The Lost Boys also remain concerned for the people struggling through life on another continent.
They check Web sites like sudan.net or splmtoday.com daily for news on Sudan.

After a Wildcat football game a few weeks ago, they turned to CNN Headline News.
As headlines and stories cycled across the screen, a short story on the genocide in Darfur, Sudan, came on.

The room of men, who were all talking at once, immediately fell silent.

Everyone listened as the news update reported 50,000 had been killed and at least 1 million had been forced from their homes since the intense fighting began there.

As they listened, Mabior’s only reply was, “Damn.”

When it was over, Peter Arok, a civil engineering junior, asked, “Where will they all go?”

—Education—

“The Lost Boys’ goal is to get education and go back to Sudan,” Bior said.

John started school at Pima Community College in August 2001, just two months after he got to the United States. He graduated with honors as the valedictorian of the class of 2003.

Most of the other Lost Boys started school in a community college in San Francisco, said he was surprised when he found out his roommate was from Sudan.

“Ayuen, a political science junior who came to Tucson in 2001, lived in a house with seven of his best friends before moving into Babcock Residence Hall in August.

Ayuen said he chose to move to campus because it would force him to speak English on a more regular basis.

“I don’t want to have a week in Sudan and then come here and speak English,” he said.

Ayuen said he also hoped living in a residence hall would allow him to interact with people of different cultures.

“This is the first time I’ve lived with a person of a different color,” Ayuen said.

Ayi said the first time he interacted with people of different cultures.

“Ayi is the first man who is from a different ethnicity, a different color and a different culture, that I have lived with."

Yai, a political science junior who transferred to the UA this semester from a philosophy junior who transferred to the UA this semester from a different culture.

Ayuen said he was about to buy a pack of six bottles of root beer when Ayuen warned his roommate they were only allowed to have two beers in the refrigerator.

Ayuen said, with a laugh, that after Corea-Levy explained, he was ready to buy and try the soda.

“Those were the kinds of experiences I was longing for,” Ayuen said.

Like Ayuen, Mabior, a nursing junior who moved into Graham-Greenlee Residence Hall in August, also hoped living on campus would help him improve his English and encourage him to meet other people.

Mabior, who used to live in a house with Ayuen and other roommates, said when he took classes at Pima Community College, he spoke English at school, but only Dutch at home.

Mabior said he now speaks English regularly in the residence hall and said he and others who live on his floor often gather in the hallway at night to talk.

“I learn a lot here and interact with people I did not know before,” Mabior said.

I feel guilty sometimes because they all know my name and they all look at me. So it will take me a while to know your name well.”

Peter Ayuen (right), a political science junior, sits in his dorm room at Babcock Residence Hall in September with his roommate Yai, a philosophy junior. Ayuen is one of four Lost Boys in UA residence halls.