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Meeting draws 500 scientists

By J. Ferguson
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More than 500 scientists converged on the UA last week to discuss the gamut of scientific research being done in the Western United States.

The Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held court at the Student Union Memorial Center for three days last week to hold their annual convention.

David Nash, the executive director for AAAS-SWARM, said by Wednesday more than 350 people were signed up for the three-day conference. He said the final amount of registered attendees reached more than 450.

Among the 450 attending were dozens of UA scientists, including several who presented their research to their colleagues at the conference.

Malcolm Hughes, professor of dendrochronology, was one of seven members of the tree ring laboratory who gave a half-day session about the progress of studying the age of trees.

Hughes gave a 30-minute lecture titled "Ancient Trees of the American West as Climate Archives."

"I discussed the ongoing work at the tree ring lab and the history here (of the lab) at the UA," Hughes said.

Hughes said he joined the AAAS 15 or 20 years ago because of the mandate of the group to support scientific research in the United States.

Thomas Lindell, a professor of molecular and cellular biology, was a panelist

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SPLASHING ATHLETES



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Lou Maturo, a freshman majoring in English, unzips his wetsuit while exiting the swim in Lake Havasu. The UA's club triathlon team, the TriCats, competed at Lake Havasu City Saturday in their final competition of the year.

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New site helps find lost bikes

By Cassie Blombaum
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Students missing their bicycles may find luck in a new Web site developed by a UA alumnus, aimed to help students find their stolen bicycles.

Brian Hance, an applications systems analyst at Arizona Student Media, developed the free site www.stolenbicycleregistry.com, which allows victims of theft to register and track their stolen bicycle, Hance said.

"It's 100 percent for everybody, both to register and search," Hance said.

Hance said he got the idea for the site after he became a victim of bicycle theft himself.

"I started this about a month ago after having my fifth bike stolen," Hance said.

Hance said his bicycle was locked in front of the Park Student Union, equipped with a special Kryptonite lock. But the lock did not help and his bicycle was stolen.

"So there I was, pissed off and out yet another \$400 bike, thinking about the whole problem," Hance said.

Hance said he thought about contacting the police or registering his bike for \$10 on the National Bicycle Registry, but decided against it.

"I saw the lack of a free full-featured registry and easy searching methods for the general public," Hance said. "So I sat down and created one with all sorts of helpful features."

Sgt. Kerry Fuller from the Tucson Police Department said the Web site is a terrific idea, but it is also important students contact the police when their bike is stolen.

"If somebody is doing a Web site (like that), that would be great," Fuller said. "That's another way to register your bike."

So far, 15 people have registered their bicycles on the newly formed site, Hance said, and he expects more to follow.

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Power shuts down across UA campus

By Natasha Bhuyan
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Residence halls and university buildings suffered temporary power outages last night as a result of faulty sparking wire.

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The rolling blackouts, which lasted anywhere from

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Staff lauded as 'key to university'

By Natasha Bhuyan
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

A staff member's job is like juggling apples, oranges and bananas, Provost George Davis said to university employees at a luncheon Friday.

That was the message Davis tried to get across at the 17th Annual Awards for Excellence organized by the Staff Advisory Council and Employee Recognition Steering Committee.

At the awards ceremony, administrators lauded university staff for their contributions to the UA.

"The university doesn't function unless you make the dedicated effort I know you all do," President Peter Likins told staff members.

But during the ceremony, the advisory council also presented a "Special Recognition Award" to an unsuspecting Likins for his demonstration of respect throughout campus.

Kathi Hart, the council president, said Likins' open-door policy has made staff members on campus feel welcome and appreciated.

"People used to feel overlooked, but President

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UA staff members were honored at the annual Awards for Excellence Friday in the Student Union Memorial Center Grand Ballroom. President Peter Likins and Provost George Davis presented the nominees and winners with certificates and cash awards.