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Mostly sunny  
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### QUICK HITS

Governor fills regent seat  
with UA grad Jewett

Governor Janet Napolitano appointed Jack Jewett, a regent since 1990 and UA graduate, to take over the regent position left by Lorraine Frank, who died last month.

Jewett's seat expires this month, but the recent appointment will allow him to continue serving on the Arizona Board of Regents until 2012 if confirmed by the state Senate.

Jewett has served as president of the board of regents from 2002 to 2005 and is a former state legislator.

The recent change now makes seven of the 10 regents current or former UA students.

**Drop/add form now necessary to change classes**

Adding classes or changing to a pass/fail now requires a Change of Schedule (drop/add) form with instructor approval.

**Aerobic show tonight at Centennial Hall**

A 31-member Danish gymnastics troupe will be making a stop at UA's Centennial Hall today as part of their 15-country world tour.

The all-male group will be demonstrating Danish Rhythmic Gymnastics, a vibrant combination of traditional gymnastic movements, like tumbling and vaulting, with elements of modern dance and theater.

The National Danish Performer or Team will begin the performance at 7 p.m. at Centennial Hall. Tickets are \$30 for students, \$15 for the general public.

— Seth Mazy

## Presidential finalists announced

Search Committee  
to interview in  
closed sessions

By NICOLE SANTA CRUZ  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

The Arizona Board of Regents announced the final four candidates for the UA presidency yesterday, which could end the search process more quickly than anticipated.



and Regent Fred Boies, chair of the search committee.

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

Candidates will also participate in various forums, where they will answer campus and community members' questions.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to communicate directly with the final candidates for the presidential selection.

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## Mall preachers provoke spirited debate



"This is so going to be my Facebook photo," says political science sophomore Ted Shatto to his friend as he points to a sign held by Jimmy Souder of New Orleans.

'Bible Jim' draws crowd with antics, rebuts with whistle

By WELLS BRANBL  
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These itinerant campus preachers attracted student attention yesterday as they preached controversial religious messages and lectured in a tall, laughing, hand-swinging crowd of more than 100 students about the nature of sin and salvation.

The interaction between students and preachers was nearly hostile. A man calling himself "Bible Jim" fielded student questions and attempted to control emotional rebuttals and explosive arguments with a whistle, which he used frequently to squelch the loud yelling.

According to a profile on www.inglompton.com, a Christian resource Web site, Bible Jim is really Jim Weber, a 60-year-old "open-air" preacher from Corbett, Ore., who has frequently visited campuses for decades.

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## Students gather in support of Israel's Sharon

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

By Stephanie Hall  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

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

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

"In light of the recent downfall of Sharon's health, we thought it was important to show our support and solidarity for Israel," said Drew Aysphorn, a Judaic studies senior.

Aysphorn and her roommates planned the vigil over

the winter break, after Sharon suffered a massive stroke Jan. 4, she said. Following several brain operations, the prime minister has yet to wake from a medically induced coma.

"Traditionally we sing the words of 'Mi Shebeinich,' a prayer for the health of Ariel Sharon," Aysphorn said as she began the vigil with the traditional healing song. "We pray not only for peace in the Middle East but for peace in Israel and the Palestinian territories."

Following the healing song, the crowd recited three prayers of peace.

Many Israelis thought of Sharon as a father because of his ability to compromise with the Palestinians, said Bryan Fassman,

an undeclared freshman.

"It will be really hard to replace such a great leader," Fassman said. "I pray to God that peace will last."

Aliza Wucher, 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.

Megan Licher, 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 Hill Center and in the UA community.

"We're very lucky to be part of a large university and to have a very active role on campus," said Wucher, a co-chair of Kedra, a group that plans right-wing Hillel services.



From left, communication junior Gaili Spivak, family and consumer sciences sophomore Megan Licher, family and consumer sciences junior Dahl Hendrik and elementary education sophomore Alysa Hendrik sing during a candlelight vigil for Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon.