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Recycling goal: to beat ASU

By Aubrey McDonnell
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Yesterday kicked off the second annual Residence Life "Recyclemania" contest taking place in all campus residence halls.

Recyclemania is a 10-week nationwide competition to see which residence hall can recycle the most material. Recyclable materials include cans, bottles, paper and cardboard.

The number of universities involved this year has skyrocketed nationwide. Last year, there were 17 universities across the country involved in Recyclemania, and this year nearly 40 schools are competing.

However, to improve the chances of winning, some changes still need to be made.

"We are not afraid of the new competition," said Jessica Schluederberg, Recyclemania coordinator.

"This is our second year, so we'll definitely have an edge over the people who just joined the competition this year," Schluederberg said. "We are trying to promote the contest more to get a better turnout this year; we really want to beat ASU."

Schluederberg, an environmental science and geography junior, is confident that her team of recycle chairmen will have what it takes to beat Arizona State University in the competition this year. Last year ASU placed 14th in the competition, while the UA finished second to last of the 17 competing universities.

Last year, the UA raised 5.77 pounds of recyclables per resident. ASU raised 16.82. The winning school, Miami University in Ohio, collected 58.28 pounds per resident.

"I'm going to recycle everything possible," said Cait Palmer, a physical education sopho-

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STEELING TIME



Percussion performance freshman Bryan Matyjasik practices "Cha Cha Mi Mama" on the base pan last night in the Music building during a rehearsal for the intermediate / beginning steel drum band. Offered for credit in the music department, the advanced class will be sending their members to Trinidad Wednesday to learn the history of the instrument.

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Students warned of travel threats

By Jennifer Amsler
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The U.S. Department of State recently issued a warning that travel to Mexico is unstable because of violence related to drug trafficking along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The University of Arizona Police Department sent out a campus alert last week to inform students and faculty about new dangers of traveling south of the border.

Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman, said violence in Mexico has increased because criminal organizations are fighting for drug trafficking control.

Recent incidents include kidnapping attempts, shootings and threats, Mejia said.

"There has been violent behavior — not necessarily targeted toward Americans, but they could potentially be at risk by being innocent bystanders," Mejia said.

Mejia said that since September 11, 2001, Americans are warned more often of dangerous situations in other countries, and since Mexico is a close, popular destination for many UA students and faculty, he felt the need to bring extra attention to the situation.

"These are the types of incidents people need to know about," he said.

Mejia said the risk is mainly along the Arizona-Mexico border, but students and faculty should be cautious when traveling anywhere in Mexico.

"Americans aren't the focus of the violence,

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UA students given chance to run 'A store'



Retail and consumer science senior Christie Calhoon finalizes a purchase at the A-Store in the Tucson Mall Monday afternoon. Christie spent last semester studying retail in London and now works at the A-Store for credit toward graduation in May.

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Retail majors run UA apparel shop in mall

By Danielle Rideau
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A unique collaboration between the UofA Bookstore and two campus groups has taken the form of a clothing store in the Tucson Mall, aimed to give students a valuable experience in retailing and management.

The "A Store" has been open since late November and is managed and staffed by UA students.

The store has been a collaboration of the UA chapter of Students in Free Enterprise, the Center for Retailing and Consumer Sciences and the bookstore.

The idea started two years ago and required prior university approval, including presenting the proposal to the dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Eugene Sander, said Melinda Burke, director of the Center of Retailing.

The store sells a variety of UA merchandise including T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, basketball shorts and children's clothing.

"The store is an opportunity for students to apply what they learn in the classroom," Burke said.

Burke said the store is the first of its kind because students are a part of every aspect, including staffing, merchandising, development, visualization and sales.

Along with applying what is learned in the classroom, the store serves as an "entrepreneurial approach to identifying an alternate funding source to support students and the community," Burke said.

The student-team of 24 employees work for independent study credit, Burke said, but they also gain valuable experience that they can apply toward a career after graduation.

Xiomara Ramirez, an A Store employee, said her experience has been rewarding, and she has gained valuable experience that she will be able to apply to her career.

Ramirez, who is also a member of the SIFE

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