**QUICK HITS**

**Coed fraternity hosts holiday food drive**

The Gamma chapter of Alpha Theta Coed is hosting a food drive for the holiday season. The coed multicultural Christian fraternity plans to host the Theta Food Drive from today to Dec. 21. The food donations will be delivered to the Tucson Community Food Bank where the volunteers will sort through the donation and packing boxes.

Food donations can be dropped off at the Theta Food Drive from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pima County Cooperative Extension, Room 209. The Community Food Bank is requesting donation of canned vegetables, boxed breakfast cereals, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned tomato products and canned soups.

**National expert speaks on financial issues**

Celia Hayhoe, a family financial management specialist, will present a special workshop on the financial decisions involved with becoming a caregiver today. Hayhoe received her Ph.D. in family and consumer resources from the UA in 1994. She won the Outreach Award for the college of liberal arts and sciences last year and now works with the Virginia Cooperative Extension of Virginia Tech.

The event is sponsored by the Take Charge America Institute for Consumer Financial Education and Research and the Cooperative Extension of the UA. The event will take place today from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pima County Cooperative Extension, 4210 N. Campbell Ave. For more information, call Linda Bliek at 626-5161.

**Leadership workshop today**

The Fall Leadership Workshop Series from the Center of Student Involvement and Leadership plans to host a workshop for students today.

The workshops are designed to develop competence in leadership areas. Participants will gain valuable skills they can apply to their own lives, organizations they are affiliated with and in the classroom.

Students earn a certificate of leadership enrichment if they complete seven or more work shops during the academic year, or become a certified UA student leader by attending more than 20 over three semesters.

Today’s free lesson will take place at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Memorial Center in the Ventana Room.

**TRAVEL WOES**

**Some still searching for flights home**

By Laura Ory
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If students haven’t booked their airline flights home for Thanksgiving break by now, they better be prepared to drive, said Michael Glen, the UA branch manager for STA Travel.

Veronica Duncan, a travel adviser for STA, said she met with many students last week who were looking for last-minute deals for Thanksgiving-time travel.

“They’re baffled as to why it’s so expensive,” Duncan said.

Though airline tickets may appear more expensive than usual, but premium seats are the only seats available for those searching for flights at the last minute.

Blau said students should book their holiday flights four to six months in advance to avoid paying more money for premium seats. If students decide to wait to see what their class schedule is like before booking a flight, they will probably end up regretting it, Blau said.

“There’s only about a 2 percent chance that flights will become cheaper, so you’d better off booking your flight right away,” Blau said.

Jeremy Riesenfeld, a regional development junior, said he made his Thanksgiving travel plans about a month ago, but was frustrated that some of his teachers still hadn’t decided on whether or not to hold class during the week of Thanksgiving.

Riesenfeld said he will be traveling to the San Francisco Bay area for Thanksgiving, and though he doesn’t expect any problems flying out of Tucson to Los Angeles, he has experienced some travel difficulties during the holiday season in the past.

One year, Riesenfeld missed his flight and spent 12 hours in Chicago, barely making it home in time for Thanksgiving dinner.

Riesenfeld said he also dreads having to check his bags because of the risk of losing them.

Megan McDowell, an education junior, said she booked her flight to Oregon right after Hurricane Katrina to avoid a potential rise in ticket prices.