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QUICK HITS

Gosh! 'Napoleon Dynamite' stars to visit Centennial

Tickets to see actors from the movie "Napoleon Dynamite" go on sale today at Centennial Hall.

The actors Efrén Ramírez and Aaron Ruell, who portrayed the characters Pedro and Kip, respectively, will appear Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. They are expected to talk about filming the movie, answer questions and sign autographs.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. at the Centennial Hall box office. The student price is \$10 and the regular price is \$12.

In conjunction with the event, the ASUA Speakers Board will also be hosting a Napoleon Dynamite look-alike contest. The winner will receive an autographed copy of the DVD, said Carrie Pixler, Speakers Board director.

Those interested in entering the contest or submitting questions for Ramírez and Ruell can e-mail the Speakers Board at speakersboard@gmail.com.

— Nick Smith

Students to debate Katrina response

Students will be discussing the government's response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief and other hurricane-related issues at the Alumni Plaza today at noon.

The debate, sponsored by the UA Debate Club, will give students a chance to argue about a range of questions such as "Was the response to Katrina racially driven?" "Was media coverage of the disaster fair and balanced?" "Who do you think is to blame?"

The debate will take place in front of Heritage Hill at the Alumni Plaza.

— Seth Mauzy

Bush picks Miers for high court

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush named White House counsel Harriet Miers to a Supreme Court in transition yesterday, turning to a longtime

loyalist without experience as a judge or publicly known views on abortion to succeed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Harriet Miers

Miers "will strictly interpret our Constitution and laws. She will not legislate from the bench," the president said as the 60-year-old former private attorney and keeper of campaign secrets stood

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Bomb scare closes Speedway

By Ross Hager
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An attempted bank robbery yesterday morning closed down East Speedway Boulevard for more than four hours, slowing down the commute to campus for pedestrians and drivers alike.

The Tucson Police Department received a call at 9:31 a.m. from an employee at Wells Fargo, 1701 E. Speedway Blvd., who said a man was attempting to rob the bank and threatened to use an explosive device, police said.

Police arrived at the scene and evacuated the bank employees and customers.

At 9:36 a.m., police detained the adult male suspect and the Bomb Squad began to search for the explosive device, said Dallas Wilson, Tucson Police Department

public information officer.

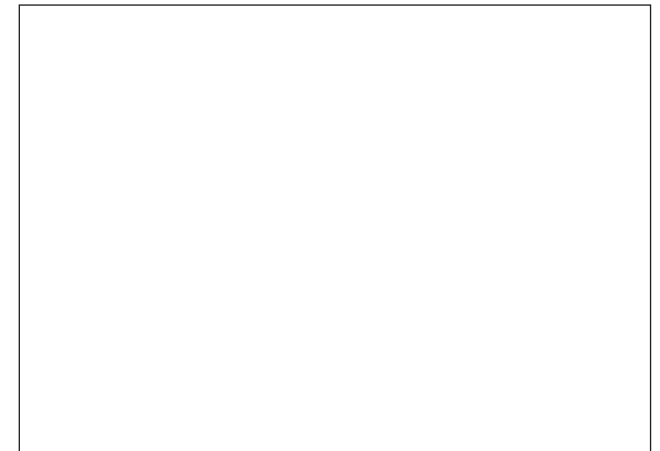
"We were searching the suspect's vehicle, the parking lot and the surrounding area," Wilson said. "No explosive device was found."

Police said East Speedway Boulevard and the surrounding area, which included Babcock Residence Hall, were closed for safety purposes while the Bomb Squad conducted their search.

Adam Spenner, a sophomore majoring Spanish and resident of Babcock, said he was unable to go home because the underpass underneath East Speedway Boulevard and Warren Street was shut down.

"I got done at 10 a.m. and tried to come back," he said. "I had to find something to do on campus for four hours."

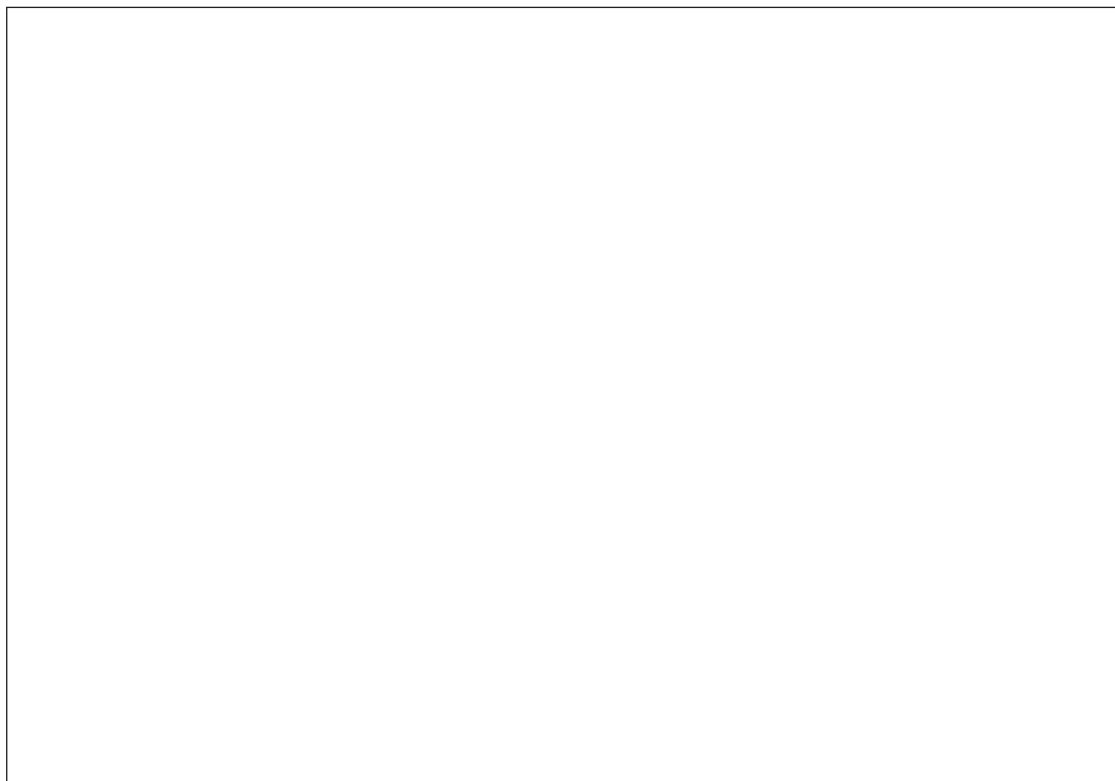
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Djamila Grossman/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Police secure the area around Wells Fargo on Speedway Boulevard yesterday after a man attempted to rob the bank in the morning. The police caught the robber.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL



Djamila Grossman/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Theatre arts and political science freshman Morgan Sim reads the story of victims attached to luminarias at the hate crime vigil last night. Each student who attended the vigil received the name of someone who was murdered in the last few years. See story on page 6.

Student government loses \$18K on Mraz performance

By Anthony D. Ávila
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Organizers of the Jason Mraz concert lost nearly \$18,000 after initially saying they hoped to break even.

"Chances (were that) we were going to lose money, but personally, I did not think it would be that much," said Ryan Patterson, director of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona Special Events Committee, which organized the event.

Even though 1,656 tickets to the Sept. 21 Centennial Hall concert were sold, they were 700 tickets short of selling out, according to a performance sales report.

The projection shortfall was exactly \$17,847, or 41 percent of the committee's \$43,000 budget, according to the report.

Patterson said the committee paid \$35,000, or 70 percent of the total cost, to bring Mraz to campus, with an understanding about the uncertainty of college concerts.

"Concerts are always risky because they are dependent on projections of ticket sales," Patterson said. "(But) most people I talked to thought it was a safe bet."

Patterson said he still considered the show a success because it brought a "big name" onto campus and was the second stop on Mraz's world tour.

Though Patterson didn't think

the disappointing sales were due to a lack of advertising, next time he would consider discounting the balcony seating in hopes that more people would come, he said.

The loss of funds will not affect programming for the rest of the year because future concerts are not going to carry as big of a risk, Patterson said.

"We're finalizing one more concert in November, and we should end up with half the budget for the second half of the year," Patterson said.

ASUA Treasurer Keven Barker said he signed all the projected costs beforehand but has not yet

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Some want woman for next UA president

By Nicole Santa Cruz
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Among the many characteristics that could be deemed necessary for the next UA president to possess, some faculty and students are in favor of one trait in particular — estrogen.

The university has yet to employ a female to fulfill the position of president, according to the UA Web site.

"I'm hoping that the pool will include women and also women of color," said Sandra Taylor, vice president of Campus Life.

Taylor said other universities, such as Brown University and the University of Michigan, have or have had women presidents.

"It's happening and it could certainly happen at the University of Arizona," Taylor said.

Like the UA, no other Pacific 10 Conference school currently has a woman president, although some have in the past, according to each university's Web site.

"Many of us are excited by the prospect of women as finalists," Taylor said.

Students have also expressed an interest in having a female as a potential candidate.

Two weeks ago, staff members of the Arizona Daily Wildcat randomly surveyed more than 100 students by walking into classrooms and asking students to anonymously fill out a questionnaire about the most important university issues and characteristics the next president should have.

About 10 percent of the students wrote the one thing they wanted the search committee to focus on

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