BATTING PORNOGRAPHY

Former addict decries porn

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A former pornography addict told students last night that pornography is more than just adult Web sites and nude pictures in magazines, it’s any material designed with the purpose to cause sexual excitement.

Michael Leahy, the featured speaker in the Porn Nation presentation, told a crowd of about 800 that advertisers are using porn in their ads in every type of media because sex sells.

“Are you ground zero of a culture war?” Leahy said. But this is causing a saturation of sexual images into the media, creating relationship problems, eating disorders, sexual addition and other societal issues, Leahy said.

Ten percent of the adult population will develop a sexual addiction, with 6 to 8 percent of adults currently living with the problem, Leahy said.

Geoffrey Schultz, a marketing junior, said he identified with Leahy because porn addiction was something he had dealt with before.

“It affected the way I viewed women and the way I viewed myself and I didn’t like it,” Schultz said. Schultz said he doesn’t watch television anymore because he felt that every commercial he saw was exploiting sex, but that responsibility should be placed on both consumers and advertisers.

“It’s difficult because there is freedom of speech, but people should…"

Cement shortage raises costs

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An empty, fenced-off lot on the corner of East University Boulevard and North Park Avenue will begin to take a new shape next week as a long-awaited delivery of cement arrives.

With the delivery of cement and steel, construction work can finally begin for the planned one-story retail building owned by the Marshall Foundation.

McCollum said the contractor the Marshall Foundation uses was unable to bring in cement because of a national shortage of such raw materials.

“The concrete was the delay,” McCollum explained. “This will be rectified next week.”

While cement shortages have delayed the Marshall Foundation construction projects, the UA has been spared significant delays, although there have been some financial setbacks, said Peter Durfein, associate director for facilities design and construction.

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Michael Leahy spoke yesterday evening to a crowded Grand Ballroom in the Student Union Memorial Center about his battle with Internet pornography and how the pornography industry has reached into our everyday lives. Leahy is the founder and executive director of BRAVEheart, an organization that strives to help people make choices that can lead to hope instead of despair.

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Donors give $1M in Polk’s name to fund hoops practice courts

Free comic show to benefit hurricane relief efforts

Comedian Steve Hofstetter will be giving a free performance tonight at 7:30, with donations being accepted at the door for the American Red Cross and World Care Hurricane Katrina and Rita relief efforts.

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona Speakers Board is hosting the event, which will take place in the Manuel T. Pacheco Integrated Learning Center, Room 120.

Professor elected as NAPA fellow

H. Brenton Milward, McClelland professor of public management and associate dean and director of the School of Public Administration and Policy at the Eller College of Management, has been elected a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

NAPA is an independent, nonprofit and nonpartisan corporation led by Congress to provide advice to officials about governance and public management issues like dealing with HIV/AIDS in Africa, homeland security and containing wildfire costs. As a NAPA fellow, Milward joins 550 scholars, officials and leaders.

Paul Portney, dean of the Eller College, said the college is honored for Milward to have received the fellowship.

“The worlds of the public sector, nonprofits and commercial enterprises are converging at an amazing rate — as a college combining leadership education in all of those areas, he will bring a distinct and relevant rate — as a college combining leadership education in all of those areas, he will bring a distinct and relevant...”