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Foundation expenses not released

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There were 60 table sponsors who attended the gala who each paid $5,000 for each table at the event, totaling $300,000.

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BREAKING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Park Union opens new cyber lounge, grocery store

Students may have noticed a few changes in the Park Student Union this semester, including a newly expanded convenience mart and a soon-to-open cyber lounge.

Signs for the new cyber lounge, located on the first floor near PSU’s main entrance, proclaim that it will be open in October. But Jenny French, graduate assistant for operations and activities at PSU, said it could be next month before the doors are opened.

“We are still waiting for a few items that are on backorder, mostly furniture,” French said.

She said there is no definite date set for the opening, but that PSU would be announcing an opening date sometime next week.

The cyber lounge will feature three computer workstations as well as wireless Internet access for laptops and printing capabilities. French said the

When art meets the market

Residence Life spends $15K on artwork adorning Highland Market

By Andrew O’Neill

Unique works of art often raise a few eyebrows — especially when they come with a five-digit price tag.

“Verdant Reflections” by Tom Philabaum and “Tulipa Trapezium” by Lynn Rae Lowe made their Tucson debut in the Highland Market in August, enhancing students’ dining and shopping experiences, said Jim Van Arsdale, director of Residence Life.

These particular pieces reflect the vision of two local artists who are also UA alumni.

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