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Playboy's 'Girls of the Pac-10' hits newsstands next week

Two Wildcats bared it all for Playboy's "Girls of the Pac-10" issue this month, beating hundreds of coeds from rival schools.

Leah Russo, a junior majoring in communication and psychology, and Layla Anderson, a humanities junior, posed last spring for Playboy. The pair was chosen from 13 women who posed for Playboy from the UA.

The 10-page "Girls of the Pac-10" nude pictorial features coeds from each school. Victoria Thornton from Arizona State University was selected as the cover girl.

Russo will autograph copies of the magazine during an autograph session Tuesday in Tucson.

Playboy last featured the "Girls of the Pac-10" in October 1999.

Hurricane donation table

The Arizona Daily Wildcat student staff will be on the UA Mall every day this week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. collecting cash donations to be given to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The Wildcat raised \$702 yesterday.

Faculty fellows speaker series

Peter Smith, senior research scientist at the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, will speak today at 12:05 p.m. about the Phoenix Mars scout mission. The speech will be in the Student Union Memorial Center's Gallagher Theater.

Beware of fake charities

By Jesse Lewis

ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

In the wake of the Hurricane Katrina disaster, people are opening their hearts and wallets to the victims, but students are urged to be aware of where their money is going to avoid falling prey to identity thieves.

The UA has had its share of scam artists following the campuswide warnings released last semester and during the summer regarding fake newspaper subscriptions.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department released an alert to help Arizona residents keep their personal information from potential thieves.

The release advises being aware of whom you are communicating with and being able to verify that they are who they say they are.

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TCC awaits Katrina's victims

By Nick Smith

ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Cots, donations and volunteers at the Tucson Convention Center are awaiting the arrival of hundreds of displaced citizens from Hurricane Katrina, officials said.

Hurricane victims were expected to show up at the Tucson Convention Center yesterday, but the arrival has been delayed yet another day, said Sgt. Mark Robinson, public information officer of the Tucson Police Department.

Officials and volunteers do not know where the people will be coming from, only that they were affected by the hurricane, Robinson said.

The main floor of the convention center has been divided into two sections, one for single females and families, and the other for single males. About 500 cots are set up in the female and family area, and about 300 cots are set up in the single male area.

Each cot has clean sheets, pillows, toiletries and a welcome message written by one of the volunteers.

Volunteers were working yesterday to separate donations onto separate tables for clothing, books, toiletries and toys.

Activity tables containing games and toys for children were set up as well as a media center containing a TV, phones and computers.

Upon entering the convention center, victims will go through an identification process where they will be issued ID badges. Tucson Unified School District has agreed to enroll any school-aged child within two days, Robinson said.

Virtually every room in the convention center is being utilized to accommodate the victims, Robinson said.

The Pima County Health Department has also set up a medical center in one of the meeting rooms to tend to sick and injured evacuees, which includes 16 beds and tables with IVs.

Tables with cushions taped to them act as makeshift beds for infants.

A separate animal care area has also been set up to care for up to 150 pets. The arena of the convention center is planned as a dog-walking area, Robinson said.

The entire operation was organized and set up in a matter of days. The first planning meeting to convert the convention center into a shelter took place Saturday morning, which shows that Tucson is ready for dealing with the aftermath of a natural disaster, Robinson said.

Cassandra Tomlin/Arizona Daily Wildcat

About 800 cots, each with a message from a volunteer, are waiting on standby for Hurricane Katrina refugees in the Tucson Convention Center. The Tucson Police Department expects the displaced hurricane victims to arrive in Tucson today.

UA undeterred by rising gas costs

By J. Ferguson

ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

As gasoline prices continue to soar, it's not only individuals and small businesses that are clamoring for hybrid vehicles and alternative fuels — UA administrators are also giving prices a closer look.

Despite an annual operating budget of hundreds of millions of dollars, the administration has begun to look at fuel alternatives after the price of gasoline has risen by 37 percent in one year, said Joel Valdez, UA budget director.

The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in Tucson is about \$3.04. A year

ago, the average price was \$1.91 a gallon, said Yvette Lopez, an American Automobile Association spokeswoman.

Tucson prices are in line with the national average, with costs for a gallon averaging at \$3.04, Lopez said.

Lopez said the price jumped 30 cents during the weekend, but there are signs that gas prices are going to stabilize. She referred to a decrease in prices of 1.5 cents per gallon overnight.

There has been no immediate change in policies regarding travel or use of university vehicles; however, there are ongoing discussions to minimize costs, including the use of alternative

Aerospace engineering junior Fletcher White fills up one of 32 flex fuel vehicles at the Facilities Management motor pool yesterday afternoon. In an effort to reduce spending on rising gasoline costs, the university has invested in various alternate-fuel vehicles.

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