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Presidential finalists announced

Search Committee to interview in closed sessions

By Nicole Santa Cruz
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The Arizona Board of Regents announced six presidential candidates yesterday, which will allow for the search process to move quickly and smoothly.

Tom Campbell, Deborah Frenzel, Shari P. Gupta and Robert N. Shelton have been announced as the final candidates and will be visiting the UA campus for interviews and community forums over the next week.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to communicate directly with the final candidates for the presidential selection, said Roger Pastene, chair of the search committee.

The Presidential Search Committee will interview the four candidates in a closed executive session today and tomorrow, Pastene said.

Candidates will also participate in various forums, where they will answer questions from the campus community and members of the community. The forums will begin from today through Jan. 20.

* Tom Campbell is dean of the College of Business at the State University of New York.

Mall preachers provoke spirited debate

‘Bible Jim’ draws crowd with antics, renews with whistle

By Wells Bacon
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Three growing campus preachers attracted student attention yesterday as they preached controversial religious messages in the halls of the Main Building.

The interaction between students and preachers was friendly. A man calling himself ‘Bible Jim’ ‘chased’ students’ questions and attempted to convey emotional music and explosive messages with a whistle, which he used frequently to punctuate the loud yelling.

According to a profile on www.immgozilla.com, a Christian magazine Web site, Bible Jim is really Jim Webster, a 60-year-old ‘open-air’ preacher from Corbett, Ore., who has frequently visited campuses for decades.

Students gather in support of Israel’s Sharon

Healing songs, prayers lift hopes for ailing prime minister’s recovery

By Stephanie Hall
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Students held a candlelight vigil on the UA Mall last night for peace in the Middle East and for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who remains in a Jerusalem hospital.

About 200 students came to the vigil at the Alumni Plaza to sing a song for healing the prime minister and peace of the region.

In light of the recent events, we thought it was important to show our support and solidarity for Israel,” said Drew Alphas, a junior business administration student.

Alphas and his roommates planned the vigil over the winter break, after Sharon suffered a massive stroke Jan. 4.

Healing songs, the crowd ended three prayers of peace.

Many Jewish students of Sharon as a father because of his ability to compromise with the Palestinians, and Byron Flamm, an unaffiliated freshman.

It will be really hard to replace such a great leader,” Flamm said. “I pray to God that peace will come.

Alana Wexler, a theatre arts education junior, said if Sharon dies, the peace negotiations will probably be halted because the state of Israel will be in mourning.

Meghan Lichter, a family, and consumer sciences education sophomore, said she felt like the vigil was the least she could do from such a distance.

Many of the students came from Jewish organizations at the Hillel Center and the UA community.

“We’re very lucky to be part of a large university and to have a very active role on campus,” said Wexler, a co-chair of K德拉, a group that plans nighttime Hil-Il services.

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