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QUICK HITS

Last day to add classes for fall 2005 semester

Registering from zero units will require a change of schedule form signed by an instructor and approved by a dean after today.

Yesterday was the last day students could add classes online. WebReg is only available to drop classes beginning today. To access your schedule visit http://ruby.ccit.arizona.edu/student_link/.

Rap producer Suge Knight shot at awards afterparty

MIAMI BEACH — The MTV Video Music Awards escaped the drama and damage of Hurricane Katrina. Yesterday night, they faced being overshadowed by another dangerous name — Suge Knight.

The Death Row Records founder, who has been at the center of some of hip-hop's most violent moments, was shot in the leg early yesterday morning at a party thrown by Kanye West and attended by stars including Jessica Alba, Eddie Murphy, Paris Hilton, the Game and The Black Eyed Peas.

Although Knight's injuries were not life-threatening, the violence dampened the celebratory vibe of the event. MTV said the shooting would not affect the show.

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Maurice Claret will be cut by Broncos, player's agent says

DENVER — Unable to practice much or play at all during the pre-season, Maurice Claret will be released by the Denver Broncos later this week, his agent said yesterday.

Agent Steven Feldman said Claret, the troubled running back who the Broncos chose in this year's draft, will be released when the Broncos make their first round of cuts.

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Suge Knight

MARS MANIA



Flandrau telescope operator Burt Cureton aims his telescope at Jupiter after sunset, Saturday evening on the UA Mall. Cureton was part of Mars Mania, an event educating people about the UA connection to the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter.

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Delays keep students in hotels

By Mika Mandelbaum
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More than 200 students have been shacking up in hotel rooms for the past week because of delayed construction at a new student apartment complex.

The Seasons apartments, 811 E. Wetmore Road, was expected to be finished Aug. 21, but that date has been pushed back indefinitely, said Carl Saul, superintendent of The Seasons' construction.

"Our plans were very deficient and that is really the main reason this complex is late getting open," Saul said.

For the first week of school only two of the five buildings at the complex were completely finished and occupied, said Marianne Palko, community manager of The Seasons.

More students were able to move in over the weekend when a third building's construction was completed.

But the students whose buildings are not yet finished are temporarily living at the Holiday Inn Express, 620 E. Wetmore Road, or alternate apartments. Each

hotel room houses between two and four students, Palko said.

"We have 80 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express alone," Palko said.

Students are also using 12 rooms at the Comfort Suites, 515 W. Auto Mall Drive, said Jackie Pesina, general manager of the hotel.

The Seasons agreed to pay for the 92 hotel rooms and for storage facilities where students can keep their belongings. The Seasons also agreed to hire movers to help students when their apartments are ready.

"There was a construction problem, and no one could foresee that," Palko said. "We want the business to be in good standing, and we want to make the best of the circumstances we're in."

Students who signed a lease to live in one of the last two buildings still waiting for completion can expect to stay in their hotel room at least another two or three weeks, Palko said.

Todd Bedrick, an accounting senior, said when he signed his lease at The Seasons, he was told his room would likely be ready by the beginning of August.

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Blaze causes \$20K in damage

By Holly Wells
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A fire broke out yesterday afternoon in two students' apartment, causing \$20,000 worth of damage, according to the Tucson Fire Department.

The fire is believed to have started by a candle left burning in the two UA students' upstairs apartment at Palm Shadows Apartment complex, 1815 E. Speedway Blvd.

Tucson Fire Department Capt. Paul McDonough said the fire started around 2:30 p.m. and was under control within seven minutes of TFD's arrival.

No one was hurt or injured in the fire, McDonough said.

Computer engineering sophomore Sam Naser, a resident of Palm Shadows, said he pulled up to his apartment around 3 p.m. and saw two fire trucks.

Naser said students were lying on the sidewalks outside of building B, where the fire took place, because they had been evacuated.

Communication senior LeAna Porter, a resident of Palm Shadows, said her brother Jonathan and his girlfriend were residents of the apartment where the blaze started.

Porter said Jonathan and his girlfriend were at the movies when the fire took place.

Three hours after the fire was extinguished, Porter said she was moving the couple's charred clothes and CDs into her apartment, which is in a different building.

"Most of the damage was to the bedroom,

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Hurricane Katrina surging toward New Orleans

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When Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans today, it could turn one of America's most charming cities into a vast cesspool tainted with toxic chemicals, human waste and even coffins released by floodwaters from the city's legendary cemeteries.

Experts have warned for years that the levees and pumps that usually keep New Orleans dry have no chance against a direct hit by a Category 5 storm.

That's exactly what Katrina was as it churned toward the city. With top winds of 165 mph and the power to lift sea level by as much as 28 feet above normal, the storm threatened an environmental disaster of biblical proportions, one that could leave more than 1 million people

homeless.

"All indications are that this is absolutely worst-case scenario," Ivor van Heerden, deputy director of the Louisiana State University Hurricane Center, said yesterday afternoon.

The center's latest computer simulations indicate that by tomorrow, vast swaths of New Orleans could be under water up to 30 feet deep. In the French Quarter, the water could reach 20 feet, easily submerging the district's iconic cast-iron balconies and bars.

Estimates predict that 60 percent to 80 percent of the city's houses will be destroyed by wind. With the flood damage, most of the people who live in and around New Orleans could be homeless.

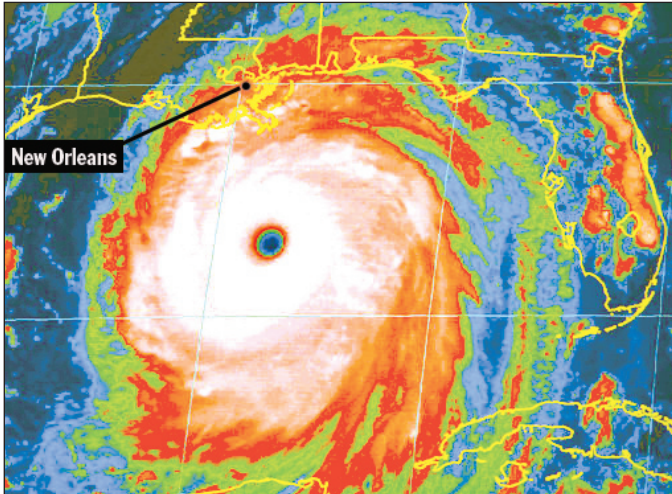
"We're talking about in essence

having — in the continental United States — having a refugee camp of a million people," van Heerden said.

Aside from Hurricane Andrew, which struck Miami in 1992, forecasters have no experience with Category 5 hurricanes hitting densely populated areas.

"Hurricanes rarely sustain such extreme winds for much time. However we see no obvious large-scale effects to cause a substantial weakening the system and it is expected that the hurricane will be of Category 4 or 5 intensity when it reaches the coast," National Hurricane Center meteorologist Richard Pasch said.

As they raced to put meteorological instruments in Katrina's path yesterday,



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Hurricane Katrina, a Category 5 storm, is expected to bring winds of up to 165 mph to bear on New Orleans this morning. Only three Category 5 storms have hit the United States since 1935.

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