By Seth Mazey  
**Arizona Daily Wildcat**

A string of campus-area accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists struck by cars has drawn attention to the safety of UA crosswalks.

According to Tucson Police Department statistics, cars are more often at fault than pedestrians when failing to yield, with 1,286 drivers cited since 2000 compared to 107 pedestrians. Bicyclists were the biggest offender, with 20 cited for not yielding in crosswalks since 2000.

TOF did not have statistics detailing which neighborhoods have higher incidences of pedestrian-vehicle collisions, but University of Arizona Police Department spokesman Sgt. Eugene Mejia said a number of factors make the university area more problematic for pedestrians.

"The downtown and university areas have higher degrees of foot traffic combined with larger numbers of young drivers," Mejia said. "This creates a more dangerous environment for pedestrians."

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**MR. A-Z**

By Anthony D. Avila  
**Arizona Daily Wildcat**

Rock rock artist Jason Mraz dazzled nearly 1,600 fans last night with his tongue-twisting rhymes and wordplays in Centennial Hall.

The UA concert was the second stop for Mraz and back-up band The Take It Easy Buddies on their Mr. A-Z tour, after kicking it off the night before in Phoenix. The show was organized by the Associated Students of the University of Arizona Special Events Committee and sponsored by the radio station 92.9 FM KYHM, said Ryan Patterson, ASUA special events director.

Up on taking the stage, Mraz was highlighted with a strobe of flashes from fans’ camera phones and digital cameras taken by a standing audience.

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**QUICK HITS**

**Katrina benefit luncheon**

"The Cats for Katrina Relief" luncheon and raffle will be held today at noon in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Union Memorial Center.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for $10, and raffle tickets are also available for $5. All proceeds will be donated to the Tucson-based World Care Organization.

**Teach for America alumni recruits top UA seniors**

Teach for America representatives are coming to the UA today to recruit qualified seniors to apply for their program to eliminate the achievement gap that exists between children growing up in low-income areas and those growing up in higher-income areas.

The information session is free and open to all college students. The session begins at 5 p.m. in the Tucson Room of the Student Union Memorial Center.

**New RHA president takes throne tonight**

Sam Brace, a journalism junior, will be elected president of the Residence Hall Association tonight at the general body meeting where he will run for the position unopposed.

Brace filled in as the interim president after Daila Temple resigned from the position over the summer.

The RHA president is responsible for supervising the organization and making sure goals are met, Brace said.

"I feel I have strong vision of what our residents need," Brace said. "And I'm willing to do whatever it takes to help develop a strong foundation for other RHA executive boards to build off of in the future."

**Radiation compliance urged**

Campus researchers are advised to obey radiation safety concerns or face stiff penalties, officials said.

A document outlining radiation safety concerns went out to this week to departments and researchers that deal with radioactive material, stating there will be a civil penalty charged to anyone involved in radiation accidents, said Dan Silvain, associate director of the Radiation Control Office.

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**GALVESTON, Texas — As many as 1.3 million people were ordered to clear out along the Gulf Coast, and hospital and nursing home patients were evacuated yesterday as Hurricane Rita turned into a Category 5, 185-mph monster that could slam Texas by the weekend and inflict more misery on New Orleans.**

Forecasters said Rita could be the most intense hurricane on record ever to hit Texas, and easily one of the most powerful ever to blow into the U.S. mainland. Category 5 is the highest on the scale, and only three Category 5 hurricanes are known to have hit the U.S. mainland — most recently, Andrew, which smashed South Florida in 1992.

All of Galveston, low-lying sections of Houston and Corpus Christi, and a mostly emptied-out New Orleans were under mandatory evacuation orders, one day after Rita sideswiped the Florida Keys as a far weaker storm and caused minor damage.

Having seen what Hurricane Katrina was — a Category-4, 145-mph storm — did three weeks ago, many people were taking no chances as Rita swelled across the Gulf of Mexico. "After this killer in New Orleans, Katrina, I just cannot fathom staying," 59-year-old Lydian Jean Jocque said before sunrise as she waited for an evacuation bus outside the Galveston Community Center. She had packed her Bible, some music and clothes into plastic bags and loaded her dog into a pet carrier.

"I really think it is going to be bad. That’s why I’m staying here, but I’ve got to go this time," said 65-year-old Barbara Anders. "I don’t have but one life, and it is time for me to go."

The federal government was eager to show it too, had learned its lesson after being criticized for its sluggish response to Katrina. It rushed hundreds of trucksloads of water, ice and ready-made meals to the Gulf Coast and put rescue and medical teams on standby.

"You can’t play around with Katrina benefit luncheon"
SAFETY

Distractions cause accidents
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The UA has taken various steps to increase pedestrian safety, including installing barrier walls on the medians of East Speedway Boule-
dvard to discourage jaywalking, tunnels under
neath Speedway, and pedestrian pathways with
traffic signals across Sixth Street, Mejia said.
But despite these measures, a number of highly
trafficked areas remains without traffic con-
trols and is potentially dangerous to pedestrians.

“There are areas on Campbell Avenue and
Eucal Avenue that are highly traversed by pe-
destrians and cars,” Mejia said.” We have seen
a number of collisions in those areas.”

UAPD has tallied a number of incidents of pe-
detrians or bicyclists hit by car this year, although
other campus-area incidents are handled by
tPD or are simply reported to UAPD.

Timothy Hart, a political science sophomore
who was struck while crossing East Speedway
Boulevard at North Mountain Avenue earlier
this month, is one of at least five pedestrians or
bicyclists hit this semester.

“We’re college students, and I don’t think
we need crossing guards, but maybe blinking
lights or something to let people know there
are a lot of pedestrians,” Hart said. “Pedestrians
aren’t safe even in the crosswalks.”

Mejia also said the increase in the use of cell
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By Mika Mandelbaum
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

The limitation accessibility to advanced
technology on American Indian reserva-
tions can negatively impact students who
come from these communities, Francis-Begay said.
The limited accessibility to advanced
machines and other forms of technology
object to the use of technology or
access technological education.

“Without access to such technologies,
the importance of these devices was dis-
proved,” T wist said. “Unfortunately we live in
a litigious society and unless you have a
warranty, you have no authority to protect
yourself.”

Both T wist and Francis-Begay also point
to the increase in the use of cell
phones and the Indian people advance their goals
by using major damage to hospitals and research centers
with the Category 3 storm was put at more than $2 billion.
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sections of Corpus Christi were also warned to get
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dian artists a larger clientele when they sell
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T wo legislative policy initiatives by the
Native Networking Coalition intend to help
fund the technology connections.

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CIA gathering intel on students for future hires

By J. Ferguson
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CIA recruiters may be more interested in what languages you speak rather than your major when they visit the UA campus tomorrow.

CIA representatives said the UA’s department of Near Eastern studies, the department of Slavic studies and the center for Middle Eastern studies make the UA an attractive campus to recruit students.

“Students fluent in Arabic and Persian are in high demand because 90 percent of the information the CIA collects is from foreign open sources like newspapers or television broadcasts, said CIA recruiter David Burris.

Martha Schulte-Nafeh, a professor for Near Eastern Studies and a Mideast language coordinator for the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, said she isn’t surprised about the strong interest the CIA has taken in UA students.

Even though the UA Arabic language classes have an incredibly demanding curriculum, the program has seen a strong increase in enrollment since Sept. 11, 2001, Schulte-Nafeh said.

“We are setting the bar really high,” Schulte-Nafeh said. “We really focus on language training,” Polovsky said. “The fact that government agencies are aware of our track record is a good sign.”

Students can make a reservation to speak with a CIA representative tomorrow by calling (520) 523-5820 or by sending an e-mail to cainformation@aol.com.

Informational sessions will start at 11:30 a.m. at the Tucson Marriott University Park, 880 E. Second St.

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MRAZ

Tickets pay most of $40K cost

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“What’s up, Wildcats?” Mraz asked the screaming crowd. “Thanks for the invite back to Tucson. We always love it here.”

The artist played five songs from the newest album, “Seek in the Dark.”

“I’ve always liked pink,” Mraz said while sporting pink flip-flops and T-shirt during the mini-show.

While answering one of the interview questions, Mraz addressed the members of opening band Ry-anhood, saying he remembered when he used to play with youthful enthusiasm like theirs.

Cameron Hood, singer and guitar player of the duo, said it was meaningful for the band to get that comment from an artist they respected so much.

“I don’t know what goes down, but it felt pretty good,” Hood said.

Hood graduated from the UA last year and has released gigs with hand-made Ryan Green at Cellar in the Student Union Memorial Center and on the UA Mall, but never at Centennial Hall.

Hood and Green both grew up in Tucson and graduated from University High School but moved to Boston to pursue music on the East Coast.

“I graduated from high school and college at Centennial Hall. It’s such a respected venue,” Hood said. “There’s a ‘bright future’ feeling about (playing there).”

Kelly Hanrahan, a media arts junior whose how won tickets to the studio show, said when she drove to the UA from her home in Kansas, she listened to Mr. A-Z for most of the 18-hour drive.

Hanrahan said he met with other celebrities before but none have been “so laid back and as easy-going as (Mraz).”

“He was one of the most down to earth people,” Hanrahan said. “He was really goofy and cool hang out with.”

Patrick Bradley, an architecture junior, said he prefaced Mraz’s acoustic work over his radio songs and watching Mraz play the guitar caused him to change his mind about going to the concert.

“I was impressed so much I went straight over and bought my ticket,” Bradley said.

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