

## Hoops center arrested for theft

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UA men's basketball player Isaiah Fox was arrested Wednesday on charges of stealing food from the U-Mart in the Student Union Memorial Center.

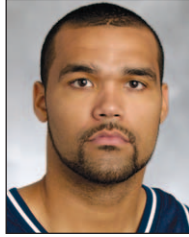
U-Mart employees told police this is not the first time he has shoplifted from the store, UAPD reports stated.

On Wednesday at 10:40 a.m., two employees followed Fox, anticipating another theft, as he walked down store aisles, reports stated.

They saw Fox put a bagel, cream cheese and a king-sized Hershey candy bar in the front pocket of his sweatshirt and walk out of the store. One employee followed him into the UofA Bookstore, where she found him at a magazine rack, reports stated.

The employee asked Fox to come back into the U-Mart. As she spoke with him, Fox tried to hide the bagel and cream cheese behind a magazine rack, reports stated.

The employee told police that Fox asked her to ignore the incident if he promised to not go into the U-Mart



Isaiah Fox  
UA center

again. The employee refused and ordered Fox to return to the store and speak with her supervisor.

When Fox went back to the U-Mart, the employee returned to the bookstore and found the candy bar Fox was seen stealing. Officials from the bookstore confirmed with the employee that they do not sell that type of candy bar in their store, reports stated.

Fox admitted to both the U-Mart supervisor and police that he had stolen the bagel and the

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## Wildfires consume students' homes

### 2 UA students' homes destroyed by Calif. fires

By Erin Schmidt  
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The worst wildfires in California history have claimed the homes of two UA students, university officials said.

Brian Savitch, a journalism senior and former *Wildcat* sports writer, is one of two students who has lost his home, said Carol Thompson, senior associate dean of students.

Savitch is known among men's basketball fans as one of the Zona Zookeepers, fans known for leading cheers and painting themselves in UA colors at games. He is with his family in California, and told the Dean of Students Office he does not want to comment until he returns to the UA.

Officials declined to release the name of the other student.

The California wildfires, which began Oct. 25, have burned more than 3,400 homes to the ground, destroyed more than 750,000 acres and killed 20 people.

"It is a pretty traumatic thing to lose your home," Thompson said. "It is especially traumatic if you are here at the time."

With 2,900 UA students from California, Thompson said the Dean of Students Office realizes the wildfires are affecting many UA students.

Cindy Nixon, a communication senior, said being in Tucson while her parents are home in the middle of the California fires has been a struggle.

"I couldn't concentrate; I was constantly checking for updates," she said. "There was nothing I could do. I was here in Tucson."

Nixon said her family had to evacuate its home since it was directly in the line of fire.

"They packed up everything," Nixon said. "This was the house I grew up in. I lived there most of my life."

She said her parents had to evacuate quickly, and were in a scramble to fill up two cars with what they thought would be their only memories of a house and life they established in California.

Nixon's family home was one of the lucky ones to be spared by the fierce fire.

She said even though her home was

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## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

## Day of Dead swings through Tucson

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Bouncing to drum beats while holding countless effigies of the dead, thousands of All Souls' Procession participants shrieked and cheered as they swayed down North Fourth Avenue Saturday evening.

Under the half-lit moon, onlookers cheered as an estimated 4,000 skeletons and ghouls remembered deceased loved ones and celebrities.

The All Souls' Procession was held as part of Día de Los Muertos, Day of the Dead, a holiday that has its origins in ancient Central American cultures and Catholicism.

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► Photo spread from Día de los Muertos

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Joe Corcoran, a biochemistry junior, who participated in the procession for the first time, said he was impressed by the large turnout.

"I thought it was awesome," he said.

Despite several interruptions by the Tucson Police Department to allow cars to pass through downtown intersections, participants remained upbeat, often breaking into impromptu jam sessions featuring dancing, drums and saxophones.

At one point, participants made the Fourth Avenue tunnel shake as their chants and screams bounced through the structure on their way downtown.

Musical theater senior Celeste Gauna said she attended the procession for the first time to observe and absorb the event.

Gauna was not marching to remember any person in particular, but said she had always wanted to experience the event.

"Halloween was all about fun. Tonight, this is what real Halloween is about," she said.

The procession began at the Muse on 516 N. Fifth Ave. and ended at a stage in a lot on West Franklin Street and North Stone Avenue.

Flam Chen, a Tucson-based pyrotechnic theater group, and Tucson Puppetworks



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About 4,000 people turned out on Saturday night for the 14th annual All Souls' Procession through downtown Tucson.

performed on stage to conclude the evening.

Other events on Saturday morning included an eight-mile pilgrimage from St. John's Catholic Church, 602 N. Ajo Way, to the San Xavier Mission put on by the Coalicion de Derechos Humanos/Alianza Indigena Sin Fronteras.

Mexican American studies and political

science senior Inez Duarte said the walk was to remember the more than 200 individuals who have died while attempting to cross the border in the past year.

"We're trying to keep in people's minds that people die every day," she said.

— Alexis Blue contributed to this report

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Law student Scott McDonald races toward the finish line at the Susan Barber memorial run on Sunday morning near the Mall. Susan Barber was a UA law student murdered by her boyfriend last spring.



## Run honors slain law school student

By Greg Holt  
STAFF WRITER

UA law students held a 5K race yesterday morning and raised more than \$1,000 for a memorial scholarship named for Susan Barber, the UA law student murdered by her boyfriend last February.

The race was held just two days after Everett Alan O'Quin, 25, admitted in court that he beat Barber to death for objecting to a trip he had planned to take with a friend to Louisiana.

His confession was part of a plea bargain that let O'Quin plead guilty to second-degree murder rather than face capital murder charges. The agreement calls for a 10- to 18-year prison sentence to be handed down Jan. 6, 2004.

"I don't believe it was enough time for what he did. I hope he realizes the significance of how many people he touched," said Sydney Barber, father of Susan Barber, who ran in the race early yesterday morning.

Rona Nichols — law student, member of Phi Alpha Delta and one of the event organizers — was also disap-

pointed by the plea agreement.

"I understand why they had to plea bargain, but I wish he would have gotten more time. He's getting less time than Susan was alive on this earth," Nichols said as she set up water bottles at the race to give to participants.

O'Quin will remain in Pima County Jail without bond until his sentencing.

The UA law school fraternity Phi Alpha Delta organized the race as part of Race Judicata, an event law schools nationwide coordinate to raise money

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