McCain, Starky keep it friendly

Senatorial candidates discuss education, Prop. 200 at debate

Much of the debate, which was moderated by Alaintra Chapman, ASUA president, Caulin Hall, editor in chief of the Arizona Daily Wildcat, and Andrew Record, news director of KAMP student radio, focused on education issues. McCain said every high school graduate in Arizona should have the right to some form of higher education.

"Why do we only care about you until you're 17?" he said. "We'll break education should be free for everyone."

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Long-time astronomy prof dies at age 71

Raymond E. White Jr., a UA distinguished professor emeritus of astronomy, died Tuesday in his Tucson home at age 71.

Ruby White, Raymond White’s wife, said the cause of Tuesday’s death is unknown, although she suspects her husband had a heart attack. The couple would have celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary last Saturday.

Ruby White said her husband lived a full life and touched many people, with students scattered all over the world.

Raymond White’s hobbies included scuba diving, watercolor painting, and always working on research — even at home, Ruby White said.

Friends and colleagues remember Raymond White as a tireless organizer, intellectually curious, selfless and larger than life, with an infectious sense of humor.

"Ray was one of my absolute favorite people in the world, and I thoroughly enjoyed working with him," said David Pankenier, a professor at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn., who met Raymond White a decade ago at the first meeting of Inspiration of Astronomical Phenomena.

The INSAP international conferences, which convene every few years, were organized by Raymond White and featured premier artists, historians, philosophers and scientists discussing the cultural significance of science and art. The scholars meet in locations ranging from the Vatican Observatory to Oxford University.

"INSAP will not be the same without his great heart and guiding spirit," Pankenier said. "Ray was the perfect embodiment of the esoteric spirit of the meetings."

Raymond White received his doctorate in astronomy from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and began teaching at UA in 1964.

Raymond White was named University Distinguished Professor in 1995, a title reserved for the U’s best professors. His research areas included galactic astronomy, globular clusters, and quasar research.

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Football player arrested for using fake ID

A UA football player was arrested late Thursday night for trying to use a fake ID to get into O’Malley’s bar on Fourth Avenue.

Starting defensive tackle Paul Philipp, a sociology junior, went to O’Malley’s around 11 p.m. and showed the doorman a driver’s license and a voter’s registration card that he claimed were his, according to police.

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320 students volunteer at AIDS Walk

Students concerned with the world-wide AIDS epidemic turned out to walk and run early Sunday morning at AIDS Walk 2004 to raise money for services for AIDS and HIV patients.

Students made up about 320 of the event’s 400 volunteers, said Rick Wilson, director of development for the Southern Arizona AID Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps people infected with AIDS or HIV and promotes prevention education.

Wilson estimated the event, presented by Desert Diamond Casinos and Safeway Pharmacy, drew more than 3,000 people to Rillito Downs.

Many students also walked four to five kilometers or ran 10 to 13 kilometers for money donated to SAAF, which will in turn use the money to provide case management and medical assistance for AIDS patients.

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Senatorial candidate Stuart Starky shakes hands with Arizona Senator John McCain at the conclusion of Friday afternoon's debate in Gallagher Theatre. The two argued issues such as gay marriage, educational policy and immigration laws in a passionate but friendly way.