Fraternity honors life of deceased UA student

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The members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity will hold a memorial service at their fraternity house tomorrow to honor the life of former UA student David Garcez, an economics major who died of heart failure over the summer.

Garcez, who was described by friends as someone who loved life and wanted everyone to have fun, died the morning of May 12 after spending two weeks in the hospital and enduring open-heart surgery.

He was 26 years old.

Jordan Weiner, psychology sophomore and member of Delta Tau Delta, said the fraternity wanted to hold the memorial service to honor Garcez’s wishes.

He said Garcez had always been healthy before he went into the hospital and described the heart failure as “a fluke.”

Weiner said Garcez was a big part of the fraternity and played an important role as treasurer.

“The house always came first for him,” Weiner said. “If someone was having a bad day, he’d always find a way to make you smile. He was a big jokester.”

Weiner said several members of the fraternity visited Garcez while he was sick.

“He’s still big, really muscular, and he never showed any weakness, but everyone knew he was in pain,” Weiner said.

Weiner said Garcez was his best friend, and it is still hard to talk about his death.

Edwards visits Tucson

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Vice presidential candidate John Edwards rallied thousands in Tucson yesterday, urging young people and other voters to help turn out the votes needed to guarantee Democrats a victory this November.

Edwards said the policies of the Bush administration — from education to foreign policy — have shown how “out of touch” it is with the American people.

“You tell John Kerry you’re his president, he’s not going to wake up every day working for Halliburton,” Edwards said.

He’s going to wake up every day working for the American people.”

Edwards made an appeal to the younger members of the audience, criticizing Bush for not providing enough financial aid for college students who need it.

“What about the young people in America who want to go to college, are qualified to go, but they’re not going?” Edwards said.

Lord cheers from younger members of the audience interrupted his lecture before he could continue.

Edwards said 94,000 people have been cut from Pell Grant funding since Bush took office. His promises of making education more affordable, Edwards urged those who want to make college education available for more people to vote for Kerry.

“We want to make up to $4,000 in college tuition available for tax credits,” Edwards said. “We want to say to young people, give us two years of public service and community work and we’ll give you four years of college education.”

Dan O’Dell, a political science and sociology senior, said he liked those ideas and said they could solve a lot of problems. Students who are still unde-