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QUICK HITS

ASUA approves funding for Solar marketing

The ASUA Senate approved nearly \$400 for Project Solar marketing efforts at last night's meeting.

A total of \$165 will go toward funding a competition between Greek Life, clubs and residence halls to drum up funds for the project to place solar panels on UA buildings. Another \$230 was unanimously approved to go toward fliers, table flags and handbills promoting Project Solar.

In other business, the senate unanimously approved \$35 to fund the printing of surveys that will be distributed by ASUA members in an effort to ascertain an interest in Spanish articles in the *Arizona Daily Wildcat*.

—Nick Smith

Early priority registration today and tomorrow

Today and tomorrow are the last days for early priority registration students to register for classes via WebReg before the rest of the university. These students include athletes and those in the Disability Resource Center and SALT Center.

Tucson mayor to participate in emergency preparedness fair

Employees of the Arizona Health Sciences Center can participate in a fair today that focuses on preparing for emergencies and disasters.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the front lawn of University Medical Center.

Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup will kick off the event with the first spin of the "Wheel of Misfortune," a game illustrating the importance of community readiness in emergency situations.

Representatives from the Red Cross, Poison Center, Pima County Health Department, Department of Homeland Security and the Hazardous Materials Team will be in attendance.

Hoopsters score for charity

By Roman Veytsman
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Players from the UA men's basketball team got down and dirty building houses for charity yesterday afternoon in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity and the High School Build Program.

Team members sported matching black T-shirts that read "Habitat's Tip-Off for 2005-2006" as they helped build a house at Howenstine Magnet High School for an underprivileged family.

Students from Howenstine, Santa Rita, Sabino and Sahuarita high schools participated in the kick-off event of the Habitat High School Build Program, an apprenticeship program for career and technology education students, according to a press release.

"It was great today," said senior forward Hassan Adams. "Especially for the community, helping build a house for someone who needs it."

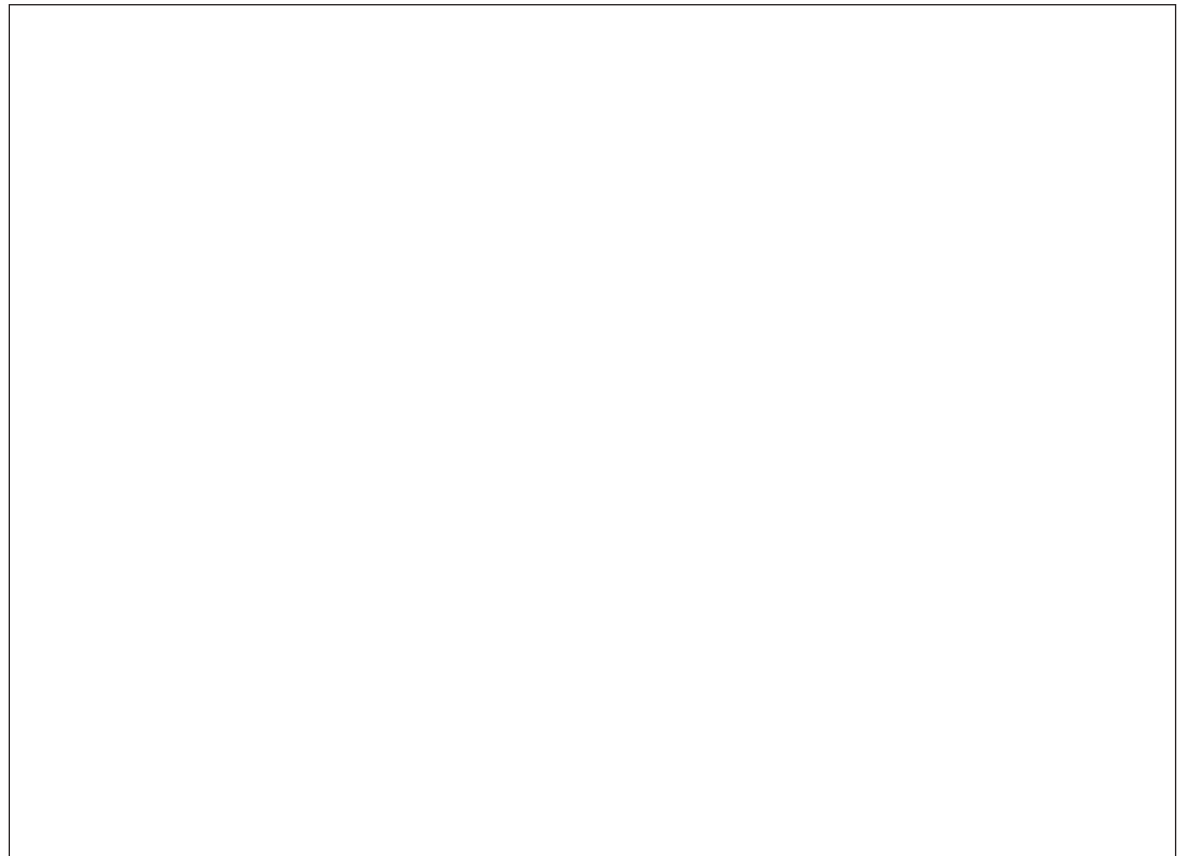
The building project began after a brief ceremony and a \$25,000 donation from Wells Fargo.

Players helped raise the outside walls as students hammered in nails and later took their turn with the hammer, joking and encouraging each other.

"We got to meet a lot of the kids, talk to them and help out the community," said Marcus Williams, an undeclared freshman and forward on the men's basketball team. "It was fun."

Assistant men's basketball associate coach Jim Rosborough said he didn't think any of the players had much experience with using the tools they needed to build the house.

"I checked with our team, and not one player has ever driven a nail into a board in his life," he joked in front of the small crowd. "It's great for our guys to come out and mix (with the



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Undeclared freshman Fendi Onobun, right, and a high school student help build a house with Habitat for Humanity at Howenstine Magnet High School yesterday. The UA men's basketball team and high school students set up the four walls of a house which will be completed in May.

community). We're very familiar with Habitat, not only the work that's going on in this community, but all over the country, the Gulf Coast and worldwide. It's a big honor for us to be here."

The students will build about 65 percent of the house before the other Habitat volunteers and program sponsors move it to its final location to complete the rest.

Colleen Sand, the school to work coordinator of Howenstine Magnet High School, said the process usually takes about two semesters.

"We got a lot of work done today,"

Sand said.

When the work is finished, the students will be able to meet the family who will live in the house and participate in the dedication ceremony.

The high school students were thrilled to see the basketball players, chatting with them and asking for autographs, to which all the players obliged.

"It's a way to reward these kids," Sand said about the collaboration with the team.

"I think it's pretty cool that they're interested in doing something like this and helping out Habitat," said Chad

Sahm, one of the student participants in the program.

Michael McDonald, the executive director of Habitat for Humanity, said it was wonderful that the players and high school students in the area were actually helping to build the community.

Along with the players and students, recruiting and basketball operations coordinator Reggie Geary, video coordinator Jack Murphy and head coach Lute Olson's wife, Christine Olson, were on hand. The mood

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Students excused for Yom Kippur

By Mika Mandelbaum
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Jewish students are officially excused from classes today to observe Yom Kippur, and although some have complained about the difficulties in making these arrangements, it is often because of miscommunication, an official said.

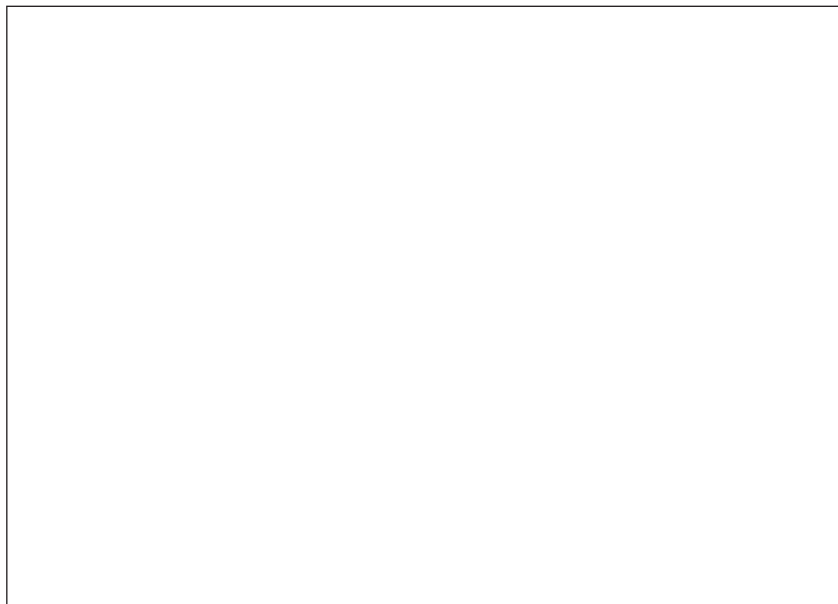
UA policy prohibits discrimination "against any student, employee or other individual because of such individual's religious belief or practice ... and faculty members are expected to reasonably accommodate individual religious practices."

But it has been a hassle to get excused for today's prayer services, said Michelle Weinberg, a journalism junior.

"I was really offended that I had a mid-term scheduled on Yom Kippur," Weinberg said, adding that her professor asked if she could come in on the holiday anyway.

"I explained to him that it's a very holy day and that I would be in services," she said. "He seemed very annoyed that he had to make the extra effort so I could take it."

Associate Dean Alexis Hernandez said he has dealt with one student this semester who complained she was having problems



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Computer engineering junior Zack Stephens, right, and mechanical engineering sophomore Jacob Rader participate in the Kol Nidre service yesterday in the Grand Ballroom of the student union.

getting excused, but it turned out to be a miscommunication between the student and the teacher, which is often the case.

"Every semester there are a couple of

situations and it normally gets resolved in a rather fair fashion," he said. "Generally, I

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Admissions to become more selective at UA

By Laura Ory
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Student enrollment at Arizona universities is on the rise, but the UA has a plan to cap the student population at 40,000 to create a more optimal education environment.

Projections estimate that enrollment in the state's universities will increase from 115,000 students to 185,000 students by 2020, according to Arizona Board of Regents documents.

The UA enrolled a record 5,974 freshman students this year, but President Peter Likins said the number is not likely to increase by much because the university will cap off freshman enrollment at 6,000 students. There are 37,036 students currently enrolled at the university.

The maximum number of students that can be enrolled at the UA will be 40,000 graduate and undergraduate students, a number determined by planners to be the right capacity for the UA to maintain the character value and outdoor space of the campus, Likins said.

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