Quick Hits

Bugs, bugs and more bugs

An entomology seminar is being held today at 4 p.m. in the Marley building, Auditorium 230. The lecture will focus on insect vis- sions, insects, interfaces and identities and will be led by George Roderick of the department of environmen- rnal science, policy and management at the University of Califor- nia, Berkeley.

Engineering pros awarded da Vinci Circle Fellowships

Three members of the College of Engineering were awarded with da Vinci Circle Fellowships. Achintya Haldar, professor of civil engineering and engineering me- chanics, Charles Higgins, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, and Anthony Muscat, associate professor of chemical and environmental engineering, were all presented with the da Vinci Circle Fellowships. These fellowships, which were created this year, are designed to recognize faculty members who have made outstanding contribu- tions to their department, college and profession. Each year, two fellowships will be awarded. However, three were named in this inaugural year after a da Vinci Circle board member funded a third fellowship.

They were selected for their dis- tinguished and sustained records in teaching, research and service to their departments, the College of Engi- neering, the UA and their profession. Emphasis was placed on substantial and continued contributions.

In addition to the title of da Vinci Circle Fellow, the award carries a $5,000 stipend for teaching, research and service activities.

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By Ariel Serafin
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Both the pharmacist and the pharmacy’s parent company, Fry’s, declined to comment.

The pharmacy held a rally in front of the University of Arizona Health Center on Thursday evening. Demonstrators called for increased access to Plan B, a low-cost emergency contraceptive that prevents unintended pregnancies.

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Walking Out Against 'W'

Protest calls for Bush to resign

Students, Tucsonans march downtown

By Holly Wells and Laura Ory
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Students were urged to drop their pens and ditch their plans yesterday morning to march in protest of the Bush administration and its war in Iraq.

About 100 students and Tucsonans gathered at the Alumni Plaza and marched to South Church Avenue and West Congress Street in protest against the Bush regime.

Protesters said they were upset about several of Bush’s actions including those relating to Iraq, women’s rights, the Patriot Act and the relief response to Hurricane Katrina.

Greg Knehans, political science graduate student and member of the UA chapter of Re- fuse and Resist, said the group decided to bring “The World Can’t Wait” campaign to Tucson because one of their main focuses is an impeachment of President Bush.

“There’s nothing more dangerous in the world than the Bush regime,” Knehans said. “The next big step will be to gather and raise our voices dur- ing Bush’s State of the Union address.”

The Tucson demonstration began at the Alumni Plaza around 11 a.m. Several protesters urged students to skip class and join the march, but most students walked by the protesters, with some students cheering the protesters on and others giving angry shouts.

Demonstrators carried signs such as “George Bush War Criminal” and shouted chants includ- ing “The world can’t wait, drive out the Bush regime.”

“Executive orders, FISA, indefinite detention, torture,” said one of the protesters.

Leigh Anne Schmidt, a pre-communications student, added, “We need a new president.”

The protest march lasted about an hour and stopped at various intersections around the University of Arizona, including the intersection of South Church Avenue and West Congress Street, where they held a rally.

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UA seeks long-term fiscal security

Administration develops multiple plans for successful financial future

By Mika Mandelbaum
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Four years after the state Legislature cut almost $80 million in state fund- ing from the UA, administrators think they’ve developed a plan to maintain long-term financial stability.

The UA has absorbed prev- ous state cuts through reallocating money, increasing tuition, reducing its staff and eliminating programs, said Budget Director Dick Roberts.

But state cuts are a trend that is unlikely to reverse, so the UA is forced to come up with a long-term solu- tion that combines Focused Excellence, minimizing operational costs and finding a balance in the university’s sources of funding, said President Peter Likins.

When the Arizona Board of Re- gents announced the Changing Excellence initiative in 2002, each of the three Arizona universities were given the freedom to manage themselves.

UA administrators chose to implement Focused Excellence, a policy that encourages slowing growth and increasing academic standards.

“Every dean and every department head is sup- posed to follow the same principles reallocating money and putting it where it will do the most good and focusing it in areas where we can be most successful,” Likins said.

Part of the plan involves capping main campus enrollment at 40,000 students, Likins said.

Provost George Davis said the cap is related to the idea behind Focused Excellence that less equals more.

“We want to do less and exceed in terms of quality,” Davis said.

“When you try and carry so much beyond your carrying capac- ity, it brings everything down.”

But there are people who disagree with this plan, saying that growth is the best way to increase university funding.

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