Old Main evacuated

Lightning strikes, sets ablaze a palm tree outside 114-year-old university landmark

By Danielle Rideau

Lightning struck a tree outside of Old Main yesterday afternoon causing a palm tree to catch fire, electrical outages and an evacuation of the historic building.

About 300 people stood outside Old Main around 3 p.m. to watch the Tucson Fire Department extinguish the fire that resulted from a lightning bolt striking a nearby palm tree at 2:55, said University of Arizona Police Department officer Victor Garcia.

Old Main was evacuated, but people remained on the balcony and the surrounding patio.

Earthquake affects UA students

By Ariel Serafin

The overwhelming effects from the earthquake that shook Pakistan last week have reached members of the UA community who have lost family and friends in the rumbling aftermath.

The magnitude 7.6 earthquake is currently estimated to have killed 54,000 people, and the death toll continues to rise as rescue services work to reach affected areas.

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