Condom Olympics penetrates UA Mall

By Sarah Stanton

UA students threw, blew and were pelted with condoms during yesterday’s Condom Olympics on the Mall as part of Sexual Responsibility Week. Two teams with two people each headed off in a series of competitions, including a condom water-balloon toss, condom trivia and a latex tower challenge.

The trivia included multiple-choice questions like “What is the scientific name of a penis?” and “What is the most effective method of birth control?”

One of the participants guessed that “withdrawal” was the most effective method of birth control, but most of the questions were answered correctly.

The audience and participants enjoyed the condom toss, though a water-filled condom hit one onlooker. In the latex tower challenge, the teams tried to build the highest and most creative tower using condoms and dental dams.

One team blew up the condoms to add to their tower, which was made in the shape of a vagina. Bridgette Gallagher, the special events director for the University Activities Board, said, “This event shows that sex can be fun but safe at the same time. It is a serious issue, but that doesn’t mean it can’t be fun.”

Onlookers were invited to sign a poster and pledge that they would have safer sex, and everyone was given flavored condoms.

The winners of the Olympics were given gift certificates to Landmark clothing store and Zone 75 restaurant.

Ann Hamilton, health educator and sexual health specialist for Campus Health Service, said she was pleased to see so much student involvement in Sexual Responsibility Week.

“It was a much bigger week because of the collaboration between student groups and campus departments,” she said.

Justice’s UA visit prompts protest

Some students unhappy with Rehnquist’s record

By Andrea Kelly

About 50 people protested outside Chief Justice William Rehnquist’s class yesterday at the James E. Rogers College of Law.

The crowd gathered to oppose the rulings Rehnquist has handed down during his 16 years on the Supreme Court.

“It’s not personal. We aren’t protesting him as a person,” said Meg MacDougal, a second-year law student. “We’re protesting the negative effects he’s had on the law.”

The issues that were presented included abortion rights, affirmative action, homosexual rights, the death penalty and free speech.

Rehnquist teaches a two-week course on the history of the Supreme Court at the law school each spring. Law students can take the one-credit course and receive pass/fail credit.

The class ends today.

Andrew Stevenson, a second-year law student, is a member of the National Lawyers Guild and was in Rehnquist’s class. He said the protest was to get information out to people and to generate discussion about the issues Rehnquist has ruled on.

“It was the culmination of putting out information, asking students what they think about his rulings,” Stevenson said. “We have to start thinking about both sides.”

MacDougal said the protest was an important opportunity for students and the chief justice.

“It’s really important to hear the locals’ opinions when any public official travels,” MacDougal said. “Students wouldn’t have this opportunity in Washington, D.C.”