Technology fair on UA Mall

The Computer and Technology Store, a division of UofA Bookstores, is hosting a technology fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today on the UA Mall. Students and other members of the campus community can participate in the exciting annual event.

Departments associated with the advancement of technology are contributing to the fair. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase cutting-edge research projects and events that are happening within certain areas of expertise.

Free pool tournament in Games

There will be a free pool tournament today in the Games Room of the Student Union Memorial Center with prizes, raffles and more.

The tournament is to promote interest in billiards and to promote the Association of College Unions International Regional Qualifier Tournament that will be held next week.

The Regional Qualifier Tournament will allow some of the UA's best to go on to compete with students from schools all over the country.

UA employee artwork on display at Museum of Art

A UA artist received the prestigious MacArthur Fellow award in 2004, often called the "Genius Award." Judy Pfaff, primarily a sculptor, creates two- and three-dimensional work that is complex and profuse.

Pfaff has mounted more than 100 solo exhibitions and installations. An exhibit of Pfaff's prints are on view at the UA Museum of Art through Dec. 31.

Telescope’s eye catches first look at close galaxy

The most powerful telescope in the world achieved a milestone two weeks ago when it captured its first image of a nearby galaxy.

With more than 20 years and $120 million invested, these first light images from the Large Binocular Telescope, to which the UA is a principal partner, signaled a shift from construction to cutting-edge astronomical research.

These "first light" images mean the telescope is ready to showcase cutting-edge research.

Neighbors: We’re held captive by students

Communication key in fostering good relations

By Zach Colick

Reckless and unruly student behavior in neighborhoods near campus is annoying some long-time neighbors who have been forced to deal with loud noise, trash and vandalism.

JASON PFEIFFER, 32, who lives near North Mountain Road and East Lester Street, said his student-neighbors were pleasant at the beginning of the semester, but lately they’ve had a sudden change of attitude.

The students have been cranking their stereos up to full blast until 4 a.m., leaving empty beer cans in their yard and other neighbor’s yards, and have shown a total lack of respect to the community’s desire for quiet nights, Pfeiffer said.

Whereas these student-neighbors seemed receptive to quieting down in the beginning of the year, they now act like these occurrences should be expected on the weekends, Pfeiffer said.

“Everything seemed fine, but then I don’t know what happened,” Pfeiffer said. “There’s definitely a difference between noise which is tolerable and noise which is inexcusably loud.”

CAROL WEST, Ward 2 City Council member, said a major problem exists between Tucson residents and UA students, and she isn’t happy with student behavior she’s heard about from her constituents.

Establishing relationships with neighbors from day one can help prevent unruly behavior like loud parties during the week and weekends, and leaving beer cans around neighborhoods, West said.

“Communication is the key,” West said. “We must be advocates for our constituents.”

Residents concerned about rambunctious and