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Frat conducts project to raise hurricane-relief funds

The Theta Pi Chapter of the Sigma Pi fraternity is selling blue wristbands on the UA Mall this week that say "WildKats For Katrina." The wristbands are \$2 each and the men will accept cash or check donations. All proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross.

Any questions can be referred to Mike Wilbur, the philanthropy chair, by e-mail at wrxmikey@email.arizona.edu, or donors can send a check payable to Sigma Pi Fraternity, ATTN: Mike Wilbur, 1525 E. Drachman St., Tucson, AZ 85719 with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo.

"The South has been devastated by both Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, and it is vital that we give all the support we can to those who have lost everything," Wilbur said. "The hurricanes have come and gone but the need for aide is ongoing as they attempt to rebuild their lives."

Frats collaborate with local business to raise funds

Alpha Epsilon Pi and Sigma Kappa in conjunction with Chaffin's Family Restaurant and the American Red Cross are manning a donation booth for 162 consecutive hours this week.

Representatives from both fraternities will be at Chaffin's Family Restaurant, 902 E. Broadway Blvd., during the entire fundraiser. When guests enter the restaurant, fraternity members will ask the diners if they would like to make a donation to the Red Cross.

If the guests agree, the restaurant will automatically take 50 percent off of their total bill.

"It's a pretty good deal," said Brad Wulff, Alpha Epsilon Pi philanthropy chair.

The fundraiser started Saturday and will end Friday at 11:59 p.m.

Any questions should be directed to Wulff at (480) 577-0755.

SHOT BLOCKER



Suns forward Amare Stoudemire blocks a shot from Suns forward Pat Burke during the team's first training camp day in McKale Center. The team will be holding camp here all week, and will have a benefit game Saturday evening.

Chris Coduto/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Police: DUI arrests up as patrols increase

By Ross Hager
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A spike in DUI arrests throughout the campus area in 2004 is the result of increased funds and long-term efforts made by a statewide drinking and driving task force, police said.

The University of Arizona Police Department Annual Campus Safety and Security Report released earlier this month stated that 120 driving under the influence arrests were made in 2004, compared to 37 arrests in 2003.

University of Arizona Police Department spokesman Sgt. Eugene Mejia said he credits the increase to the creation of a statewide DUI Task Force.

The task force is a joint effort between Arizona law enforcement agencies that combine forces when patrolling on major holidays and "party" weekends.

"For those who choose to drive under the influence, they need to understand we have a task force ready to take you off the road," Mejia said.

The Southern Arizona DUI task force, which is part of the statewide task force, was created in 1991 following the death of two police officers who were killed by a drunk driver while investigating a DUI fatality, said Sgt. Ed Slechta, who helped to create the task force.

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UA students may study on cruise ship

By Anthony D. Ávila
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UA officials are discussing the possibility for the university to become the academic sponsor of Semester at Sea, a study-abroad program that brings students around the world on a cruise vessel while earning university credit.

The program, which has been a part of the University of Pittsburgh for 24 years, is leaving the institution and searching for another school, potentially the UA, to be its new academic sponsor, said Paul Watson, Semester at Sea marketing director.

Kirk Simmons, the executive director of the division of international affairs, said the Institute for Shipboard Education, the nonprofit organization that administers the program, contacted the UA in June about potential sponsorship.

Throughout the summer, UA administrators and faculty held a series of meetings to discuss the possibility of an interest, and Semester at Sea representatives visited the campus twice in September, Simmons said.

Simmons said he hopes a decision will be made within a month to six weeks.

UA, College of Medicine ranked at the top in Hispanic outreach



Alexander Fernandez, a third-year medical student currently on his psychiatry clerkship, stands before a series of X-rays in University Medical Center yesterday afternoon.

Jacob Konst/Arizona Daily Wildcat

By Cassie Blombaum
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The UA and its College of Medicine were ranked at the top among the nation's best schools when it comes to Hispanic outreach, a recognition that reflects the university's aim to increase diversity on campus, officials said.

The College of Medicine ranked No. 7 among the nation's medical schools for Hispanic students, according to Hispanic Business Magazine.

Mike Caplinger, a research supervisor with Hispanic Business Magazine, said there were five criteria used to rate the schools, like comparing the number of Hispanic students enrolled in the program, the number of Hispanics on the faculty and the services provided for Hispanic students.

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