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## Sigma Pi to educate on sexual awareness

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Members of the Sigma Pi fraternity and other greek chapters will be distributing fliers and information to students on the UA Mall today to spread the word about sexual assault.

As part of the Altruistic Campus Experience, a program hosted by the national Sigma Pi fraternity, the Theta Pi chapter is trying to educate students about sexual assault with information provided by the OASIS Program for Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence, said Casey Cutter, Sigma Pi vice president.

The ACE program is designed to give back to the fraternity's host institutions and its students, and Sigma Pi wants to give back by educating students about sexual assault, methods of prevention and what to do if it happens to you or someone you know, said fraternity President Joe DiVita.

"We want to open people's eyes about the subject," said Cutter, a pre-business sophomore. "We are going to take an aggressive approach to increase awareness and inform people about how things like sexual assault can happen."

Although there were accusations about a sexual assault incident that allegedly happened at the Sigma Pi house last month, Cutter said this philanthropy event is not in response to that specific occurrence.

"The incident that happened at our house didn't involve anyone in our chapter, but it did directly affect us," said DiVita, an electrical engineering junior. "This is not a direct response to that incident, but we want to inform students that it can happen anytime and anywhere, and we want to hopefully stop it from happening."

Cutter said they are hoping to have support from other fraternities and sororities at

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## Ding dong: UA achievers recognized by bell ringing

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Though the U.S.S. Arizona Bell in the Student Union Memorial Center is usually rung on one occasion each month, it was rung once more yesterday in recognition of 14 outstanding achievers at the UA.

Dave Parker, a member of the Student Union Advisory Council, and Provost George Davis presented certificates to the nine present honorees in the Ventana Room in the student union yesterday at 1 p.m.

Parker said the intent of the award is to honor the work done by students and faculty, which brings recognition to themselves and the university.

"We don't celebrate enough the exciting achievements happening at the university," Davis said.

Honorees included Joseph Albert, head of the College of Medicine, who became the editor in chief of the American Journal of Medicine in January, Hsinchun Chen, Eller College of Management director of UA Artificial Intelligence Lab, for receiving the 2004 Technology Innovation Award, and Dan Adams, director of Arizona Student Unions, for a facility design award for the SUMC.

The ceremony was the annual gathering of all the recipients throughout the year, Parker said.

Once a month, the Student Union Advisory Council reviews nominations for students and faculty who have brought significant recognition to the UA, and the bell is sounded on the third Wednesday of each month to recognize those people, Parker said.

Laird Close, who was honored in September, received the 2004 Faculty Early Career Development Award by the National Science Foundation for designing a camera to detect planets

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Martin Tomasko stands under the U.S.S. Arizona bell yesterday in the Student Union Memorial Center. He and others received awards for contributing to the UA before the bell was rung for their achievements.

Dr. Gordon Ewy demonstrates where a person needs to place their hands to perform his new CPR technique. Ewy's technique requires 100 compressions a minute to keep blood flowing to the brain. His technique is already being used by the Tucson Fire Department.



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## UA doc: Current CPR method outdated

By Zach Colick  
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A UA doctor has said the way the Red Cross and American Heart Association teach the public about how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation is wrong and a newer method can help a patient's survival.

Each year, 600,000 people die in the United States because their heart suddenly stops beating and professional help does not arrive in time, according to a press release.

For more than 40 years, the Red Cross and the AHA have been teaching citizens to perform CPR with a combination of 15 chest compressions followed by two breaths in the mouth, according to a press release.

But Dr. Gordon Ewy, director of the UA's Sarver Heart Center, said most people who fall into cardiac arrest outside of a hospital don't survive because the big problem with CPR as it's currently practiced is the public fear to breathe into a stranger's mouth.

He said without the breaths to the mouth and immediately calling 911, blood can stop flowing to the brain, which makes chest compressions worthless when resuscitating a patient.

Ewy said continuous chest compressions — 100 times a minute — with no breaths is the right way to perform CPR and said without the public willingly ready to perform mouth to mouth, the Red Cross and AHA's method does not work.

So far, the Red Cross and AHA are staying with the old method only

because they have to follow national protocol, said Laura Kitt-Hiiley, director of health and safety services for the American Red Cross Southern Arizona chapter.

Kitt-Hiiley said while the Red Cross may some day support the Sarver Heart Center's new method and research to help save lives, it must follow the emergency Cardiac Care Guidelines that are evaluated and updated every five years.

She said the current guidelines are from 2000 and since Ewy's method was just introduced, the Red Cross won't be able to look at the Sarver Heart Center's new methodology until the guidelines are reviewed again in December.

"The jury is still out on this matter, but we will move in whatever direction

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