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**WHEN:** THIS WEEK, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m.

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**Fire breaks out at Block House**

Candle sets unit ablaze at UA-area apartment complex

By Andrea Kelly

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 1902 N. First Ave. and did not cause any serious injuries, said Capt. Paul McDougall, public information officer for the Tucson Fire Department.

The apartment received the call at 2:41 a.m. and the fire was under control by 2:44 a.m., McDougall said. He said the estimated 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 86 units, which house 192 residents, and Candleville, 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 where it started.

Damion 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 once he realized the hollowness, he got up and saw smoke coming from the apartment above them.

"I finally woke him up was water dripping in his room from above," Jackson said.

At about 4 a.m., Jackson didn’t know how much damage his apartment had suffered.

McDougall 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 house," he said.

The two-alarm fire brought 46 firefighters to the scene, and McDougall said the response was determined by the size of the building and the number of potential injuries.

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

"I could have been a lot worse," he said.

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**Nursing students remember professors**

Students fund scholarship in memory of shootings

By Monica Warren

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 funds to contribute to a scholarship in memory of the professors.

On Oct. 29, 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 killed a classroom full of students, taking a turret gun and shot and killed professors Barbara Morris and Cheryl McCaffet.

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 raising $6,450 a quilt that was made to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the shootings last year, said Cheryl Roy, SNNA president.

"It is something that we do every year to make it known that we still honor (Rogers, McCaffet and Monley)," Roy said. "It was a way that people didn’t even know they 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 inside the Student Affairs office, Roy said.

Students and staff in any college and members of the community are encouraged to participate in the sale, she said.

All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Nursing Faculty Memorial Scholarship Endowment, Roy said. The scholarship is awarded every year to an undergraduate nursing student.

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**Old students learn new tricks for registration**

By Natasha Bhuyan

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 learned 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 worth Rey’s freshmen and sophomores is the practice of approaching one registrar for courses.

Rose Catts, intern 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, so it is wise to register for courses before dropping them later.

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

Although the practice is frowned upon by advisors, students say registering early is a smart way to get classes.

Lilitary Ochoa, a general biology junior, said she 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-physical medicine sophomore, said the method limits class availability among underclassmen and forces students to look for classes.

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

By Natasha Bhuyan

More than 200 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 Tuscon Community Food Bank, and Minim Restaurant, student coordinator for NMA.

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.

Rida said the purpose of the event, which raised $1,000 for Tuscon 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 Tuscon Community Food Bank representative, was told six hours ago that 36,000 children in Pima County go to bed hungry every night, even though millions of people are also suffering from hunger.

"Although they can distribute 34,000 meals daily to the homeless and working poor, it only meets 20 percent of the need," Lujan said.

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

"I learned how 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 fasting was to help people understand the longer others face, while also drawing them closer to God.

Nearly 1 billion Muslims

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