Tennis event raises $75K

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Tennis enthusiasts raised more than just a raquet over the weekend at a benefit for the study of a new pediatric cancer drug where more than $75,000 was raised.

The UA Steele Children’s Research Center hosted Raise a Racquet, a two-day tennis benefit at the Tucson Racquet and Fitness Club, to raise money for research of a new cancer drug.

The drug, 17AAG, is in phase one of clinical trials, which helps doctors evaluate how effective the drug is at certain doses, said Rochelle Bagatell, assistant professor of pediatrics at Steele Children’s Research Center.

The toxic effects that chemotherapy has on the body may be lessened by 17AAG, and it also promises to be a more effective way of treating cancer, Bagatell said.

Raise a Racquet included a Friday night dinner, entertainment and auction, and also a Saturday morning tennis tournament, said Anne Fritz, a former tennis pro turned molecular biologist.

Fritz, a UA alum, said she was pleased with the turnout this year, and said she can attribute the success of the fundraiser to word of mouth and also because people feel the event is a fun and entertaining way to do something worthwhile for cancer research.

“It’s a win-win situation,” Fritz said. “They feel good about it, and they’re having fun. It’s a good formula.”

Fritz said she started the event because she has always wanted to do something for charity, and after working in labs with other researchers, she thought pediatric

Free heart health lecture tomorrow

Members of the UA community will have the opportunity to assess their own heart health tomorrow at the second annual Paul Baltes Heart Health Lecture.

The UA Sarver Heart Center’s presentation will be held in the North Ballroom of the Student Union Memorial Center from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow.

The lecture will outline the risk factors for cardiovascular disease and sudden cardiac death. The lecture will also provide information on the prevention and treatment of those conditions.

The speakers will be Dr. Gordon A. Brey, professor and chief of cardiology at the College of Medicine and director of the Sarver Heart Center, and Dr. Julia Fedkiw, an assistant professor of medicine and a cardiovascular electrophysiologist.

The lecture will include a demonstration of continuous chest compression CPR, the groundbreaking CPR method developed by researchers at the Sarver Health Center.

For more information, call (520) 621-4146.

Game designer joins UA staff

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The games are just beginning for a former software, video and computer game producer who has recently taken over as director of the Treistman Center for New Media, a division of Fine Arts Technology in the College of Fine Arts.

Michael Thornton Wyman, creative director, designer and lead producer of the “Star Wars: Episode I” computer game, has recently joined the College of Fine Arts, whose aim is to create professionals who are highly successful with projects where art meets technology.

Most recently Wyman has been a software and computer games producer and project leader with Electronic Arts Canada Inc., a position he’s held for the past 15 years.

Wyman said he’s excited about being at the UA and having his position. He looks forward to serving as a resource on campus with classes, games-related research projects and looking at the overall process of software development.

He compared the opportunities in front of him to an empty canvas and said it’s a great

Presidential Search Committee meets today

The Presidential Search Committee will be meeting with different interest groups today in the Student Union Memorial Center North Ballroom.

The Health Sciences, Biotechnol- ogy, Biomedical and Science colleges will meet with the committee from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The president’s Cabinet and the Academic Council will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Faculty members can meet with the committee from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The committee will be looking for input for the candidate who will replace President Peter Likins.

Boss’s Day recognizes hard work of superiors

Today is Boss’s Day, a day where people can recognize the hard work of their superiors.

The UA Bookstore will be making and selling balloon bouquets and custom-made gift baskets for the occasion.

For people who don’t have the money to spend, today is the perfect opportunity to tell your superiors how appreciated they are.

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