Today's Weather
Partly cloudy
High: 68
Low: 41

QUICK HITS
Democratic senate candidate to lead rally
The UA Young Democrats are bringing a senatorial candidate to campus today. Jim Pederson, a democrat challenging incumbent Republican Sen. Jon Kyl in November's election, will lead a rally titled "Strengthening Arizona's Future." The event begins at noon at the Rogier Plaza, north of the Student Union Memorial Center.

Last day to add using Drop/Add Form
Today is the last day for students with zero credits to add classes for credit with a Change of Schedule Form only.

Program to sift through trash during audit
Members of the Residence Life Environmental Stewardship program will rummage through the garbage today to evaluate the recycling habits of residence hall residents.

The group will begin its "waste audit" to determine how much trash members of one residence hall threw away over the weekend, that could have been recycled; at 11 a.m. on the grass area west of the residence halls along North Highland Avenue.

The event is part of the program's pre-Recyle Mania activities. Recycle Mania starts Jan. 29 and will continue for 10 weeks.

Kolbe speaks on HIV/AIDS during campus forum
Erasing the ignorance associated with HIV/AIDS was Rep. Jim Kolbe's focus when he addressed students, faculty and community members in a forum organized by UA students Saturday.

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Application packets containing a copy of the elections code and letters for petition have been available since Thursday in the ASUA offices, said Miller, a senior majoring in French and marketing.

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Packets must be turned in by Feb. 2. There was no official count on how many packets have been picked up as of yesterday afternoon, Miller said.

ASUA treasurer Kevin Barker, a finance senator who ran for executive vice president last year, said a role within ASUA has an impact on campus because it gives leadership opportunities to students to step up and assume the voice for others' needs. He said a move for political office now can help for any future endeavors within the political landscape and "can be the spice to your college career."

For those students who may shy away from an executive position because they feel they are inexperienced or lack the creative mindset, Barker said not to look at the detailed position descriptions, but to rather think of ways to mold it to their own skills.

Sen. Rhonda Titus said senators starting off in ASUA don't know what to expect when they first start, but their position is unique because "the job changes every year, but you get the greatest learning experience."

Though it's not always the case, Barker said the character required to be an effective leader within ASUA is to be a "people person."

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