quick hits

Student survey names Wildcat top college paper in country

The Princeton Review named the Arizona Daily Wildcat the Best College Newspaper nationwide yesterday.

The Princeton Review surveyed 110,000 students at 361 top colleges to rate their schools and report on their campus experiences.

The UA will be listed in the new 2006 edition of “The Best 361 Colleges,” for winning the Best College Newspaper ranking.

Aaron Mackey, Wildcat editor in chief, said he is very excited about the ranking.

“We are thrilled to learn that UA students enjoy reading the Wildcat,” Mackey said. “The honor shows that our paper is a big part of the university community.”

Students warned about scams on newspaper sales, delivery

Students being approached by newspaper solicitors should be cautious of their claims after an unknown man reportedly been telling students The Arizona Republic is a requirement for UA courses.

Students have reported being approached at their homes by an unknown person wearing a UA T-shirt and claiming the university is requiring a subscription to the Phoenix-based paper for the semester, said Paul Johnson, the department of journalism adviser.

Students have also reported being approached by an unknown man who was urging students to purchase a home-delivery service for the Arizona Daily Wildcat.

The Wildcat is free for all students and does not offer a delivery service.

right on cue

Psychology senior Alex St. John lines up his shot in Wilbur’s Den while spending some time in between classes. Wilbur’s Underground features pingpong, pool and various arcade games, and is a great place to hang out with friends.

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book prices soar on campus

National costs tripled in past two decades

By Kris Cabulong

Textbook prices across the country have nearly tripled in the last two decades, a trend that is also jacking up prices at the UofA Bookstore.

A study released last week by the Government Accountability Office reported the prices of college textbooks in the U.S. has been rising primarily due to the introduction of products designed to accompany textbooks by publishing.

This supplemental material, including CD-ROMs and companion text, has been the biggest culprit of increasing prices.

The bookstores’ figures have been consistent with the national pattern for the same reasons, said Frank Fantas, the bookstore director.

“Last year, I bought a bunch of crap (that was) shrink-wrapped with my chemistry book. It was a chemistry bundle that included a solutions manual,” said Jesse Couglins, an undeclared sophomore. “It didn’t matter because the solutions were posted online anyway. I think I spent $130 or something.”

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UA cracks top 100 of best universities

Eller remains in top 20 nationwide

By Seth Mauzy

The UA has bumped up its rank among American universities, placing 97th out of all universities and 40th out of public schools, a gain of one place over both last year’s rankings.

According to the U.S. News and World Report released Friday, the ratings are based on a number of factors, including graduation and retention rates, financial and faculty resources, and class sizes.

The Eller College of Management was the UA’s highest-ranking program at 18th in the nation with its management information systems major placing fourth.

Harvard University and Princeton University share the top spot for the third straight year, while UC Berkeley is the highest-ranked public university at No. 20.

UA spokesman Paul Allvin said he is pleased to see the UA included among the 50 best public universities in the country.

“Year to year, it’s nice to see that we’ve gone up, but it’s hard to give that one point much meaning,” Allvin said. “This gives us a chance to step back and look at the big picture, what we’re doing right, and what needs improvement.”

The report gave the UA its lowest marks in graduation and retention rates, with 78 percent of freshmen returning for a second year and 57 percent of students graduating within six years.

“Retention is always a major concern,” Allvin said. “We are paying more insurance needed for health center

No insurance needed for health center

By Ariel Serafin

UA students enrolled in classes can receive medical help from Campus Health Service regardless of whether or not they have insurance.

Campus Health is located in the Highland Commons at 1224 E. Lowell St. and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed on university holidays.

General medicine

The General Medicine clinic does its best to accommodate the needs of ill or injured students by scheduling same-day appointments, said Terri West, administrative associate of Campus Health.

“If a student is sick, we recommend they call first thing in the morning,” West said.

However, services provided are not limited to unhealthy students. The clinic offers a scope of care ranging from primary care, internal medicine and sports medicine, according to the Campus Health Web site.

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