Herring reopens as university arboretum

By Allison Dogan
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UA President Peter Likins will detach his PT Cruiser today, and instead will arrive to the rededication of Herring Hall in a horse-drawn carriage.

Since people used horse-drawn carriages 101 years ago when the building was constructed, it is an effort to bring the campus back to its roots and celebrate the history of the building, said Randy Ryan, assistant director for the Agricultural Experiment Station and manager for the renovation of Herring Hall.

After a year-long refurbishing, the second-oldest building on campus — after Old Main, which was built in 1891 — will reopen as doors as the new home of the UA Herbarium and the Campus Arboretum.

The rededication ceremony, at 9 a.m. today, is sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and will include tours of the building and refreshments.

Likens, Arizona Rep. Jim Kolbe (R) and the dean of the College of Agriculture will speak at the ceremony to honor the history and future of the building.

“Here we have a building that...

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Libertarian candidate: Scrap IRS, drug laws

Candidate for president delivers 2 speeches at UA

By Alexandra Brite

Legislation of marijuana, loosening of immigration laws and lowering of voter proposed government bills were some of the many subjects tackled by libertarian presidential candidate Michael Badarik during two separate speeches on campus last night.

While only a handful of students attended a rally at Old Main organized by the Pima County Libertarians and the UA student group Campus Libertarians, about 20 people turned up for a second forum that was organized and publicized by AUSA.

Badarik told both crowds he elected president; he would work to protect the liberties of all U.S. citizens.

That, he said, entailed abolishing many government agencies, doing away with government regulations on gun control and ensuring that gay marriage be legalized.

The candidate told supporters that he believes many of the government’s regulations, agencies and policies are unconstitutional.

If elected, Badarik said he would immediately take measures to eliminate the IRS, pull troops out of Iraq and vote any laws Congress might make which would re-instate the draft.

“Libertarians believe that the Constitution actually means something,” he said.

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CESL extends English learning program to weekend

Weekend courses offered at ‘low prices’ to improve language skills

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To appeal to immigrants from Mexico, the Center for English as a Second Language has extended its evening program to also include weekend courses.

This program, open to all individuals who want to improve their English skills, is also available to immigrants with designated visas.

As the only nationally accredited intensive English language program in the state of Arizona, we want to make CESL accessible to everyone,” said Suzanne Parfenov, director of CESL.

After Sept. 11, it became difficult for Mexican immigrants to request student visas to study in the United States, said Al Stever, assistant director of outreach and development at CESL.

The difficulty was for people seeking student visas, not immigrants,” he said. “It is still difficult because the U.S. requires upgraded documentation as well as additional fees to apply for visas. The process can take time and be relatively expensive.

If an immigrant already has a visa, a relative can receive a different type of visa, known as an F1 visa, which allows them entrance into the United States to study at the UA.

F3 holders from Mexico can attend colleges and universities in the United States, but only those within 25 miles of the U.S. border, or, if entering through Arizona, 75 miles.

They must get an F3 visa, which allows part-time study toward an educational goal. One of the reasons we’re offering these new courses is because of the F3 availability,” Stever said.

“There are many people living in Northern Mexico who would like to study English or business English in the U.S. as commuters. Previously, they were unable to,” he said.

Evening courses are available to students who want to improve their English skills and do not want to pay $4,009 for the 22-week semester.

The CESL programs are unique to the UA because anyone anywhere can take the courses, but individuals affiliated with the UA get a 5 percent discount, said Stever.

“Current population for these courses would include people at the university, post docs, graduate students, spouses of university students, anybody who’s in the Tucson community who wants to practice or improve their language,” he said.

“The target market is people who work in the community, students at the UA, UA dependent’s and others in the community who cannot study full-time for some reason.”

Like the evening programs, the new part-time programs will be...