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Indian Art Fair back for 11th year

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More than 200 American Indian artists and an estimated 6,000 art lovers will descend on the Arizona State Museum this weekend for the 11th annual Southwest Indian Art Fair. American Indian artists from throughout the Southwest will be selling their crafts, which include jewelry,

pottery and paintings. For the first time, UA students will receive free admission when they present their CatCard at the fair, which will run Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn in front of the museum. In addition to the artwork, fair attendees will be able to observe a number of demonstrations and performances. This year, Navajo weaving and flute making, Hopi kachina doll carving and Tohono O'Odham basket

weaving will be on display. A number of musicians, dancers and storytellers will entertain and educate the crowds both days. Sherri Raskin, program coordinator for the museum, said the advantage of the art fair is the ability to interact with the artists and talk to them about their work. She also said buyers can be confident that what they are buying is original and handmade.

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Likins' tuition plan adds class availability

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President Peter Likins defended his tuition and mandatory fees proposal this week, saying his plan would generate funding for course availability, but student leaders are worried students won't reap the benefits of his proposed tuition increase.

Likins said while the student tuition proposal will generate money for course availability, his potential budget could provide substantially more than that figure, although he would not disclose the amount.

The student tuition proposal allocates \$30 per student for course availability, totaling at least \$512,000, but Likins said the draft of his fiscal year 2006-07 budget proposal allocates more than \$30 per student to the problem.

"The UA budget, now in preliminary draft, shows more newly funded course support than would be generated by \$30 (per) student," Likins said.

However, Student Body President Alistair Chapman said unless Likins commits a specific amount of tuition revenue to course availability, he fears the promise will not be fulfilled.

If passed, Likins tuition plan would generate a total of \$1.9 million in new tuition revenue.

Likins also said next year's budget plan will address other student concerns, including financial aid, graduate assistant tuition remission and information technology.

In addition to an 11.4 percent increase in tuition for undergraduate residents, Likins' proposal includes a \$60 information technology fee, which Likins said was identified as a priority for students in an Associated Students of the University of Arizona tuition survey.

Of the proposed \$60 fee, \$8 would go to financial aid as required by the state, while the remaining \$52 would

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A MAJOR LEAGUE VISIT



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Diamondbacks infielder Matt Kata, center, and Mike Gosling took time out of their spring training schedule to visit UMC and sign autographs for 14-year-old Samantha Sanders and other patients in the children's ward yesterday.

D'backs visit sick children at UMC

By Djamila Noelle Grossman
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Local baseball players rushed through the children's wing of the University Medical Center, providing ailing kids with autographs and memorabilia.

Infielder Matt Kata and pitcher Mike Gosling, of the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team, visited about 15 children in the general pediatric wing and the bone marrow transplant unit during their one-hour stay, talking to each child for about five minutes before moving on.

Kata said when he was a kid he always admired people in the position he is in now.

The visit was part of the community affairs division of the Diamondbacks and Kata said he wants to give back what the team receives from the people in the community.

"I'm feeling I'm a kid at heart. It's a lot of fun to be around kids, that's what it's all about," Kata said.

Even though many of the children weren't explicitly Diamondback fans, they appreciated the visit.

Samantha Sanders, a freshman at Amphitheater High School, was among the visited children. She said it was really nice of the players to come to the hospital.

"I was excited, they are really cute," Sanders said.

Nick Nelson, a seventh grader in Hohokam Middle School, said he is only a little bit interested in baseball, because he doesn't have enough time for it. However, he said he was happy to see Kata and Gosling.

"It was pretty cool of them to visit me," Nelson said. "It was an awesome surprise."

Amy Buchan, Diamondbacks community affairs senior coordinator, managed the players' visit to the hospital.

The team comes to Tucson every year for 1 1/2 months of spring training.

Two different team members have gone to the UMC for the last two or three years, Buchan said.

Gosling said his reason for coming to the hospital was to brighten the children's days.

He said he hopes the children will have something to talk about for the next day and said he hopes to, "make them a little bit more of a baseball fan."

Gosling said the visit to the hospital makes him appreciate his opportunity to play baseball for a living and it reminds to be thankful for everything, Gosling said.

"It's exciting to meet kids and baseball fans who look up to us," Gosling said. "It makes me feel good that those kids have fun meeting us," a child life specialist at UMC, said he organizes a special event for the children almost every day, including dogs, magicians or athletes.

Paintball tourney to raise money for tsunami relief

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A UA student has taken tsunami relief fundraising into his own hands, and tomorrow hopes to raise \$5,000 for victims through a paintball competition he has helped organize.

Chuong Tran, an electrical engineering sophomore and avid paintballer, said he and his father Thai Tran have organized a paintball tournament all day tomorrow to raise money for victims of the tsunami that devastated southeast Asia two months ago.

The Trans originally proposed a goal to raise \$20,000 to be donated to the Red Cross, but had to revise their goal to be more realistic, said Thai Tran, an IBM Corp. employee.

"At first, we were being overly optimistic," Thai Tran said. "If we raise \$5,000 we'll be in a good position."

The tournament will be held at Sudden Impact Paintball

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