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Legislators weigh gun, alcohol bills

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PHOENIX — The atmosphere for those who drink in bars could change if lawmakers give bar owners the ability to decide if guns would be allowed inside.

The Senate bill debated on yesterday would change existing law, which prohibits firearms in bars, to say firearms would be prohibited only when the bar owner posted a sign prohibiting firearms. That is to say, unless a sign is posted, guns are ok.

The catch is if the bill passes, anyone carrying a gun would not be allowed to drink while in the bar.

Senators made an effort to reverse the language to say guns would only be allowed in bars that hung a sign saying so, instead of posting when they were not allowed. That effort was knocked down along with an attempt at limiting the bill so it only applied to restaurants serving alcohol, not bars.

Sen. Carolyn Allen, R-Scottsdale, said she had received overwhelming opposition to the bill from citizens in her district.

"I think that bars and guns don't mix," Allen said as she urged others not to vote for the bill, which she called "bad public policy."

Sen. Jack Harper, R-Sun City West, disagreed, saying he had not seen one letter to the editor in opposition to the bill. He said his impression was that citizens strongly supported upholding their second amendment rights.

Sen. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Tucson, said she saw no need to alter a law that has been in place for 20 years. Repeating Allen, Giffords also said, "guns and alcohol don't mix," and that the only supporter she had seen so far was the National Rifle Association.

With organizations such as the Arizona Tourism Alliance and the Arizona Restaurant and Hospitality association against the bill,

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Theatre arts sophomores Jessi Samoy and Monica Hernandez sell chocolate vaginas on the UA Mall yesterday afternoon to benefit the Oasis Program for Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence. Both are actors in "The Vagina Monologues," which will be presented in the Social Sciences building Room 100 today and tomorrow at 7 p.m.

ASUA debates focus on safety

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In last night's debate, Associated Students of the University of Arizona presidential candidates Cade Bernsen and Jacob Reuben both stressed safety and security as a major concern for next year, but disagreed on other issues.

Other than safety, Reuben emphasized the importance of implementing a fall break and a universal class waiting list if he becomes president, while Bernsen highlighted his experience in the Texas Senate and promised to bring funding to the UA for services such as child resources for mothers.

Non-voting Student Regent Ben Graff and Provost George Davis moderated the debate at 6:30 p.m. yesterday in front of a full house in the Student Union Memorial Center's Kiva Room.

The candidates tackled a wide range of questions, from maintaining diversity within the UA to how each of them intends to promote student participation in Zona Zoo.

Bernsen said Reuben's idea for a class waiting list would not help the problem of class availability.

"Class availability is like a roller coaster without enough seats," Bernsen said. "A waiting list isn't going to let more people on," he said. "It's just putting up more rope for people to stand in line."

During a rebuttal, Reuben said he has the experience in ASUA and other clubs and organizations on campus that Bernsen does not have.

Reuben said for a person without such experience

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Touring exhibit honors military casualties

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More than 1,500 pairs of military boots and 1,500 pairs of shoes, all hauntingly empty, will line the grass of a downtown park this weekend in memory of U.S. military and Iraqi civilian casualties in Iraq.

The exhibit, which has toured 45 U.S. cities, makes its only Arizona stop in Tucson this weekend at Armory Park, at East 12th Street between South Fifth Avenue and South Sixth Avenue.

The display, which is on tour through April, is a project of the American Friends Service Committee, an international Quaker organization that opposes all war.

However, the exhibit is not intended to be an anti-war statement, said Melanie Emerson, program director for the AFSC Arizona Area Program.

"It's a memorial," Emerson said. "People feel it's important to honor (these people's) sacrifice right away and not wait 30 years like we did for Vietnam."

An *Associated Press* report yesterday put the number of U.S. military casualties in Iraq at more than 1,500.

When the "Eyes Wide Open: The Human Cost of War" exhibit was unveiled in January

2004 in Chicago, it included 504 boots, each tagged with the name of a U.S. military serviceman or servicewoman killed in Iraq.

As the number of casualties increased, so has the size of the exhibit, and the boots and civilian shoes now make up a 12,000-square-foot display, Emerson said.

Since there is less data available about the number of Iraqi civilian casualties, the number of civilian shoes stays at 1,500, though the actual death toll has been estimated between 20,000 and 100,000 by some counts, Emerson said.

Patrick O'Brien, one of about 200 volunteers helping to coordinate the exhibit in Tucson, said he hopes the display brings the effects of the war closer to home.

O'Brien, an interdisciplinary studies junior, said he thinks Americans have been too distanced from the images of war since the media was banned in 1991 from showing images of flag-draped coffins arriving home from overseas.

"This (exhibit) is a way to visualize how many (people) have been lost and realize the human cost of war," O'Brien said.

While some critics of the exhibit in other cities have called it an anti-war demonstration, O'Brien said he expects the Tucson response to be mostly positive.

"It's really a time to put aside your political



beliefs and honor the people who have made this sacrifice," he said.

Between 20 and 30 student and faculty volunteers from various UA departments will assist with the setup of the exhibit and read the names of the deceased aloud, Emerson said.

The exhibit will also include a temporary wall listing the known names of deceased Iraqi civilians and an indoor multimedia display about the history and costs of war at the

Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. Fifth Ave., Emerson said.

Emerson said she expects between 2,000 and 3,000 people to visit the free exhibit, which runs Saturday and Sunday and will feature guest speakers, including family members of deceased U.S. soldiers.

For a list of speakers and events related to the exhibit, visit www.afsc.org/az.

This traveling memorial of more than 3,000 pairs of boots and shoes will be on display at Armory Park this weekend.

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