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## QUICK HITS

### Gallery focuses on border

The UA Union Gallery is displaying artwork regarding border issues from 10 artists nationwide until Nov. 10.

The Western Humanities Alliance's 24th Annual Conference will have "Borders" on exhibit. Each artist has a unique perspective to share based on his or her own experiences with borders.

This nontraditional exhibit incorporates installation art, video shorts, propaganda and abstraction to encapsulate the range of perceptions and issues that surround the concept of borders.

### Student awarded \$10,000

The KPMG Foundation has awarded Robert Huber a \$10,000 KPMG Minority Accounting Doctoral Scholarship to pursue his doctorate at the UA. The scholarship, for the 2005-2006 academic year is renewable for a total of five years at \$10,000 a year. Before enrolling at the UA, Huber, a Tucsonan, earned his undergraduate degree at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Bernard J. Milano, president of the KPMG Foundation, said in a press release that he believes Mr. Huber "has learned that dedication, hard work and ambition pay off. Like all our scholarship recipients, he is a key to our country's future and we look forward to following his success after graduation."

### New deputy director at Arizona Cancer Center

Scott J. Leischow, Ph.D., until recently a senior adviser for tobacco policy at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will become the Arizona Cancer Center's new deputy director for strategic partnerships and policy Nov. 14.

Leischow, who will also serve as a professor at the College of Medicine's Department of Family and Community Medicine, was a UA faculty member affiliated with the Arizona Cancer Center from 1991-2000. Leischow will help build strategic partnerships for preventing and treating cancer throughout Arizona and will work to build more effective linkages to the growing population of cancer survivors, according to a press release.

He also will help establish a behavioral oncology program at the center and continue his work on improving treatments for tobacco dependence.

### Humanities program releases Harmony magazine

The Health Sciences Center's annual magazine for the humanities, Harmony, is available and can be purchased for \$10 a copy. Harmony is an outgrowth of the College of Medicine's Medical Humanities Program. The program aims to raise awareness of the importance of training health care professionals to be ethical and humane. The magazine is a collection of art, essays, ideas, photographs, poetry and prose by students, residents and faculty, presenting many points of view about the art of medicine.

Submissions are welcome from students, faculty or staff affiliated with the UA Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy or Public Health. In addition to accepting literary and visual art, Harmony seeks editorial opinion pieces about any aspect of the practice of health care.

## Seniors unable to graduate

### Journalism department overcrowding keeps students out of required courses

By Djamila Grossman  
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Ten journalism students have to push back their plans to graduate in May because the department is unable to offer enough classes to accommodate its in-

creasing enrollment.

The number of journalism students has doubled since 2000, while the faculty number has gone down, said Paul Johnson, journalism academic adviser.

The increase of students in addition to a \$50 million state budget cut have left officials with their hands in

the air about how to tackle the need for more classes.

"We cannot meet the demand," Johnson said. "Students keep coming and coming and coming."

Out of the 10 journalism students who will not be able to graduate in spring, one has resorted to offering money to any student who will give up his or her seat in one of the senior capstone classes.

Kevin Stamler, a journalism senior, said he has gone through every

possible solution, but there does not seem to be an alternative path.

"My only resource is to pay someone," Stamler said.

Stamler said he has already applied for law school and he pays out-of-state tuition, so it is cheaper for him to pay money "in the four digits" to someone who offers him a seat in one of the newspaper courses, The Tombstone Epitaph or El Independi-

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## MALL TALK



Djamila Grossman/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Cliffe Knechtle, a Christian apologist with the Give Me an Answer ministry, hosted a discussion on the UA Mall yesterday, in which he was challenged by students about the existence of God and the righteousness of the Bible. This was Knechtle's second year at the UA, and he was invited to come by the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. See story Page 3.

## UA faculty retention stymied by budget cuts

By Jeffrey Javier  
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Years of state budget cuts have pushed UA faculty salaries to the middle of the road in comparison with other Pac-10 schools, making retention and recruitment difficult, officials said.

One of the major reasons for low salaries at the UA is the loss of state appropriated dollars for faculty retention and salaries, said Juan Garcia, vice provost for academic affairs.

As the salaries decrease, the faculty retention and education at the university also dwindles, Garcia said.

"As we lose more faculty, the education provided erodes and students are cheated out of an excellent education," Garcia said.

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## UA officials: FBI crime report flawed

By Ross Hager  
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The FBI released a crime report last week that labeled the UA as the No. 1 campus for property theft, but a UA official said the report is misleading.

Paul Allvin, associate vice president of communications, said the UA doesn't actually have the highest property theft of any university, but it looks that way because the ranking was based off schools volunteering information.

"Only about 500 universities volunteer for the FBI crime report," Allvin said, but there are more than 6,000 universities nationwide.

Out of the about 500 universities that released their crime reports, those with 20,000 or fewer

students were not listed in the final ranking, Allvin said.

And many of these smaller schools have a higher theft-to-student ratio than the UA does, said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, University of Arizona Police Department spokesman.

If the ranking included schools with 20,000 or fewer students, the UA would be No. 38 instead of No. 1, Allvin said.

The top ranking could also be attributed to UAPD's "meticulous reporting" of crimes, Allvin said.

But an increased number of property crime reports doesn't necessarily mean there are more crimes occurring, Mejia said.

In 2004, university police reported 688 crimes of theft on campus and in residence halls,

down from 717 the year before. Many of these crimes involved students not keeping an eye on their personal items, Mejia said.

"There is a simple rule," Mejia said. "Keep your personal possessions with you."

Of the reported thefts, the Student Union Memorial Center had the highest number with 54, and the UA Main Library had 48 reported thefts, Mejia said.

Of all the residence halls on campus, Coronado Residence Hall had the highest number property crimes with 24 reported thefts.

One of the biggest property crimes on campus is bike theft, Mejia said, and the department has taken proactive measures to help prevent it by helping students register their bikes and



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The UA ranks No. 1 in property theft in an FBI crime report in which about 500 universities nationwide participated.

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