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QUICK HITS

The Format tickets on sale at Centennial today

Tickets are now on sale at Centennial Hall for the Nov. 9 show featuring the music group The Format. Tickets are \$10 for students and the general public, and can be purchased at the Centennial Hall box office, online at www.uapresents.org or by calling 621-3341.

The bands Tickertape Parade and The Dares will kick off the show. Showtime is 7 p.m.

Fast-a-thon 2005

The UA Student Muslim Association invites students to participate in a one-day fast that will benefit the Tucson Community Food Bank.

The fast begins at dawn today and ends at sunset. All participants will break their fast at a dinner at the First Methodist Church, 915 E. Fourth St., at 5:30 p.m.

Several businesses have donated money for the event, and for every student who fasts, each business will pledge a different amount of money to be donated to the food bank.

Imam Naeem Abdul Wali and Scott Lucas will be guest speakers at the dinner.

UA director inducted into hall of fame

UA faculty member Colin Kaltenbach's 25 years of administrative leadership in two states were commemorated with a national award last week.

The director of the Arizona Agricultural Research Station at the UA was inducted Thursday into the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C.

Kaltenbach has served "as a liaison for numerous cooperative efforts in agriculture on a state, regional and national level," according to a press release.

Kaltenbach's UA colleagues nominated him for the honor during his 16th year at the university.

"It was a series of things over the last 25 or 26 years (that earned the honor)" Kaltenbach said.

— Ariel Serafin

Ronald McDonald to read at book fair today

The Reach Out and Read Book Fair is being held today on the third floor of University Medical Center.

The fair is free and open to the public, and will run from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Ronald McDonald will read and entertain children from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Each child attending will receive a free book and other goodies.

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Old Main evacuated

Lightning strikes, sets ablaze a palm tree outside 114-year-old university landmark

By Danielle Rideau
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Lightning struck a tree outside of Old Main yesterday afternoon causing a palm tree to catch fire, electrical outages and an evacuation of the historic building.

About 300 people stood outside Old Main around 3 p.m. to watch the Tucson

Fire Department extinguish the fire that resulted from a lightning bolt striking a nearby palm tree at 2:55, said University of Arizona Police Department officer Victor Garcia.

Old Main was evacuated, but people remained on the balcony and the surrounding patio.

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Lisa Rich/Arizona Daily Wildcat

A firefighter from the Tucson Fire Department extinguishes the last embers falling from a palm tree that was struck by lightning yesterday outside of Old Main.

CAMPUS LIGHTS



Jake Lacey/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Lightning struck near campus last night when the remains of Hurricane Otis hit Tucson.

Earthquake affects UA students

By Ariel Serafin
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

The overwhelming effects from the earthquake that shook Pakistan last week have reached members of the UA community who have lost family and friends in the rumbling aftermath.

The magnitude 7.6 earthquake is currently estimated to have killed 54,000 people, and the death toll continues to rise as

Forums to aid search

By Nicole Santa Cruz
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Members of faculty and administration met with the Presidential Search Committee yesterday to discuss what they wanted from the next UA president, with topics ranging from state funding to domestic partner benefits.

Faculty and administration outlined the desire for a president who understands the problems that arise from the university's lack of funding, such as unsatisfactory faculty salaries and the lack of available classes for students.

The UA is not unique in higher education in terms of funding, said Regent Jack Jewett.

"We are not as a nation making investments in higher education," Jewett said.

Jewett said there are many issues that need to be addressed within the university, such as faculty salaries, building renewal and student tuition, and a new president might not be able to fix everything.

"I don't know if we will get a miracle worker," Jewett said.

Instead of putting funding into new buildings, the new president should focus on faculty salaries, said Oscar Martinez, professor of history.

"Attention given to employees has deteriorated," Martinez said.

Faculty told the committee they should look for a candidate who can

 **Check it out**

What: Presidential search student forum
When: 3:30 p.m.
Where: Gallagher Theater

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