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Admissions mulls AIMS test merits

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Administrators are exploring the possibility of using the AIMS test as part of university admissions criteria as a result of one professor's research showing that students who pass the AIMS test have a better chance of succeeding at the UA.

About 78 percent of current UA sophomores passed the writing portion of the Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards test during their sophomore year of high school, according to data collected by Jerome D'Agostino, an assistant professor of educational psychology.

Of that 78 percent, 87 percent had an average college GPA of C or higher last year.

Eighty-one percent of sophomores who took the AIMS test, some of whom didn't pass, had a C or higher GPA.

Survey results show similar correlations with the reading and math portions of the AIMS test. In general, students who passed the test were more likely to have at least a C average, D'Agostino said.

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Housing may see overhaul

BY JAMES KELLEY
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While Residence Life is considering getting rid of two of its apartments, it is going to buy a sorority house that is likely to house freshman girls.

Residence Life will be able to break its lease for Palm Shadows, 1816 E. Helen St., and its lease with Sky View Apartments, 1050 E. Eighth St., will expire after this year.

It is bound by long-term leases, however, with Babcock Inn, 1717 E. Speedway Blvd., and Corleone Apartments, 1330 N. Park Ave.

In addition to being unpopular with residents, Residence Life is losing money on the rentals, said Jim Van Arsdel, director of Residence Life.

"I think what I would say at this point is that we are

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Protesting the politics of oil



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Silas Hite, a fine arts studies senior, takes part in a peaceful protest against America's dependency on oil and the current situation with Iraq, while three other students sit locked in a 1957 Chevy yesterday afternoon on the UA Mall. The students could be heard saying "I will not go to war to put gas in my car," from inside the automobile. The students were protesting America's dependency on oil, the lack of focus on alternative fuel systems as well as other current political issues related to unrest in the Middle East.

Elevators costing UA thousands

Last year, emergency elevator service cost more than \$5,000

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Seven students hurry down the hall of their five-story dorm, late for class. The elevator doors open, revealing five or six students already on their way down to the lobby. The students, late for class, decide it's worth the squeeze and pile in.

The elevator doors close and, with a

slight jolt, the elevator stops moving. One student uses the emergency phone to report the incident and is told that someone will be there to fix the elevator right away.

Almost an hour, three phone calls to UAPD and many claustrophobic moments later, a mechanic from the elevator company shows up and releases the students.

The UA pays between \$300 and \$500 for the incident, because it's not triggered by equipment failure.

Stories like these have been pretty common in dorms recently.

During the 2001-2002 school year, the UA paid \$5,230, on top of monthly elevator maintenance fees of more than \$4,150 per month, for problems caused by overcrowded elevators, CatCards dropped down elevator pits and vandalism.

The residence hall where students were most likely to be trapped in an elevator last year was Coronado Residence Hall.

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Students, faculty rally for terror-free peace in Israel



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A group of about 100 people take part in a rally for Middle East peace on the UA Mall yesterday. The rally, hosted by the Arizona-Israeli Alliance, was held in support of Israel's efforts to make peace in the region, and included speeches from students, faculty and others.

Peace is goal, but Israel 'will fight terrorism,' says one Israeli speaker

BY DEVIN SIMMONS
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Roughly a hundred students gathered on the UA Mall yesterday to hold a rally in support of Israel and peace in the Middle East.

The event included speeches from UA students, faculty, and outside speakers associated with the conflict.

The tone of the rally was supportive of Israel and the country's intention to achieve peace in the region, organizers said.

"We want to talk peace, we are ready to talk peace, but we will fight terrorism," said Neil

Lazarus, a speaker who lives in Israel.

Near Eastern studies freshman Rachael Levy, a member of the Arizona-Israeli Alliance, recounted a suicide bombing on a crowded Israeli street that she witnessed last year.

"The horrors that Americans experienced on Sept. 11 is a horrible nightmare Israelis live with everyday," Levy said.

Many speakers blamed the breakdown in peace negotiations in the region on the Palestinian leadership.

"The only peace Arafat wants is a piece of Jerusalem," said Mark Percedes, a member of the Israeli press consulate in Los Angeles.

A small contingent of mem-

bers of the Alliance for Peace and Justice in the Middle East also attended the rally in an attempt to present the other side of the debate, said Paul Snodgrass, a history senior and member of the club.

"We definitely agree that the events in the Middle East are a human tragedy," said Snodgrass. "But they showed a one-sided view. Israel is not the only one suffering."

The event was hosted by the Arizona-Israeli Alliance, a pro-Israel organization on campus and supported by the College Republicans, Young Democrats and the UA Hillel Foundation.

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