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### Fire breaks out at Block House



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Tucson Fire Department captain Paul McDonough examines some of the damage done to a second-story apartment in the Block House, 1920 N. First
Ave., by a fire early yesterday morning.

#### Candle sets unit ablaze at UA-area apartment complex

By Andrea Kelly ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

About 40 people were evacuated from The Block House apartment complex early yesterday morning after an unattended candle started a fire in one of the units.

The fire started at 2:41 a.m. at the apartment complex at 1920 N. First Ave. and did not cause any serious injuries, said Capt. Paul McDonough, public information officer for the Tucson Fire Department.

The department received the call at 2:45 a.m. and the fire was under control by 3:04 a.m., McDonough said. He said the esti-mated damage was \$50,000, which included the damage in the unit that burned, smoke damage to the units on each side and water damage to the apartment below the fire.

The Block House apartment complex has 88 units, which house 188 residents, and Camille Jehle, a leasing consultant for the apartments, said more than 90 percent of the residents are UA or Pima Community College students.

The fire destroyed most of the rooms in the three-bedroom second floor apartment

Darrenn Jackson, a creative writing senior, lives below the apartment where the fire started, and was waiting to get back into his apartment yesterday morning.

He said he was asleep when a fire alarm went off, and his first reaction was annoyance, but one of his roommates had gotten up and saw smoke coming from the apartment above them.

Initially what woke him up was water dripping in his room from above,"

At about 4 a.m., Jackson didn't know how much damage his apartment had suf-

McDonough said the fire department wants to get the message out that people need to be careful.

Especially with the holiday season, just remember, never leave a candle unattended when you leave the room," he said.

The two-alarm fire brought 42 firefighters to the scene, and McDonough said the response was determined by the size of the building and the number of potential

Two people were treated and released at the scene for smoke inhalation, and one firefighter suffered from a non-life threatening injury to the knee, McDonough said.

"It could have been a lot worse," he

## Nursing students remember professors

Students fund scholarship in memory of shootings

> By Monica Warren ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Students in the College of Nursing are honoring the memory of three professors who were killed by a former student two years ago by raising money to contribute to a scholarship in memory of the professors.

On Oct. 28, 2002, Robert S. Flores Jr., a student who was distraught over failing grades and problems at home, entered the office of professor Robin E. Rogers and shot her multiple times, killing her. He then moved to a classroom full of students taking a midterm and shot and killed professors Barbara Monroe and Cheryl McGaffic. After allowing the students to leave, Flores turned the gun on himself. It is considered the bloodiest day in UA history.

The Student Nurses at the University of Arizona is raffling off a quilt that was made to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the shootings last year, said Cheri Roy, SNUA president

This is something that we can do this year to make known that we still honor (Rogers, McGaffic and Monroe)," Roy said. "It was a way that people who didn't even know them could show they cared."

The quilt, which measures about 6 feet by 7 feet, is made up of squares that were signed by participants in last year's memorial 5K walk. The quilt is on display on the first floor of the College of Nursing outside the Student Affairs office, Roy said. Students and staff in any college and members of the community are encouraged to participate in the raffle, she said.

All of the earnings from the raffle will be donated to the Nursing Faculty Memorial Scholarship Endowment, Roy said. The scholarship is awarded once a year to an undergraduate nursing student. This

### Old students learn new tricks for registration

By Natasha Bhuyan ARIZONA DARY WILDCAT

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series on class registration.

After five semesters of registering for classes, many upperclassmen have karned a few useful techniques that alleviate the pain associated with registration, but their methods are leaving freshmen and sophomores with limited class options.

One registration tactic worrying freshmen and sophomores is the practice of upperclassmen over-registering

for courses. Roxie Catts, interim director of the Advising Resource Center, said undergraduate students can register for up to 19 credits via WebReg. While

most students do not actually take 19 units in a semester, Catts said some over-register for courses before dropping them later.

We call it window shopping and we discourage it," Catts said.

Although the practice is frowned upon by advisers, students says overregistering is a smart way to get class-

Lili Ochoa, a general biology junior, said she window shops for courses as it gives her more time to weigh her options.

"It's just in case we change our minds," Ochoa said.

But Whitney Brown, a pre-pharmacy sophomore, said the method limits class availability among underclassmen and forces students to look

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### Non-Muslim students give up food for Ramadan Fast-a-thon

By Natasha Bhuyan ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

More than 300 non-Muslim students gave up food and water yesterday, in an effort to raise money for the poor and gain insight into the Islamic religion.

Organized by the Muslim Student Association, the Ramadan Fast-a-thon invited non-Muslim students to fast for 12 hours from sunrise to sunset yesterday.

For each of students who participated, local business donated money to the Tucson Community Food Bank, said Miriam Hoda,

student coordinator for MSA. The fast was broken last night after sunset, when students were

served a free dinner, watched the Maghrib (sunset) Prayer and listened to guest speakers.

Hoda said the purpose of the event, which raised \$1,000 for Tueson Community Food Bank, was to let non-Muslim students experience fasting and gain empathy for the poor by realizing what the impoverished must go through every day.

Sandra Lujan, a Tucson Community Food Bank representative, said 60,000 children in Pima County go to bed hungry every night, even though mothers and fathers are also giving up meals just to feed their children.

Although the food bank distributes 34,000 meals daily to the homeless and working poor, it only meets 20 percent of the need in Pima County, Lujan said.

Andrew Friedman, an engineering freshman, said he fasted although he had to study for a test, and realized how difficult it was to concentrate while hungry.

"I learned it's hard to accomplish much of anything if you can't meet your basic needs," Friedman said.

Scott Lucas, an assistant professor of Near Eastern Studies who spoke at the Fast-a-thon, said the idea of the fasting was to help people understand the hunger others face, while also drawing them closer to God.

Nearly 1 billion Muslims

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