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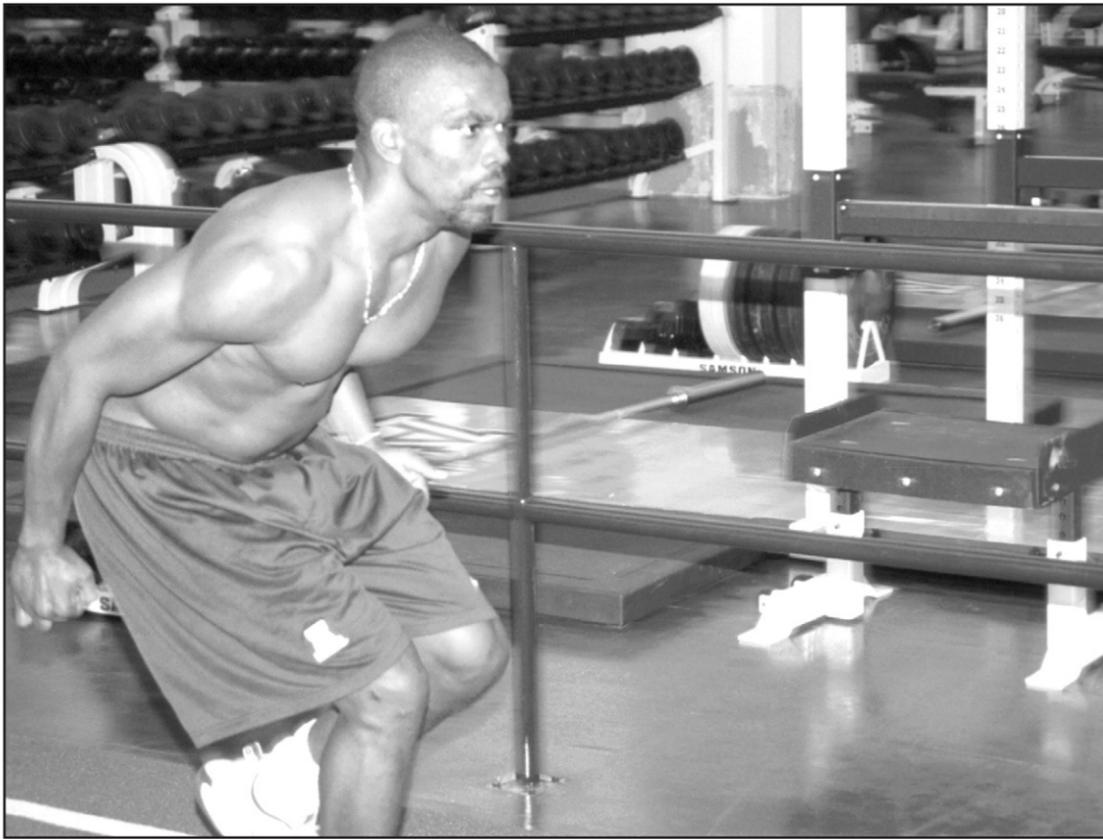
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Eddie Lynch Athletics Pavilion



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Senior defensive back Johnny Bailey does conditioning exercises over the summer at the Bill Estes Conditioning Center. The center is part of the Eddie Lynch Athletic Pavilion, which saw its Jim Click Hall of Champions unveiled Saturday.



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Tucson businessman Jim Click, President Peter Likins and Athletics Director Jim Livengood cut the ribbon at the \$14 million pavilion Saturday.

Athletes get glass haven

BY CHARLES RENNING
Staff Reporter

Most UA students have been hearing for the past year about cutting both costs and programs. However, Saturday was a completely different story.

The UA athletic department held the opening ceremonies for the privately funded, \$14 million Eddie Lynch Athletics Pavilion. The new addition, which is located on the north side of McKale Memorial Center, is home to the brand new Estes Family Strength and Conditioning Center, the

Kasser Family Medical Treatment Center, the Jim Click Hall of Champions and the Rountree Mezzanine.

Saturday's festivities were started by a ceremony recognizing all the people who have given money to finance the new facility. President Peter Likins and Athletics Director Jim Livengood spoke and thanked all the parties involved.

"We owe the entire university community and these individuals a huge

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LifeLine cab service meets trouble early

BY JOSE CEJA
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A student government-sponsored program that provides students with cards good for free cab rides in emergency situations got off to a rocky start in its first week of operation in Tucson.

Because of confusion on the part of the operators who call cabs for UA students, companies in Phoenix were being called for cardholders who requested cabs in Tucson, said Adam Bronnenkant, Associated

Students of the University of Arizona senator.

Also, two cardholding students who requested rides were turned away because all of the local taxicabs contracted under Student LifeLine Inc. — the New York-based company that distributes cards for emergency rides — were on call, he said.

About 8,000 of the 50,000 LifeLine cards were distributed around the UA last week, with about 5,000 going to residence halls.

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Bid Night draws aspiring greeks

BY KRISTINA DUNHAM
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Hundreds of prospective fraternity members traveled around campus last week, introducing themselves to members of the greek community, collecting stamps on their pledge cards and hoping to fulfill what was for many the first step in a long-time dream to get into the fraternity of their choice — a dream that boiled down to one night: Bid Night.

Just before 7 p.m., dozens of men got out of their cars on North Cherry Avenue, crowding the streets. A group of pledges gathered outside the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house.

A cloud of excitement, anticipation and relief hung in the air over the group.

Most of the pledges had to go through a week-long rush process to be here, traveling around campus to all the fraternities, meeting and talking with current members and participating in activity nights and preference dinners.

"I was excited to rush," said Jay Colloton, a sociology freshman whose father and mother were both in the greek system in college.

"I've been wanting to do it for years. My friends at home would be asking each other if you wanted to be in a fraternity and I was always the guy that said 'Yes, because my parents had such a good time,' and I was like, 'Well, I'll just go try it.'"

The closest anyone came to even hinting that he might be nervous about the next step in joining a fraternity was Aaron Berne, a political science freshman.

"I'm not nervous; I don't think so," as he turned to the house president, Dan Fritcher and asked, "Should I be nervous?"

Berne decided to go greek so he could make some lifelong friends. He said he spent most of his time with Pi Kappa Phi and attended their preference dinner, which he particularly liked because "it was my first real meal of college."

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UA's own to represent USA in Miss India pageant

BY STEPHANIE SCHWARTZ
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A UA student, recently crowned Miss India USA, will soon travel to South Africa to represent the United States in the worldwide Miss India Pageant. Priya Arora, 20, an accounting and finance senior, was crowned Miss India Arizona on Aug. 10. She traveled to Los Angeles weeks later to compete against 28 others in the national competition.

"I couldn't believe it; the girls were just so beautiful and talented," Arora said. "But 10 minutes after being shocked and excited I

started getting nervous."

The Miss India USA pageant consists of an introductory number, American and Indian eveningwear competitions, a talent section and a question and answer period.

Arora will have the responsibility of representing both the Indian and Asian communities whenever possible, appearing at various events and doing philanthropic work, said Arthy Kumar-Chadha, Arora's pageant coach and organizer of the Arizona pageant.

"She was a great candidate," said psychology senior Archana Patel, Arora's roommate. "She

blends both the Indian and American cultures so well and represents both communities."

Arora is looking forward to the responsibilities and obligations that go with her new title. She plans to meet with the Miss India USA from last year soon.

Arora would like to work with underprivileged children as her main philanthropic work, Kumar-Chadha said.

Unlike the previous Miss India USA, who took a year off from school, Arora plans on dropping



Priya Arora
Miss India USA

from eight to five classes, but continuing at the UA.

"My teachers have been very receptive to the idea," Arora said.

Arora had never participated in a pageant before.

Her friends encouraged her after she saw an ad for the pageant

online.

Many of Arora's friends and her family cheered her on at the Miss India Arizona pageant, although her family was at first concerned about the

idea, she said.

"After (my family) saw me in it, my dad said that I really represented myself and didn't do anything that wasn't me," Arora said. "It really represented you and it made me happy," he said."

The worldwide Miss India pageant will be held Nov. 3. Thirty countries will participate in the pageant.

"Winning USA, I had no hopes about it and it was a lot more fun having no pressure," Arora said.

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