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DISABILITY REFRAMED

Kyle Johston, elementary education sophomore, Eric Daniels, history junior, battle over control of the ball during the quad rugby scrimmage yesterday evening in the Student Recreation Center. The UA Disability Resource Center will be promoting disability awareness for the month of April hosting several events on campus.

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Month begins awareness events

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For the month of April, the UA Disability Resource Center is putting on six events on campus in hope of spreading awareness about the disabled community. The month-long awareness program, "Disability Reframed: Challenging Concepts of Normality," has been organized annually for the last two years. "We want people thinking about what disability is and what it isn't," said DRC program coordinator Jeanne Nicholls. "Disabilities shouldn't be seen as scary, or

with pity, but just another characteristic of a person, such as being tall or having brown hair." Nicholls said she wants UA students and members of the Tucson community to understand there are many ways to look at disability and that "disabled people are people first." • UA wheelchair exhibition basketball game April 6 An exhibition game, which is a precursor to Lane for a Game, will take place at the Alumni Plaza from noon to 1 p.m. "We want to get people aware of what going on this month," said Bryan Barten, a

DRC disability specialist. Free Eegees will be given away during the game. • Lane for a Game April 7, 7 p.m. Lane for a Game, a "Globetrotter-esque" basketball game held at the UA for 22 years, has traditionally been a match-up between the wheelchair basketball teams against the men and women's basketball teams, Nicholls said. This might seem like an unfair competition, but all the players must compete while in wheelchairs, giving the disabled players a slight advantage because they are

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Rackets taken from locker room

By Jennifer Amsler ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Ten tennis rackets and a bicycle were stolen from the UA tennis team's locker room sometime over the weekend, authorities said. The women on the tennis team went into the Robson Tennis Center locker room, 902 N. Martin Ave., for practice Monday at 7:30 a.m. and noticed their lockers were open and rackets were missing from each one, said Brian Ramirez, assistant coach of the women tennis team. Ramirez said the women use the same rackets for practice and games, so they were left without any equipment to use. The rackets and bike were last seen late Saturday afternoon, he said. The doors to the locker room can only be accessed with a key or combination code, Ramirez said. The doors lock each time they shut and were the only way to enter the room, reports stated. Police found no signs of forced entry, according to University of Arizona Police Department reports. Ramirez and the women on the team do not know who could have taken the rackets and bicycle. After a former McKale Center employee was arrested and charged with theft of athletic items two weeks ago, Ramirez said it is difficult to narrow down suspects. "Literally, it could be anyone," Ramirez said. Police have no witnesses or suspects, reports stated. Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman, said crime investigations reach dead ends without any evidence or anyone witnessing any suspicious activity. "It's difficult if you have nothing to process at the scene," he said. Police closed the case because they had no leads, but Mejia said if a witness comes forward with information about the theft, the case could be re-opened.

Pope suffers heart failure; last rites read

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VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II suffered heart failure during treatment for a urinary tract infection and was in "very serious" condition early this morning, the Vatican said. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a statement that the pope, who was being treated at the Vatican, was given cardio-respiratory assistance after his heart stopped yesterday afternoon. "This morning the condition of the Holy Father is very serious," the statement said. However, it said that the pope had participated in a 6 a.m. Mass early this morning and that the pope was "conscious, lucid, and serene." The pontiff's health declined sharply after he developed a high fever yesterday brought on by the infection. His wish to remain at the Vatican was respected, Navarro-Valls said. The pontiff was attended to by the

Vatican medical team, and provided with "all the appropriate therapeutic provisions and cardio-respiratory assistance," the statement said. The statement confirmed previous reports that the pope had received the sacrament for the sick and dying yesterday evening. At the edge of St. Peter's Square, hundreds of people gathered early this morning, concerned about the fragile pope. A few knelt on the cobblestones to pray, others wrapped blankets around themselves as they kept vigil through the night. "There's nothing we can do but pray. We're all upset," said Agriculture Minister Giovanni Alemanno, who was in the crowd. Formerly called the last rites, the sacrament is often misunderstood as signaling imminent death. It is performed, however, not only for patients at the point of death, but also for those who are very sick — and it may be

repeated. The Rome daily *La Repubblica* reported earlier today that the sacrament was administered by John Paul's closest aide, Polish Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, who serves as his private secretary. Dziwisz had given the pontiff the same sacrament on Feb. 24 just before the pope underwent a tracheotomy to insert a tube in his throat at Gemelli Polyclinic, the newspaper said. According to its account, John Paul had attended Mass yesterday morning in his private chapel, then did paperwork from an armchair. Abruptly, at 6:45 p.m., John Paul turned ghostly pale and his blood pressure plummeted, the newspaper said. After antibiotics were administered, the Italian news agency Apcom reported without citing any sources, John Paul's condition was "stable." ANSA, another Italian news agency, said the pope "seems to showing a first positive reaction" to antibiotic therapy.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Pope John Paul II gives his blessing from his studio window overlooking St. Peter's square at the Vatican Wednesday. Pope John Paul II suffered heart failure yesterday.