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### QUICK HITS

#### Fraternity holds car wash for Hurricane Katrina relief

Phi Gamma Delta is holding a car wash tomorrow to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. All proceeds will be directed to the American Red Cross.

The men will be at 1801 E. First St. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Fear not! Crossword puzzle confusion cleared up

Yesterday's *Arizona Daily Wildcat* did not have the crossword because of a production error, but students can access the crossword online at [www.wildcat.arizona.edu](http://www.wildcat.arizona.edu) by clicking the "archives" link. The crossword is available every day online.

Check out page 18 for today's crossword.

#### Native Nations public presentation

A public presentation about American Indians and technology will take place today in the Harvill building Room 102 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## ICE CREAM FOR A CAUSE



Jake Lacey/Arizona Daily Wildcat

General biology freshman Brittany Palbykin and pre-physiology freshman Danielle Mann eat at Penguin's Frozen Yogurt on University Boulevard last night. Penguin's will be donating all of tomorrow's profits to Hurricane Katrina relief charities. See story on page 3.

## Faculty diversity falling behind

### Student diversity increases; Asian faculty also rises

By Cassie Blombaum  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Diversity reports are showing that while the UA has had a slight increase in the number of diverse students it attracts and keeps on campus, the university is falling behind when it comes to diverse faculty.

The decreasing diversity among faculty is causing some concern, said Raji Rhys-Wietecha, assistant director of the Diversity Resource Office.

"I think where we need some growth is the retention and recruitment of a diverse faculty," Rhys-Wietecha said.

The number of black professors increased by one from 2003 to 2004, according to the Diversity Action Plan Progress Report.

The number of Asian-American professors increased by five, whereas the number of American Indian professors remained the same at nine.

The number of Hispanic professors decreased from 35 to 31, according to the report, which is another cause for concern because of the high population of Hispanics who live in the Southwest.

"The fact that U of A isn't a leader of hiring Hispanic faculty is problematic because we are in the Southwest, where a majority of the population is Hispanic," said Antonio Estrada, professor and director of Mexican American studies.

Estrada has worked at the university

## Students can get \$1 ASA fee back online

By Zach Colick  
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A petition has been circulating on the Internet asking students to request a refund from Arizona student legislatures that they feel aren't governing their best interests.

Every semester the Arizona Students' Association receives \$1 from the more than 103,000 students attending state universities to lobby on their behalf.

But a group in charge of the petition named the "Concerned Students of Arizona," said that for an

organization with such deep pockets, ASA has a sketchy success record in the lobbying department, said Brian Collier, former ASA director representing Arizona State University.

Collier said \$1 is automatically taken away from students without their consent each school year and encourages students wanting their \$1 fee back to visit [www.asadoyourjob.org](http://www.asadoyourjob.org) to fill out a request form.

"It's important somebody reminds them that someone is paying attention," Collier said.

The group's main issue is that ASA isn't supporting students' best interests if tuition dollars keep going up. While the group agrees education is

expensive, they said ASA should be lobbying the Arizona Legislature to get them to pay more for education.

Collier said he started the campaign two years ago while he was still a board member of ASA. He said he thought nobody monitored ASA's "wasting" of its \$200,000 budget and reintroduced it this year for many of the same reasons.

Refunds for the fee are available through ASA and refund requests must be in writing and postmarked prior to the 21st day of the semester, according to the Bursar's Office Web site.

The information submitted must include the student's name, student

identification number, mailing address and name of the Arizona university the student attends. Requests must be submitted to the university ASA office, according to the Web site.

So far, Collier said more than 300 students from the UA, ASU and Northern Arizona University have requested their dollar back.

Fernando Ascencio, ASA director representing the UA, said the \$1 fee sustains the association as an organization trying to make financial leaps and changes for students by advocating for them in the state Legislature.

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## Freshmen to hike, give 'A' Mountain makeover this weekend



File photo/Arizona Daily Wildcat

For the uninitiated, painting 'A' Mountain can prove to be quite messy. In a photo from last year's excursion up Sentinel Peak, freshmen take a break after painting themselves and the mountain.

By Anthony D. Ávila  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

About 100 freshmen wielding brushes and blue paint will tackle and paint part of the giant "A" tomorrow morning in the Tucson Mountains west of campus.

The 80-year-old university tradition, called A-Day, will begin at 8 a.m. when students climb into three buses, drive to Sentinel Peak and spend the next few hours painting one third of the "A" blue.

The event is organized by the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity every year to welcome freshmen to the UA and teach them important university traditions, said Jim Drnek, Blue Key adviser.

Students will be given a quick history lesson on the UA fight

song "Bear Down, Arizona" and how the "A" was created before the main activity begins, said Garrett Munro, Blue Key president.

UA students built the "A" itself — which is made of rock and is 106 feet long and 70 feet wide — in 1915 on the side of Sentinel Peak in the Tucson Mountains, according to the UA Web site "Through Our Parents' Eyes."

Since then the peak has been called "A" Mountain and was whitewashed every year on A-Day. The color scheme changed after the start of the Iraq war, however, when the Tucson city council voted to repaint it with three stripes of red, white and blue until the war ended, Drnek said.

Though other groups in Tucson occasionally paint the "A"

illegally, Blue Key is authorized to hold A-Day and works closely with the Tucson Department of Parks and Recreation, which owns the land, Drnek said.

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona Senate voted at a meeting last month to fund about \$650 for the event to pay for two buses to cart students to and from the mountain.

The Freshman Class Council paid for the third bus, said Munro, a business management senior.

Two freshmen will be selected to be A-Day king and queen based on outstanding academics and involvement, and the chosen royalty will be announced tomorrow morning and before the UA football game against Purdue, Munro said.

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