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### QUICK HITS

#### Adjunct professor wins Nobel Prize for physics

Roy J. Glauber, an optical sciences adjunct professor, won a 2005 Nobel Prize in physics for his pioneering work on the nature and behavior of light.

Glauber, who came to the UA as an adjunct in 1988, is being honored for research he performed at Harvard University in the '60s that updated the theory of the nature of light to include modern quantum principles.

Glauber shares the prize with John L. Hall from the University of Colorado and Theodor W. Hansch from the Institute for Quantum Optics in Munich, Germany. The three will share a sum of about \$1.3 million.

#### Candlelight vigil to inform students of Darfur region

Student organizers hope a candlelight vigil tonight will help other students realize the effects of a humanitarian crisis affecting more than 2 million people in the Darfur region of western Sudan, where thousands of Sudanese have been killed and millions more have been displaced.

The event starts at 7 p.m. by the fountain at Old Main and is part of the Students Taking Action Now: Darfur, involving more than 170 college campuses that are hosting similar events in hopes of bringing education, awareness and solidarity within the student body, said Naomi Brandis, an organizer of the event.

Sudanese government-backed militias, known collectively as the Janjaweed, are systematically eliminating entire communities of African tribal farmers. Villages are being razed, women and girls raped and branded, men and boys murdered, and food and water supplies targeted and destroyed, according to www.savedarfur.org.

While Brandis said she and others might not be able to get students to care, education and awareness is the next best thing. She said tonight's event won't be a fundraiser but rather just for awareness.

"We just want people to know what's going on," said Brandis, a political science senior, adding that with disasters like Hurricane Katrina, even a crisis of this magnitude can be overlooked. "(Students) can act on it if they know how," Brandis said.

— Zach Colick

## Prof diversity behind curve

### ASU, NAU ahead of UA in ethnic minority faculty percentages

By Mika Mandelbaum  
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Departments across campus are trying to increase their faculty diversity, but recent reports show the UA as a whole is trailing behind the other two state universities in its percentage of ethnic minority faculty.

Each university's report on faculty includes professors, associate professors and assistant professors,

and does not include instructor, lecturer, research or visiting titles.

Arizona State University leads the three Arizona state universities with the highest percentages of blacks at 2.4 percent, Asian Americans at 9 percent and Hispanics at 6.6 percent, according to the ASU Institutional Analysis Web site.

Northern Arizona University has the highest percentage of American

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### FACULTY DIVERSITY COMPARISON

	total faculty:			percentage:		
	UA	ASU	NAU	UA	ASU	NAU
Black	22	55	11	1.38	2.43	1.79
American Indian	18	30	20	1.13	1.32	3.26
Asian American	99	204	19	6.21	8.99	3.10
Hispanic	73	149	28	4.58	6.57	4.57
White	1278	1830	512	80.23	80.69	83.52

Faculty includes all professors, associate professors and assistant professors. It does not include adjunct, lecturers, clinical, emeritus, research or visiting titles.

Sources: UA Diversity Action Plan Progress Report, ASU Institutional Analysis Web site and Tom Bauer, assistant director of Office of Public Affairs at NAU

### FIDDLING AROUND



UA alumnus and local musician Dale Clark performed behind the Park Student Union yesterday evening on his electric violin. Clark tapped out a wide variety of tunes for students, including Dave Brubeck's 'Take Five.'

Claire C. Laurence/Arizona Daily Wildcat

## Athletics health test unchanged after deaths

### Official review begun after Polk's collapse

By Danielle Rideau  
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Arizona Athletics officials said they do not see a need to change health standard tests despite two student-athlete deaths in the last 16 months.

The athletics department doesn't think its testing standards are related to the June 8, 2004, death of UA football player McCollins Umeh or the Sept. 26 death of UA women's basketball center Shawntinice Polk, said Kathleen "Rocky" LaRose, senior associate director of athletics.

When an athlete is injured or dies, the department reviews the circumstances and decides if any changes in procedures or policies are necessary, LaRose said.

"When anything happens, we routinely review the situation, and if there is something that needs to be changed, we change it," LaRose said.

LaRose could not comment on Polk's death because of Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act regulations, but said student-athletes can only participate in sports after they have passed standards from the American College of Sports Medicine's book "Preparticipation Physical Evaluation, Third Edition."

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## UA student killed in motorcycle collision

By Holly Wells  
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A UA student known for her love of children and her positive outlook on life was killed Saturday night in a motorcycle collision.

Michelle Grace Combs, a 20-year-

old retailing and consumer sciences sophomore, died after the motorcycle she was riding collided with a car around 10:40 p.m. at South Country Club Road and East Beverly Drive, said Officer Dallas Wilson, Tucson Police Department spokesman.

The driver of the motorcycle, Curtis Taylor, 23, was badly injured and

transported to University Medical Center where he remains in critical condition, said Loretta McKenzie, UMC spokeswoman.

Neither Combs nor Taylor were wearing helmets at the time of the accident.

Richard Verdugo, 37, was cited with an enhanced penalty for

failing to yield in a left turn lane and for registration and insurance violations, Wilson said.

He was booked into Pima County Jail for driving on a suspended license and later released.

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Grace Combs, a 20-year-old retailing and consumer sciences sophomore, was killed Saturday when the motorcycle she was riding on collided with a car on South Country Club Road.

Photo courtesy of Brianna York