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QUICK HITS

Pros and cons of genetic engineering discussed

A discussion will be held today about the benefits and risks of genetic engineering. Vicki Chandler, a regents professor and BIO5 director, will define genetic engineering and outline its history, as well as address upcoming challenges to the field, in a lecture titled "Genetic Engineering — Separating Fact From Fiction."

Bruce Tabashnik, professor and head of the department of entomology, will discuss genetically modified crops and the developments and lessons learned about altering food within the last 10 years.

The lecture is free and starts at 7 p.m. in the Manuel T. Pacheco Integrated Learning Center, Room 130.

Bruce Babbitt lecture and book signing today

Former Interior Secretary and Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt is visiting the UA today to give a lecture about his vision for land use in America and the controversies surrounding negotiations to create a balance between human settlements and nature.

The lecture starts at 5:15 p.m. in the Manuel T. Pacheco Integrated Learning Center, Room 120.

Babbitt will be available to sign copies of his new book, "Cities in the Wilderness," at 1 p.m. in the UofA Bookstore.

UA ambassadors wanted

The university is looking for students to become UA ambassadors who can give campus tour guides for fall 2006. Students who are comfortable with public speaking and walking backward are encouraged to apply.

Ambassadors will be required to attend an eight-week training course that will take place in the spring, give daily campus tours and many other preparation events.

Applications are available at the front desk of the Nugent building, the student government office or at one of the African-American Student Affairs, Native American Student Affairs, Chicano-Hispanic Student Affairs or Asian Pacific American Student Affairs offices.

Applications are due at the Nugent building by Dec. 9. Contact Celia O'Brien at 626-5943 for more information or e-mail azambass@email.arizona.edu.

Fee passed in landslide vote

72 percent of voters OK expansion of Rec Center with fee's continuation

By Anthony D. Ávila
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Students overwhelmingly voted to keep the \$25-per-semester fee to pay for an expansion to the Rec Center, which will continue to 2041, officials said.

The vote, which began Tuesday

at 8 a.m. and closed last night at 8, drew 2,392 student votes, including more than 1,000 professional and graduate students, according to the Associated Students of the University of Arizona vote tally.

Even though the students approved the fee, the Arizona Board of Regents will decide its ultimate

fate most likely at the February board meeting, said Juliette Moore, director of the Student Recreation Center.

"In most cases they will support what the students want, but there are no guarantees," Moore said.

The proposed expansion will tentatively cost \$24 million, Moore said, doubling the weight room area

Election results		
Vote	Poll	Percent
In favor	1,737	72.6%
Not in favor	653	27.3%
Total votes: 2,392		
Voting undergraduates: 1,731		
Voting graduate students: 828		
Voting professional students: 193		

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SOLAR POWER



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Psychology sophomore Lindsay Matlow sells brownies on the UA Mall with the Alpha Phi sorority and the FIJI fraternity as part of Solar Blitz, a student competition between clubs and residence halls to raise money for Project Solar. Solar Blitz aims to involve students in raising awareness and money for the \$40,000 solar panels planned to be installed on the UA Visitors Center.

Congress to give \$1M for building

Funding would create natural sciences facility

By J. Ferguson
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

A bill that recently passed through both houses in Congress will appropriate \$1 million to the UA to create a building for the study of earth science and environmental programs.

The \$30.5 billion spending measure, called the fiscal year 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, would give \$1 million to the UA for construction of the Environment and Natural Resources Phase II Facility, according to the Library of Congress Web site.

The congressional funding was secured by Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, who said the facility is part of the UA's long-term effort to promote interdisciplinary research focusing on earth science and environmental programs, according to a statement released by Kolbe's office.

In addition to the UA facility, the bill also includes more than \$13 million for water projects in Southern Arizona, according to the statement.

"I am pleased to have secured funding for the University of

Arizona's new environment and natural resource facility this year," Kolbe wrote. "It will help U of A promote research focused on earth science and environmental programs. By continuing to expand the university's capacity, we will keep the U of A at the forefront of science research."

This is especially good news for the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, which will relocate to the facility after waiting for a permanent location since 1937, said Thomas Swetnam, director of the laboratory.

When the laboratory was founded, it was moved into its "temporary" home in Arizona Stadium almost 70 years ago, Swetnam said.

The current location "between the snack bar and the end zone" where bleachers form part of the ceiling, is ill suited for the scientists and the laboratory must be completely shut down when games are being held, Swetnam said.

"It's a new day for us," Swetnam said. "The new facility is being designed for our needs."

Because the facility is still in its planning stages, it's unclear whether the building will be an addition to the existing Dennis DeConcini Environment and Natural Resources building or a separate building adjacent to it, according to the UA's

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Students apathetic over debate

Turnout poor for apathy discussion

By Nick Smith
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Of the nine students sitting on Heritage Hill yesterday at noon, one was sleeping, two were talking, three were eating lunch and three were listening to a talk on student apathy.

The dialogue on why students are so apathetic was the last Debate Club discussion of the semester, said club President Tawfik Maudah, a philosophy senior.

Between 20 and 40 students attended the debate at various times, many opting to sit in the chairs instead of the grassy area of the Alumni Plaza.

Maudah said he figured the turnout would not be that high, even though student apathy is an issue worth discussing.

"Unless it's a bikini show," he said. "Then, you'll have thousands of people here."

Student leaders were on hand to give their take on student apathy in regard to low turnouts during campus elections.

"We do a good job of getting the word out," said Erin Hertzog, Associated Students of the University of Arizona executive vice president

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Erin Hertzog, ASUA executive vice president and a journalism junior, discusses her views of why students are apathetic yesterday at Heritage Hill to a handful of students.

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