waited for them to leave their classes.

UAPD spokesman Sgt. Eugene Mejia said police cannot take action because the reported incidents have come on public property and because the women have not designated themselves as victims.

"It's a lot more difficult when you have a person who has been contacted or harassed in a location that everybody has a right to be,"

he said. "He's been warned, but there has to be probable cause that this person has committed a crime."

Jennifer Frame, a molecular and cellular biology junior, called police after the man stared at her and her friends for approximately 30 minutes as they attended a private Disability Resource Center event on Oct. 4.

When police arrived, the man said he was watching a soccer match on the Mall, police reports stated.

The officers instructed the man to stay away from the women. It was the first time that police confronted the man, but not the last.

He was seen the next day at 6:30 a.m. at the Jim Click's Run and Roll Race on campus. Frame said he was standing

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Role reversal: Parents visit kids

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Students put their parents up this weekend as mom and dad visited their children's new homes.

Family Weekend is an annual event that provides an opportunity for the families of incoming and enrolled students to see their children or siblings, as well as Tucson and the UA campus.

In the Student Union Memorial Center on Saturday, Cathy Graham ate french fries with her daughter, Samantha, a pre-health education freshman.

"I'm a single parent," Cathy Graham said. "I'm just really proud of Samantha going off to college."

Cathy Graham came down on a bus from Phoenix and stayed in Samantha Graham's residence hall for the weekend.

Samantha Graham isn't the only freshman in the family; Cathy Graham also started classes at a community college in Phoenix this year.

On Friday, the mother and daughter toured Samantha Graham's classrooms and then did their homework



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Pre-education freshman Melissa Brenneman, left, and her mother Theresa enjoy a laugh on the Mall on Saturday. Theresa Brenneman and her family came from Sierra Vista to visit Melissa Brenneman.

together in the Integrated Learning Center, which Cathy Graham said was an important part of the weekend.

"We're together," she said. "Hanging out and being together."

Cathy Graham said she is very

close with her daughter.

Although Samantha calls home every day, she only called home once with a case of homesickness.

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