Oasis loses federal grant

$250,000 grant loss cuts director’s spot

By Jessica Lee

The UA Oasis Center for Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence is being forced to reorganize after losing a $250,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice on Oct. 1, 2003. The Oasis Center had been receiving the grant for the last four years, but due to the grant’s competitive nature, the center was not selected to receive the grant again.

The grant made up half of the Oasis Center’s approximate $525,000 yearly budget. The proposed reorganization calls for the elimination of the director position and the elimination of two staff positions. The Oasis Center has five staff members and 12 volunteers.

The center provides consultation, advocacy, referrals and educational training for students, faculty and staff and will now solely rely on funding from the University and the National Panhellenic Council. The university allocates $121,000 per year to the Oasis Center through Campus Health Services. The National Panhellenic Council gives the center $6,000. Although the Oasis Center is losing considerable funding, university officials said the UA community should not see a drop in available services.

“Our goal of the reorganization is to provide the same programs and services that have been provided up to this time,” said Oasis/12

STICKY ARTIFACTS

A KILLER TALE OF GUNS AND GUM

Dead mobster’s gum on display at UA’s History of Pharmacy Museum

By Natasha Bhuyan

In the College of Pharmacy, up a winding flight of stairs past a hallway lined with old photographs, there is a room rich with historical objects. The artifacts, enclosed in glass, range from apothecary jars to a jar with more than 30 pieces of 70-year-old gum that was chewed by “Public Enemy No. 1,” John Herbert Dillinger, a famous mobster from the 1930s. Today marks the 70th anniversary of the capture of John Dillinger by the Tucson Police Department and Tucson Fire Department outside Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress St. John Dillinger’s days of crime began when he was a 19-year-old newshawk in Indianapolis, Ind., who was down on his luck, according to the Web site for the FBI. In search of work, Dillinger got involved with Ed Singleton, the town pool shark. Singleton convinced Dillinger to rob a grocery store, but the two were quickly apprehended. Singleton pleaded not guilty, stood trial and was sentenced to two years in jail. Choosing to be honest, Dillinger confessed, but ended up in the Indiana State Prison for 2 1/2 years. Checked by the severe punishment, Dillinger grew distant and resentful.

When released from prison, he helped his friends escape from the Indiana State Prison and began a series of bank robberies with them. During their reign, the violent gang killed 10 men, including a sheriff, and injured several others. In 1934, Dillinger and his mob took residence under false identities at Hotel Congress in downtown Tucson. On Jan. 23, 1934, a fire broke out in the Hotel Congress elevator, quickly spreading to the third floor, where Dillinger and his gang were staying. Tucson firefighters noticed the men were reluctant to leave their rooms. “After they were flushed out of the hole, they prevailed upon some firemen to retrieve their bags,” said Curtis McCrery, the club booker for Hotel Congress.

Even more unusual was the $12 tip they left for the firemen.

Later in the evening, a member of TPD recognized Dillinger from True Detective magazine and notified TPD. Led by Police Chief C.A. “Gus” Wollard, TPD arrested the gang without bloodshed, five bullets found, two Winchester rifles, five bulletproof vests and $25,000 in cash.

David States, manager of Hotel Congress, said he believes that many people don’t realize the importance of Dillinger’s arrest in Tucson. “The Tucson community’s role in the Dillinger capture is largely underreported,” he said. “We are also happy that the Tucson Police Department captured Dillinger without bloodshed, unlike in the various other states he was caught.”

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