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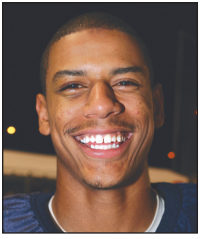
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National player of the week honors given to Johnson

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QUICK HITS

Tunnel of Oppression tonight

The UA Tunnel of Oppression will run today through Nov. 11 in Kaibab-Huachuca Residence Hall, 922 E. Fourth St. The event focuses on walk-through exhibits featuring scenarios, images and statistics in an in-your-face portrayal of the violence and prejudice people experience every day. The free event runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call 626-1464.

'Moment of Truth' exhibit opens today

Students from the department of media arts and the School of Art collaborated to create a "culture jamming" exhibition that will be displayed in the Social Justice Leadership Center from today until Dec. 7.

The Moment of Truth Project features advertisements with a conscience.

Students joined interdisciplinary teams to approach the project that included researching a magazine advertisement, and then redesigning the ad to tell another story.

There will be an opening reception tonight from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Social Justice Leadership Center on the fourth floor of the Student Union Memorial Center.

11 win Gateway awards

The Gateway Strategic Alliance Awards Committee has announced the recipients of funding for the first, second and third quarter of 2005. The committee reviewed 25 applications for marketing, marketing printing, sponsorships and student initiatives and satellite training solution funds.

For marketing and printing, the winners are the Arizona State Museum, the department of geography and regional development, the College of Nursing, the Ombuds Program, the club Formula SAE and UA HarpFusion.

For satellite equipment solution, the recipients are the Human Resources Office, the Office of Student Computing and Residence Life.

Recipients for scholarships and student initiatives are the Student Research Showcase and the Multicultural Engineering Program.

UA engineering department receives \$1 million

The department of electrical and computer engineering has received \$1 million to fund research and development of security software for military computer networks.

The software will mimic biological immune systems by screening a computer network for abnormalities, isolating the infectious computer viruses, worms and other attack agents, and developing software "antibodies" to fight them.

Professors Jerzy W. Rozenblit and Salim Harii received the grant from the Army Research Office to collaborate on the project with Arizona's Fort Huachuca Network Command Center.

The research is vital to national security because military and other government computers are under constant attack from both freelance hackers and those working for foreign governments.

Students hurt in brawl

Shot fired, students hospitalized after assault at Halloween party

By Nick Smith
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Two UA students received treatment at University Medical Center after they were assaulted at a Halloween party Monday night.

The incident occurred at a party at the 700 block of East Speedway Boulevard in the home of UA students Scott Lykke, Chris McCormick, Mike

Schapker, Henry Schwartz, and *Arizona Daily Wildcat* reporter Ross Hager.

More than 75 people were at the party when a group of about seven men showed up around 12:30 a.m. and began stealing items from the house, said McCormick, a pre-communication junior.

McCormick said he did not know who the men were, and they did not appear to be UA students.

"No one could recognize them individually by the way they looked, it happened so fast," McCormick said.

McCormick said he confronted one of the men, who was attempting to steal a neon sign, and he was hit in the back of the head.

When the attacks began, partygoers rushed to flee the house, leaving pieces of Halloween costumes on the ground, McCormick said.

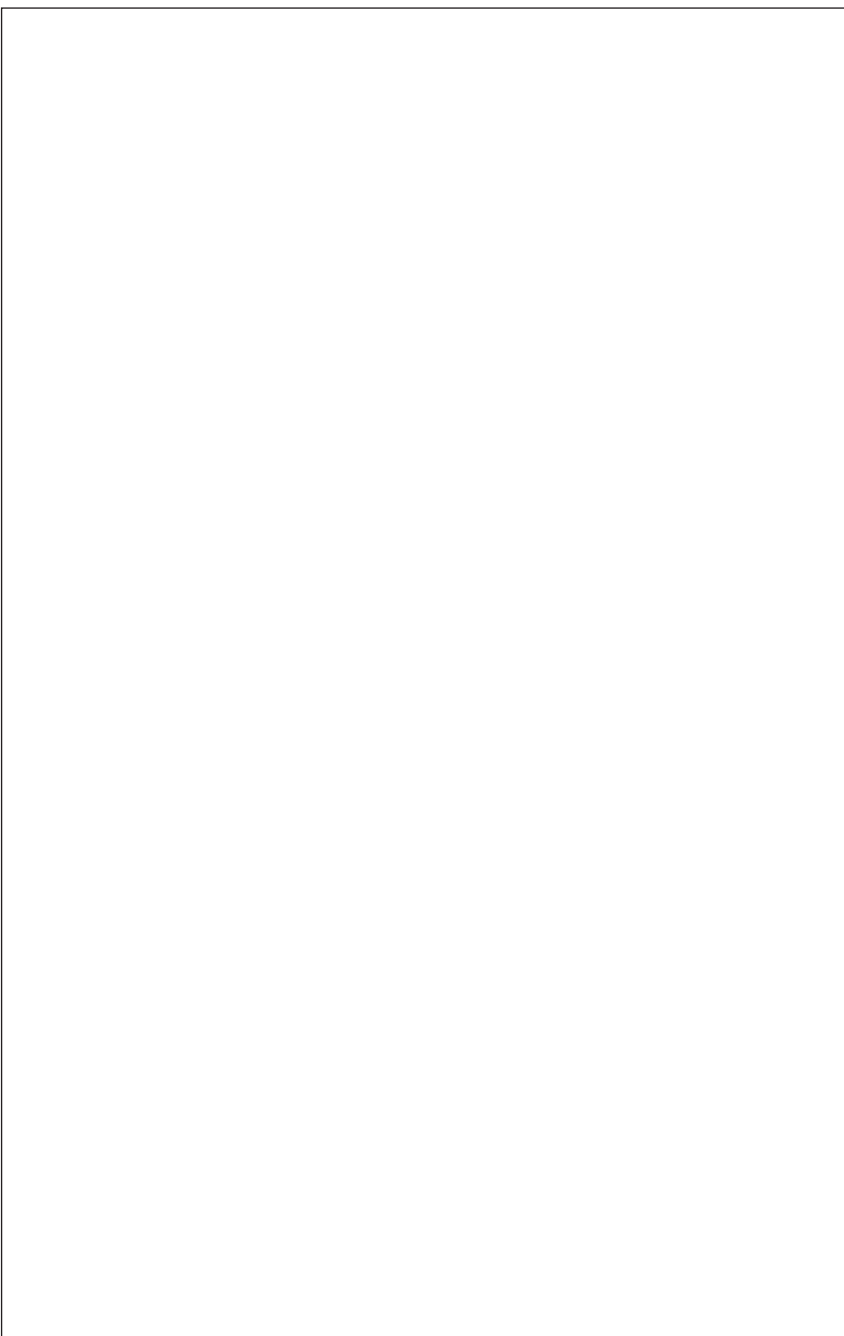
"There was a really frantic feel," he said.



Cassandra Tomlin/Arizona Daily Wildcat
Henry Schwartz said he was assaulted when seven men entered his Halloween party Monday night.

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HANGIN' OUT



Josh Fields/Arizona Daily Wildcat

The CHI acrobats of Shanghai, China, performed yesterday evening in Centennial Hall. The acrobats combine enchanting music, lighting and athletic movements to create a breathtaking performance.

Pell Grants lose some federal support

By Nicole Santa Cruz
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., voted last week to deny an amendment to a bill that would have provided \$836 million to be used for Pell Grants, officials said.

The amendment would have giv-

en Arizona students an additional \$250 on average, according to a press release.

At the UA, about 7,000 students receive Pell Grants, which translates into \$18 million in grant money, said John Nametz, director of student financial aid.

President Peter Likins said Pell

Grants have decreased in value dramatically in recent decades, and that it's always disappointing when anyone in Congress votes against the Pell Grant increases.

"It's a sad thing and it's frustrating for us," Likins said.

The Pell Grant is vital to education in Arizona because there is a lack of

state financial support, Nametz said, and if the Pell Grant's maximum amount is not increased over time, talented students could miss out on the opportunity to attend a university.

"It is the Pell Grant and other institutions that are helping needy

UA climbs out of \$43.6M hole caused by state

Departments cutting back on spending to offset budget woes

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series focusing on university debt as a result of state budget cuts. Today's article focuses on how the UA has cut back its own expenses to make up for the loss. Tomorrow's article focuses on what the UA is doing in terms of future funding to avoid cutting additional faculty, staff and courses.

By Mika Mandelbaum
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Every semester, marketing senior Scott Campbell pays an extra \$250 to help the Eller College of Management retain top faculty so it can remain a top-20 business school.

But after two graduate students became last-minute instructors for one of his core economics classes, rather than a full-time professor, Campbell said he is not seeing the results of his college fee.

"The costs are rising out of control," Campbell said. "The costs are outpacing inflation, yet I haven't noticed any improvement in the quality of my education."

Rising costs, added fees, and

poor retention and recruitment of faculty are some of the many problems at the UA that are getting worse as public universities continue to suffer from severe state budget cuts that have totaled nearly \$43.6 million in the past four years, said Budget Director Dick Roberts.

While cutting from the UA's budget, the state Legislature has simultaneously increased the cost of employee benefits by almost \$6 million, bringing the UA's total budget deficit to just shy of \$50 million, Roberts said.

With another round of cuts this year totaling just under \$1 million, UA officials speculate that it's unlikely the state will ever fund higher education at the level it did before.

"We have to accept the fact that these changes are not temporary. They're permanent," said President Peter Likins.

Administrators successfully reduced costs and offset all but \$1.2 million of the state cuts, but the UA is now a much leaner university that is still under some financial stress, Roberts said.

After the first state cuts, administrators put a hiring freeze

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