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QUICK HITS

Registration, drop deadlines are today

Today is the last day for students to drop a class without receiving a "W" on their transcript.

Today is also the last day for early priority registration students to sign up for classes via WebReg before the rest of the university.

'Polkey' wristbands on sale at Arizona ticket office

Wristbands honoring late Arizona women's basketball center Shawn-tinice "Polkey" Polk, who collapsed unexpectedly and died Sept. 26, are on sale for \$2 at the Arizona ticket office.

The red, white and blue wristbands read "Polkey #00" and will benefit the Shawn-tinice S. Polk endowment fund.

For more information on the bands, contact the ticket office at 621-2287 or (800) 452-CATS.

UA law grads surpass state bar pass rate

Graduates from the James E. Rogers College of law exceeded the Arizona State Bar pass rate with a double-digit margin.

The Committee on Examinations of the Supreme Court of Arizona announced the two-day bar examination results last week.

Out of the 101 graduates who took the test in July, 97 passed on the first attempt, which is 16 percent higher than the overall pass rate for those who take the test on the first time.

"Legal education does not directly correspond to bar exam scores and our program is aimed at preparing the whole lawyer — not just ones who do well on standardized tests," said College of Law Dean Toni M. Massaro in a press release. "But the skills that our students acquire here — writing, critical thinking and synthesis of legal principles — all of those prepare our students to perform with distinction in many arenas."

Reactor security report flawed

Officials: Nuclear materials cannot be used to make terror 'dirty bomb'

By J. Ferguson
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An ABC report that labeled the UA's nuclear reactor as a national security threat was decried by officials yesterday, who said the report

was inaccurate and sensationalized.

The video report, which showed ABC interns gaining access into the Engineering building where the reactor is located, cites the UA as one of 25 college campuses across the country that could be

targets of terrorism.

The ABC report said the nuclear fuel contained in the reactor could be used to make a dirty bomb, which would spread radioactive material across the campus.

But UA officials said the TRIGA reactor on campus has been safe since its installation in 1958, and the amount of fuel in the reactor is insufficient for a dirty bomb.

There are also secret security measures in place to prevent such intrusions, said UA spokesman Paul Allvin.

These secret measures, which Allvin called "invisible" to the community, have been approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and consistently tested by FBI,

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GENDER BENDER

Drag queen
Stella Virgin
performed
on the UA
Mall yester-
day after-
noon as part
of National
Coming
Out Week
festivities.
The UA Pride
Alliance
sponsored
the event.

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Plenty of pride at drag show

Female illusionists, amateurs entertain at Cross Dress Cabaret

By Ariel Serafin
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Students laughed, screamed and offered dollar bills to men who strutted the catwalk last night in high heels and tight sequined dresses.

The event, "Cross Dress Cabaret," was sponsored by UA Pride Alliance in honor of National Coming Out Week, and featured both amateur student performers and professional "female illusionists."

Students watched as cross-dressed peers and professionals lip-synched and danced to a cheering crowd that packed the Cellar restaurant in the Student Union Memorial Center.

The performers, some in risqué attire and others in prom wear, mimicked sexual situations, danced and sashayed around the room with songs ranging from Etta James' "At Last" to Nine Inch Nails' "Closer" blaring in the background.

Students who attended said their main

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Student-parents feeling left out from Family Weekend festivities

Child-friendly activities in short supply, some say

By Danielle Rideau
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Family Weekend is advertised as an event the entire family can enjoy, but many student-parents don't feel there are enough child-friendly events during the weekend for their young children to attend.

Dorana Lopez, the president of BabyCats, a support group for student-parents, said if Family Weekend were oriented for families with young children, she would take her 4-year-old son to some of the events.

The BabyCats program will not be hosting events for student-parents during Family Weekend, but they are planning to have a booth on the UA Mall with child-oriented activities during Homecoming Weekend, said Lopez, an economics senior.

Chrissie Lieberman, the senior coordinator for campus activities, said while there are activities that are child friendly during Family Weekend, student-parents might not know about them because of the program's lack of advertising.

Traditionally Family Weekend has been marketed for parents of freshmen to visit their children who are away from home for the first time, Lieberman said.

Over the past years, however, Family Weekend has evolved and is organized

for a broader range of visitors, from families of graduate students to commuter students.

The University Activities Board advertises Family Weekend by mailing a Family Weekend schedule and registration form to students and families, Lieberman said.

Some events student-parents may bring their children to include the Sabino Canyon tram tours and Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum tours, which all have discounted prices for children under 13 years old, Lieberman said.

Another Family Weekend tradition is the UA football game, although some student-parents, like Heather Gasser, senior coordinator of Commuter Student Affairs, don't think their young children would understand or enjoy the game.



Student-
parents
say they're
disappointed
that Family
Weekend
doesn't cater
enough to
families with
young chil-
dren.

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