Fundraiser boasts bike art for wares
By Holly Wells

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UA students and Tucsonans will auction off bicycle parts transformed into furniture, lamps, art and downtown Tucson this weekend.

Bicas, a bicycle-recycling cooperative and trade school, is sponsoring its 10th annual bike art auction tomorrow at Flash Gallery, 310 E. Congress St. The auction will feature over 200 pieces of art made from bicycle parts, most of which are recycled, said Kenneth Armstrong, a member of Bicas.

“We get a lot of bikes that are broken down past repair,” Armstrong said. “Instead of taking it all in and outside of the UA community. Free refreshments and glow-in-the-dark safety keys will also be handed out. The fair is sponsored by SafeRide.

Cultural show tomorrow
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The UA Visitors Center will mark its grand opening today with an open house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in its new location just west of campus.

Special guests at the event will include the Pride of Arizona marching band, UA mascots and cheerleaders, and exhibitors from the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, space sciences — including an exhibit of the Phoenix Mars Mission — and other UA attractions, said Visitors Center Director Heather Lukach.

*Students will be able to see what our staff can provide for them as well as the exhibits some of the UA departments have been willing to showcase here,* Lukach said.

Handouts, raffles, refreshments and other entertainment will also be showcased during the grand opening.

Visitors Center staff will be available today and in the future to help direct guests to campus destinations, answer any questions and lead them on tours of the campus with maps of highlighted destinations, such as the Student Union Memorial Center, Centennial Hall and the Manuel T. P. deCherco Integrated Learning Center, among many others, said student employee Brett Kleinman, an undeclared sophomore.

Sorority disputes stereotypes
Groups identify looks with culture, media
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Beauty in Popular Culture — and other panelists discussed how beauty is perceived differently for various races and cultures.

Thota Nu Xu, a multicultural sorority, hosted last night’s forum, “Beauty in Popular Culture,” to explore how the perception of beauty varies for women and men in different races, greek organizations, religions, backgrounds and lifestyles.

The panel comprised Pathak, the Phi Beta Sigma Sorority’s Danielle Abram, a microbiology senior, and the Mu Sigma Upsilon’s Erin Cohen, a psychology senior, who answered questions about how beauty is perceived in the groups they belong to, and whether they agree with the stereotypes that result from such perceptions.

Each panelist discussed how beauty is defined and how those definitions can lead some women to have poor ideas of their self-image.

The stereotype of a “sorority woman,” Cohen said, is someone who is “tall, tan, blonde and fit.”

Cohen, a psychology senior, said she hopes people can look beyond that stereotype and see that most sorority women don’t necessarily fit the mold.

Abram, a microbiology senior, said in her community black women are considered beautiful by other men if they are more attractive and fit.