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ArizonaCares collecting victim supplies

Members of ArizonaCares will be collecting supplies for hurricane relief efforts today on the UA Mall.

The organization will be collecting cash or checks, hygiene supplies, basic first aid supplies, emergency supplies such as blankets and pillows, and school supplies for Hurricane Katrina victims

The drop-off location for supplies will be on the UA Mall in front of the Student Union Memorial Center.

ArizonaCares comprises members from the Arizona Student Unions, the University Activities Board, the Arizona Blue Chip Program, Greek Life, the Dean of Students Office and Arizona Athletics.

Benefit concert to raise funds for Red Cross

"The Promise of Living" free benefit concert will be held tonight at 7:30 in Crowder Hall to raise funds for the American Red Cross' relief efforts.

This special night of music includes HarpFusion, the world's largest internationally touring harp ensemble; Vocalease, a seven-member female a cappella vocal ensemble; Arizona Choir, the UA's premier vocal ensemble; renowned opera singers Faye Robinson and Charles Roe with distinguished pianist Rex Woods; the Arizona Opera Company and UA graduate students.

State Department internships and scholarships

The State Department will be holding an informational meeting today for students interested in internships and scholarships.

The meeting will be held in the Cesar E. Chavez Building, Room 211 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Students interested in working at the American Embassy in Italy or places in Central America should attend the meeting for more information about the program.

PULLING FOR A CAUSE



Members of the Alpha Phi sorority compete in a tug-of-war on the UA mall at Pi Kappa Phi's second annual War of the Roses, a tournament pitting 11 sororities against each other in various events. Pi Kappa Phi hopes to raise more than \$5,000 at the event for their national philanthropy People Understanding the Severely Handicapped America.

A charitable 'war'

Greek tourney combines competition, compassion

By Danielle Rideau Arizona Daily Wildcat

The greek community has joined forces again this week to raise money for a fraternity's national philanthropy during a weeklong tourna-

ment of competitions and fundraisers.

Pi Kappa Phi is hosting their second annual "War of the Roses" event to raise money for their national philanthropy, People Understanding the Severely Handicapped America, said Pi Kappa Phi's philanthropy chair Garner Bass.

Throughout the weeklong tournament, members from the 11 participating sororities compete in events including the Greek Olympics, Greek Idol, powder-puff football and fundraising competitions, to

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\$5,000 in equipment taken from Gallagher

By Holly Wells Arizona Daily Wildcat

Police are investigating the theft of an Arizona state flag and more than \$5,000 in missing equipment from Gallagher Theater last week.

The items were stolen last Wednesday from the theater in the Student Union Memorial Center sometime between 8:45 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., said Cmdr. Kevin Haywood of the University of Arizona Police Depart-

The stolen equipment included a laptop, a video projection unit, two handheld microphones and a wireless portable microphone, said Bill Shiba, senior associate director for the Arizona Student Unions.

Media arts sophomore Allen Menasco, who was screening a movie at the theater that night, said he saw two collegeaged men acting suspicious right after the movie.

"They were walking in and out of the theater, and no one recognized them as having been there to watch the movie," Menasco said.

Police could not comment on whether there are suspects in the case because it is being investigated, Haywood said.

Although there is no suspect information yet, the doors to the theater were open at the time of the incident, which meant the items were accessible to anyone who would have been in the student union, said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman.

Shiba said he could not comment on how the suspects got in but said the items were secured at the time of the incident.

The equipment has to be replaced and will be taken out of the operating budget,

He said they are checking to see whether insurance will replace any of the items.

"We're going to do whatever we can to prevent this from happening again," Shiba said. "We can't afford to lose that much equipment."

If the perpetrators are caught, they will face felony charges, Haywood said.

ASUA SENATE OPERATING BUDGET \$648 \$6,791 \$1,200 **Project** money left Leadership conference **Project** money spent **Total operating budget:** \$8,639 Source: ASUA

Senate has spent quarter of budget

By Nick Smith Arizona Daily Wildcat

Student government senators have spent nearly a quarter of their operating budget in the first month of school, funds that are allocated for the entire year, student

Following the approval of \$1,200 to send Associated Students of the University of Arizona senators to a leadership conference, the senate will have spent \$1,848 of the \$8,634 operating budget, according to

figures provided by ASUA Treasurer Keven

The senate's beginning balance this school year was \$22,042. The operating budget for senate projects is the amount left over after the senators' stipend, or salaries, are taken out, said Barker, a finance senior.

Senate spending this semester has not been without contention. In Wednesday's meeting, the senate voted 7-3 to fund \$1,200 to send four senators to the Rockies Student Leadership Conference in Denver later this month.

This move has divided senators and stu-

dents alike.

"I think we should send five or six people,"said Sen. Patrick Cook, a pre-education sophomore. "We need the best leadership we could possibly afford."

Three of the 10 senators hold a different

"I really believe that the money could be better spent elsewhere," said Sen. Matt Boepple, a political science sophomore." It's not like we're not going to other conferences this year."

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