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CRYING UNCLE



George P. Bush, President Bush's nephew, talks to students and press after yesterday afternoon's political rally at the Marriott on East Second Street. Bush feels that his Hispanic background may help his uncle win votes in Arizona.

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Student youngest Ariz. RNC delegate

By Natasha Bhuyan
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A UA student will be packing his bags and heading to Madison Square Garden next week, not for any sporting event, but for the Republican National Convention.

Pete Seat, a theatre arts senior, was chosen as an alternate delegate for the RNC by the Arizona Republican Party Convention. Even though he is an alternate, Seat will be able to attend the same events during the convention as at-large delegates.

"I was very surprised to be given the great honor of representing my fellow Republicans," said 21-year-old Seat, the youngest delegate from Arizona. "I am fortunate to have this opportunity at such a young age."

Seat, representing Congressional District 7, will be joining 96 Arizona delegates, including UA alumnus Manny Espinoza, first vice-chairman of the College Republican National Committee and National Minority Outreach Director.

"I just want to be able to be out there and show my support for President Bush and show the nation that a lot of people support President Bush," said Espinoza.

Seat will be at the convention for two days next week, while Espinoza plans to spend the entire week in New York. Arizona is sending 47 at-large delegates and 49 alternate delegates.

Espinoza said each day should be packed with activities from "the crack of dawn until one in the

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Younger Bush stumps for uncle

By Mitra Taj
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The president's nephew reminded students yesterday how much their votes matter as he rallied them to vote republican and keep the president serving them in office.

"Your votes will make the difference," said George P. Bush, the nephew of President George W. Bush. "You all are here, and the political system is alive and well because of you. We have

to show the country that our generation cares."

Bush spoke at the Marriott yesterday to rally support among young people, later joining the College Republicans on the UA Mall to register republicans and speak with students.

Young people should vote republican, the 28-year-old Bush said, because "we know the issues that are on the minds of young people."

Bush said the younger generations tend to be more

individualistic, and the Republican Party allows them "more breathing room to manage their own paycheck," whether it's earned from a summer job or by paying less in taxes because of lower interest rates for student loans.

"This president believes that you know how to spend your money better than some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C.," he said.

Bush said he's in the middle of a five-day tour to dif-

ferent states to rally support for his uncle and "remind young voters what's at stake this November."

"Can we count on your support?" he asked the crowd, which responded by cheering loudly and waving signs that read, "Viva Bush."

Bush, son of Florida Governor Jeb Bush, and his wife Columba Bush, a Mexico native, said on the Mall yesterday that he hopes to gar-

Students adjust to new homes away from home

By April Lacey
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Aside from occasional fire drills and a few problems with drinking, this year's freshmen say they are making a smooth and fun transition into campus life at the UA.

Although dorms generate friendliness, they are also home to annoying fire alarms that are subject to go off at random times of the night, said Laura Houghton, a pre-business freshman and Arizona-Sonora resident. When the alarms sound, all the residents must evacuate using the stairs, until everyone is out of the building and it is declared safe to re-enter.

"I live on the ninth floor," Houghton said. Because of one student's microwave mishap, all the residents of Villa del Puente had to stand outside

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Japanese popularity spikes at UA

By Keren G. Raz
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Japanese has become the one of the trendiest languages to study at the UA thanks to music, movies, video games, and anime, Japanese animated films and television shows.

Over the past five years the number of UA students taking Japanese has increased by nearly 50 percent.

In 1999, 77 UA students took Japanese 101. This year, 116 students have enrolled.

That's an increase more than three times than seen in UA Chinese classes, where enrollment has hovered around 56 students for the past five years.

The UA is not alone. According to the Modern Languages Association, from 1998 to fall 2002, the number of students studying Japanese in American higher-education institutions rose by 21 percent to 52,238.

Timothy Vance, head of the East Asian

Studies department, said although he's not entirely sure how to explain the rising interest in Japanese, he has heard some say the rise is due to the popularity of Japanese animation and martial arts.

"There is something trendy about it, but I don't know what explains it," he said.

The UA's Japanese language program began in the 1980s after the booming Japanese economy created a need for business students to learn the language.

There are students who continue to study Japanese because of their interests in international business, but an increasing number of students are signing up for class because of their interests in pop culture.

Chris Brewer, a computer engineering sophomore, has been watching anime since the age of 8.

That exposure, he said, led him to become more interested in Japanese culture, an interest he sees as the newest trend.

"Japanese culture is becoming much

more popular," he said.

On the first day of class, Itsumi Ishikawa-Peck surveyed her Japanese 101 students to find out how many were interested in anime.

About 66 percent of them said they were interested in anime, movies, and music.

Kimberly Terpe, a study abroad advisor, said last year only one person traveled to Japan to study. This year three went to Japan for the summer. Nine students are studying abroad there for a year.

Ishikawa-Peck said factors influencing the rise in interest include movies that take place in Japan such as "Kill Bill" and "Lost in Translation," the increased popularity of Japanese food and the increasing numbers of Japanese foreign exchange students.

Rebecca Macaulay's interest in Japan began with animation and video games as a child. But those interests led her to look into Japanese culture, and it was there she

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