Gila, Yuma halls get fresh look

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The renovations made to the Gila and Yuma residence halls over the summer provided full residents with more living room, better study areas, and a better use of space.

The halls, located on North Campus Drive, have identical floor plans and have not been renovate in almost 20 years. Gila and Yuma now have 80 new and refurbished resident spaces. Gila has an exercise room and Yuma a library.

Jim Van Andel, Residence Life director, said that the entire plumbing system was replaced, something the halls needed desperately.

"Structurally, the bathrooms look nice and are now functional," he said.

The halls feature community bathrooms that have been completely reseated and now accommodate all of the residents in a more comfortable manner.

Stalls have been added to some of the bathrooms and the showers are more spacious.

"It's absolutely fabulous. The guys' showers actually have hot water," Ananda Mcdon von Daas, a Gila resident, said.

A mural was painted to spice up the atmosphere in the main lobby of each hall. Both murals were done by local artists and feature a desert landscape.

Murals by Joey painted Gila's artwork and Annie Margeta designed Yuma's. Debbie Harbert, project and environmental coordinator for Residence Life,

Activists revisit early suffrage movement

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The 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote, passed exactly 84 years ago today.

To celebrate the anniversary of the amendment's passage in 1920, the Network of Feminist Student Activists will provide a free showing of HBO's "Iron Jawed Angels," a 2000 film about the women's suffrage movement.

The event, at 7 p.m. in Social Sciences building Room 101, will kick off NFSA's Suffrage 2000: Get Out Her Vote, which Kelly Kraus, president of NFSA, described as a massive student vote registration initiative.

Kraus said NFSA hopes to urge young women to vote and make a difference in their community by reminding them of how much women struggled to win the right to vote.

"A lot of people don't realize how much women had to fight. Women went to jail and went without food," said Kraus, a women's studies major.

"Women don't know the history of the movement," Kraus said. "The struggle was slow-moving and now that we have the right to vote, many women don't take advantage of it," she said.

Kristin Freshakas, family studies and human development sophomore, said she doesn't really know much about the movement and probably wouldn't take the time to learn.

Many accredited the beginning of the suffrage movement to the Seneca Falls convention held in 1848. After the convention, women suffragists fought for 72 years before being granted the right to vote.

New shops, restaurants add flavor to University Ave.

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As a new school year starts, restaurants and shops along East University Boulevard are as alive with activity as ever. There are the usual sounds of live music from Fig & Finkin and crowds of students looking for something to eat, a cup of coffee or a place to get a drink.

This semester students will have a few new options as they wander along University, as a new restaurant, coffee shop and retail store add variety to the existing shops and restaurants.

The Kababsque Indian Grill made its debut July 1 just west of Geenie Ben's on University Boulevard. The healthy Indian restaurant uses traditional cooking methods to bring students different and healthy food to eat while enjoying the Indian motif and music.

Swarabhi Sreen, the owner of Kababsque, said since the opening, students and faculty seem to really enjoy the new restaurant.

"This restaurant will add variety to University," Sreen said. "The food is cooked very healthy. We use a clay oven, and all of our equipment comes from India."

Sreen owns another Indian restaurant in town, The New Delhi Palace, and is excited to now have an Indian restaurant on University Boulevard.

Waltz Shoe Store is a new retail store on University that opened at the end of July. Waltz has helped add a bit of variety to the existing retail stores by offering the only shoe store on University Boulevard.

"Waltz is located between Diuz and Cher's Cafe on the south side of the street. The colorful store has shoes in a wide variety of styles and colors."

Irene Arala, the manager of Waltz, said now that school has started, business is picking up. "We have really good expectations," Ayala said. "There is not too much competition since the other stores' main market is clothes."

Allison Hamul, an incoming freshman, said she likes the University Boulevard area and has tried many of the old shops and restaurants. She looks forward to trying the new businesses in the Anaconda Midtown, which opened.

"I have never eaten Indian food," Filthila said. "Having an Indian restaurant is a great idea," she said.