Center plans to promote diversity

In response to the complaint that the UA does not promote diversity enough on campus, the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership has opened up a Multicultural Leadership Center.

Saundra Taylor, vice president of campus life, said that Wildcat Welcome Week coordinator has received positive feedback from minority students who felt overlooked and in need of a more specialized source of support, especially during the hectic first weeks of school. The MLC held an open house last night in an attempt to reach out to minority students.

“In the past, some students have felt under-represented, and not as welcome,” Taylor said. “With the opening of the Multicultural Leadership Center, we’ve made more of an effort to engage them. (Now) people can see we are a diverse community.”

Leaders of minority student organizations are excited and pleased about the opening of the new center.

“I think it’s a great idea,” said Secorro Carrizosa, director of Hispanic-Chicano Student Affairs. “It’s wonderful to see another area of the UA community (CSL) is publicly showing a commitment to diversity.”

She is also pleased with the location of the new center. “The student union is the center of campus, where thousands of students pass through everyday,” she added.

Because the center is brand new, it’s still in the process of being set up.

Prof work recognized

Xiaohui Fan, an assistant professor of astronomy, spends a lot of time watching stars in the sky. Although he’s not wishing on falling stars, he’s looking for quasars. "I was always interested in how far you can see," said Fan of his research on quasars, extremely distant, old and enormously bright objects at the edge of the universe whose power output is several thousand times that of the entire galaxy. Fan, 31, was recently named one of the "Brilliant 10" in Popular Science magazine for research he is doing for the Sloan Digital Sky Survey in which he and other scientists have found more than 30,000 quasars.

The decision resulted from a study on March 4, 2003, to determine the intersection’s eligibility for a left-hand turn signal, said Michael Graham, spokesman for Tucson’s Department of Transportation. The results from the study came in two weeks ago.

"It should be complete in one month," Graham said of the turn signal. The city is in the process of ordering the turn arrow components, such as a new lamp and a frame to house it, equipment needed to upgrade the intersection’s signal.

The arrow, which will be installed in the left-hand turn lane on westbound Speedway will not be difficult to add to the intersection because the intersection’s infrastructure is already operational, he said.

"It’s pretty inexpensive because everything is in place already," Graham said, referring to installation costs.

Graham said there would be both benefits and setbacks to installing the signal.

"The positives will be that it will facilitate traffic to the UA Main Gate and to parking structures," he said. "It will alleviate congestion on Euclid and at other intersections on Speedway with left-turn arrows.

According to Graham, the downside will be the reduced time for east and westbound traffic on Speedway. Installing the signal will require

Downloaders beware: Record industry cracks down

Although the UA has felt the heat from recent lawsuits cracking down on students who downloaded music, UA students aren’t flinching.

"No one is really scared. They should warn us a lot more than they do," said pre-business freshman Kristina Johnson, who handles complaints from the record industry.

The UA isn’t piling their own network, but due to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act passed in 1998 to protect digital content from infringement, UA officials are forced to respond to official complaints from the industry.

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