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Center
plans to
promote
diversityBy Jill Holt
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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 for campus life, said that Wildcat Welcome Week coordinators have received negative 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 Socorro Carrizosa, director of Hispano-Chicano Student Affairs. "It's wonderful to see another area of the UA community (CSIL) 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

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A SHOOTING STAR



DAVID HARDEN/Arizona Daily Wildcat
University of Arizona Professor of Astronomy Xiaohui Fan is one of Popular Science's "Brilliant 10" for finding over 27 quasars.

Prof work recognized

By Debra Hollander
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Xiaohui Fan, an assistant professor of astronomy, spends a lot of time standing around in the dark staring up at the sky, but 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. Fan is leading the effort of discovering the farthest quasars; 11 have been found thus far.

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City will
install
left turn
arrowIntersection at Park and
Speedway gets new lightBy Nathan Tafoya
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Finally, the City of Tucson has seen the light.

The city plans to install, in the next month, a left-hand turn signal at the intersection of North Park Avenue and East Speedway Boulevard.

"We've been pushing the city on this for years," said David Duffy, director of campus and facilities planning.

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 cost.

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 down side will be the reduced time for east and westbound traffic on Speedway. Installing the signal will require

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Downloaders beware: Record industry cracks down

By Ian Musin
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Although the UA has felt the heat from record companies cracking down on students who download 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,

when asked how she feels about the record industries' lawsuits against students this summer.

For the first time, The Recording Industry Association of America began cracking down last April on students downloading music, filing a suit saying four students running Napster-like file sharing software at Princeton University, Rensselaer University and

Michigan Technical University caused them to lose nearly \$100 million in damages.

"I don't think it's going to stop anyone," said undeclared freshman Marc Lebowitz in response to news of the lawsuits.

Many colleges, including DePaul, Northeastern and Boston College, have been targeted recently by record industry subpoenas that demand they

turn in the names of illegal downloaders on their networks.

The UA hasn't received any subpoenas, but since January the RIAA has sent over 310 official notices of copyright infringement to the university.

"It's intensifying. Industry is stepping up their effort to crack down on student sharing copyrighted files," said Karen Williams, the copyright librarian

who handles complaints from the record industry.

The UA is not policing 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.

When a student's ip address

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