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Mostly sunny
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QUICK HITS

Football declares 2006 recruiting class today

Head coach Mike Stoops and the Arizona football team will announce the 2006 recruiting class today at 2:30 p.m. in McKale Center.

The Wildcats have 25 verbal, non-binding commitments, and athletes can start signing national letters of intent with their teams of choice today.

Three prospects — lauded junior college transfers Louis Holmes, Gabe Long and James Tretheway — have already inked letters of intent.

The national recruiting Web site www.scout.com ranked Arizona's 2006 class No. 16 in the nation entering today. The site rated last year's 18-member class, headed by quarterback Willie Tuitama, No. 11.

The team has received a verbal commitment from one national top-100 player, cornerback Devin Ross, the fourth-highest rated player at his position.

Scout.com four-star (on a five-star scale) wide receiver prospect Jamere Holland, who has narrowed his school choices to Arizona, Oregon and USC, has said he will finally commit today.

Facebook Forum in Dean of Students Office

The Dean of Students Office is organizing discussions this week to gather feedback from students about www.facebook.com and other online college networks.

There is an informal meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in Old Main, Room 206.

A light lunch, likely pizza and soft drinks, will be served. Participants will not be required to stay for the entire session.

During the meeting, Will Broussard, program coordinator for Judicial Affairs, will lead a discussion on how students use online communities to communicate with other students, develop and represent identity and discover important information about the UA campus and fellow students.

Participants don't need to be members of Facebook or www.MySpace.com or be familiar with technology because the office is trying to take the pulse of the whole campus community.

Any student can call Broussard at 626-3557 to R.S.V.P. by today to attend tomorrow's session.

Clinique sale starts at bookstore

The UofA Bookstore begins the Clinique Bonus Time today.

The bookstore is giving away a Bonus Time Gift in time for Valentine's Day with any purchase of \$21.50 or more at the Clinique counter.

Staff and faculty exclusively get an extra 10 percent off Clinique purchases by showing a valid CatCard.

The sale ends Feb. 19. The bookstore uses profits from sales to fund programs and events on campus, such as the student government and commencement ceremonies.

SITTING IN ON DEMOCRACY

Students protest Bush speech

By Stephanie Hall and Devin Walker
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Students staged a sit-in in the ROTC building following the 'World can't Wait' protest in the Alumni Plaza yesterday.

Claire C. Laurence/Arizona Daily Wildcat

UA students were nearly arrested yesterday after staging a sit-in in the ROTC building to protest the war in Iraq, the military recruitment of young people and President Bush's State of the Union address.

Students, alumni and members of The World Can't Wait left their anti-war rally on the UA Mall to march to the ROTC building and sit on the lobby floor with their arms locked.

Gabriel Matthew Schivone, an undeclared freshman and member of The World Can't Wait, watched as police surrounded the building, declaring it a "crime scene." He said he was worried his friends would be arrested.

"I understand why they're doing it," he said. "But I'm personally just worried about a few friends."

University of Arizona Police Department spokesman Sgt. Eugene Mejia said the police response was necessary in case the group became violent.

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Faculty prepared to meet with Shelton

By Stephanie Hall
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When Robert Shelton visits the UA in the next few months to plan for his presidency, faculty and staff members said they look forward to taking advantage of his strength in sciences and challenging him to improve issues of diversity.

Shelton, who will succeed President Peter Likins, is finishing out his last semester as executive vice chancellor and provost of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Between now and July 1, when he becomes the UA president, Shelton said he will make trips to Tucson to

meet with members of the UA community, including faculty.

Samira Farwaneh, an assistant professor of Near Eastern studies, said if she had the chance to sit down with Shelton during one of his visits to campus, she would encourage him to focus on issues of diversity.

"I happen to be a minority and a woman," she said. "I'd ask him to pay attention to issues of diversity, not just to pay lip service to minorities, women and people with disabilities."

Farwaneh said Shelton should

work to secure tenure, recruitment and respectful working environments for minorities, not just equal salaries.



Robert Shelton

Though Shelton is not a minority, he is "enlightened, educated and conscientious" and can still make a difference with diversity issues, Farwaneh said.

"If more minorities are able to have positions of tenure and equity, then one day there could be more minorities as university presidents," Farwaneh

said. Keith Dienes, an associate phys-

ics professor, said the UA will benefit from Shelton's research background and his service on the Hubble Telescope Committee.

"His connections to NASA and the astrophysics community should be extremely useful, given the strength of physics and astrophysics on our campus," said Dienes in an e-mail.

Dienes said Shelton, who received his master's degree and Ph.D. in physics, will be able to use his wide-ranging background to effectively serve the many needs of the university.

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UA scientist builds death ray in spare time

By Nick Smith
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Some people spend their spare time watching TV or reading, but one UA scientist found a different way to utilize his free time.

He built a death ray. Mike Bushroe, senior staff engineer at the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, began building his ancient weapon of doom after the TV show "MythBusters" challenged viewers to reconstruct Archimedes' legendary solar weapon.

Each week, "MythBusters" tries to debunk ancient myths and legends by restaging them in modern times.

According to legend, Archimedes set an invading Roman fleet ablaze during the battle of Syracuse in 215 B.C. using a series of mirrors.

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Lunar and Planetary Laboratory senior staff engineer Mike Bushroe discusses one of two theories used to describe the supposed myth of the Archimedes 'Death Ray' depicted in this painting of the Battle of Syracuse in 212 B.C. Bushroe spent five weeks designing and assembling both small-scale and full-sized models to explore the plausibility of Archimedes' concept and appeared on an episode of the show 'Mythbusters,' which aired on the Discovery Channel on Jan. 25.

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