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Tucson remembers deceased student

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More than 800 family and friends of UA student Josh Howard, 21, and his father Randy Howard, 47, gathered at Ironwood Ridge High School Saturday to mourn the loss of the two who died after a tragic boating accident.

Pictures hung in the lobby area during the memorial service to remember the two.

"Josh was real friendly and outgoing," said Jeff Pagan, a friend of Josh Howard's from church. "He was real caring and wanted to listen to what you had to say."

People clutched their Bibles and recited scriptures at the service. Both Josh

and his dad were devout Jehovah's Witnesses who were deeply involved in their congregation and dedicated to their family.

"After being here today, I look around and wonder if this many people will show up for me," said David Goss, a family friend and member of Josh Howard's congregation. "I don't think this many will. That shows how many people (Josh and Randy) have touched."

Randy and Josh Howard left for a fishing trip with three other friends Oct. 25. When they failed to return that evening, authorities began searching for their boat, which was

found three days later upside-down and about 100 miles southwest of Puerto Peñasco, also known as Rocky Point.

Josh Howard's body is the only one that has been found, and the family called off the search for Randy Howard Nov. 5.

Friends and acquaintances, who came from Tucson and Casa Grande, filled the high school auditorium to pay their respects.

The immediate family sat at the front of the auditorium. People lined up to console and hug them.

With all the support the mother and



Josh Howard

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Campus to hold disaster training

By Ty Young
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If students hear rumors about a major disaster tomorrow, they shouldn't be alarmed.

Tucson law enforcement, UAPD and local emergency aid agencies will test how quickly they and administrators can respond to a disaster during a four-hour drill held on campus tomorrow.

Police are keeping event details and scenarios secret until hours before the drill. At least 20 students will take part in the event as role players, said UAPD Cmdr. Brian Seastone.

The drill will take place on the west end of campus from Old Main to the Arizona State Museum. Other buildings that will be involved are Centennial Hall and the Communication and César E. Chávez buildings. Classes in those buildings have been relocated.

Although UAPD is in charge of the exercise, the Tucson Fire Department, Tucson Police Department, the Pima County Health Department, and the Department of Homeland Security may be called in for practice as well, Seastone said.

This will be one of the largest disaster drills ever held on campus and is a culmination of years of preparation between university officials and UAPD. In previous years, both have worked together to discuss emergency response plans, and tomorrow's exercise will put them into practice, Seastone said.

"The university has done a lot of table-top exercises over the years in various departments," he said. "This is the first time that we will have a drill of this magnitude."

University police will use the drill not only to practice, but also to find areas that need improvement.

"What we are hoping to accomplish out of this is to see how well we have worked with the uni-

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PARADISE FOUND



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Theatre arts freshman Gary McGaha reads from "Paradise Lost," during the sixth annual Milton marathon Friday at the Student Union Memorial Center. About 200 people attended the reading that lasted from 8 a.m. until about 8 p.m. For more on the reading, see page 9.

Presidential campaigns fight for student votes at Centennial Hall

By Greg Holt
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Representatives of five of the nine democratic candidates for president tried to get student votes last night at Centennial Hall with their candidates' plan to make college education affordable.

Frank Costanza, representative of former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, said that Dean plans to increase financial aid funding to ensure that students will be able to afford tuition.

"Loans and grants will be available for every student that wants to go to college," Costanza said. "That program will cost over 10 years the same as what we spend over one year in Iraq."

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, represented at the forum by UA junior

Jeremy Tor, has a plan to make the first year of college free for each student willing to work 10 hours per week.

"The plan is called 'College for Everyone,'" said Tor, a junior majoring in political science and Spanish. "Edwards will also provide full scholarships for students willing to work as teachers in underserved areas or in the Department of Homeland Security."

Others plans for funding higher education included Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry's \$4,000 tax credit for parents who pay their children's tuition and Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman's plan to add \$2,000 in Pell Grants for each student.

"My dad has set a big goal to have 90 percent of high school graduates go on to a university, community college or the military," said Rebecca Lieberman, daughter of Joseph Lieberman.

The representatives each made an effort to convince the more than 150-person audience that their candidate had the best chance of defeating President Bush in a nationwide election.

"When choosing a candidate to support, I looked at which candidate could appeal to the largest base of people," said Arizona Rep. Ted Downing, representing Kerry. "The White House is our objective, and to win it you need a broad base."

Costanza dismissed critics who doubt that Dean would be able to defeat Bush in the national election.

"I've been told Dean is unelectable. Yet each time a Republican incumbent president has been unseated in the past century, the challenger has

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Political science junior Jeremy Tor, representing Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards at the Democratic forum held last night in Centennial Hall, answers audience questions ranging from handling the world AIDS epidemic to gun control.

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