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## Last day to cast vote on Rec expansion



Jake Lacey/Arizona Daily Wildcat  
Benjamin Shapiro voted yesterday on the proposed \$25 fee to fund the Rec Center's future expansion.

By Zach Colick  
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About 800 students cast their votes yesterday on whether to expand the Student Recreation Center, but which way students are leaning won't be known until all the ballots from today are counted.

Tyler Carrell, elections commissioner, said final numbers of students that voted and what the outcome is so far cannot be released because of legal issues within the parameters of the elections code.

"Simply because of the precedence carried on from previous elections, I unfortunately do not have the luxury of releasing such information at this time," said Carrell, a finance junior.

But to make sure the voting process is fair, Carrell said, guidelines for Rec Center administration have been set and handled professionally.

In addition to removing signs influencing students to "exercise their vote," Rec Center personnel were also restricted from handling or being near the computer voting

booths set up inside the Rec Center lobby, Carrell said.

Rec Center administrators said the guidelines were part of election procedure, and they have no opinion about whether they want the referendum passed, said Juliette Moore, director of campus recreation.

"We're hoping students come out and voice their opinion just like in any other election," Moore said.

Regardless of the outcome, Student Body President Cade Bernsen said he's glad students have

the opportunity to vote in favor or against a matter which could benefit future UA students, and to show the administration students care about the issues impacting them by voting.

While understanding both sides of the issue, Bernsen admits there's a difference of philosophy between students who want the expansion versus those who don't use the facility and question the motives of expanding it.

But some students said voting

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### QUICK HITS

#### Panel discussion on modern anti-Semitism

A panel discussion will be held today to discuss the need for more awareness about modern anti-Semitism.

The panel of scholars will examine the origins and early evolution of European anti-Semitism in an effort to determine the relationship between medieval and modern anti-Semitism.

The discussion starts tonight at 7 in the Center for English as a Second Language, Room 102.

#### Debate about student apathy today

Students can argue about political apathy among young people during an open debate near the Alumni Plaza today from noon to 2 p.m.

"Generation: Apathetic," which will be the Debate Club's last forum of the semester, will challenge the reason behind this generation's lack of concern for local, national and international issues, said Tawfik Maudah, the club's president and philosophy senior.

Student government leaders and professors have been invited to lead the discussion, but Maudah said he expects student audience members to carry 70 percent to 80 percent of the conversation.

— Anthony D. Ávila

#### Department of physics has 'Phun' tonight

The department of physics plans to host its 22nd annual "Physics Phun Nite" tonight and tomorrow. Anyone age 3 and up can attend the event, where professors and students will showcase their most interesting demonstrations of physical principles.

Past visitors have watched demonstrations of the Van de Graaff generator, dancing flames, burning bubbles and the ins and outs of a TV tube.

The event will be held in the Physics and Atmospheric Sciences building, Room 201, tonight and tomorrow night from 7 to 8:30. Seats are limited. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## Oppression issues seen in tunnel

By Ariel Serafin  
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Taylor House/Arizona Daily Wildcat  
Physiology freshman Jessica LaMar recites a true story of abuse in one of the rooms of the Tunnel of Oppression last night in Kaibab-Huachuca Residence Hall.

"Nigger," "faggot" and "cunt" were some of the identities written on nametags that students wore around their necks as they were marched through the Tunnel of Oppression last night.

The tunnel event, which is in its eighth year at the UA, is an interactive tour that leads visitors through themed rooms depicting instances of abuse, hate crime and prejudice throughout history.

As students entered the basement of Kaibab-Huachuca Residence Hall they were violently greeted by a swarm of actors waving protest signs and screaming racist chants like "Hell no, you must go back to Mexico."

As they approached the doorway, they were shown written directions on where to stand. But there was one twist: The writing, which was intended to portray the struggles of mental disability, was written backward and was practically illegible.

Students who were unable to read the directions quickly enough were reprimanded with frustrated screams like "You retards! What's wrong with you?"

Once visitors managed to find their way to the courtyard, they read descriptions of hate crimes attached to glowing luminaries. As the students read the descriptions, images of people who were lynched, and sexually provocative images of women were projected onto large screens in the background.

The rooms, which had themes like body image, oppression of homosexuals and genocide, were manned by tour guides and actors who told their fictional personal stories or angrily herded visitors to their next location.

The harsh treatment and testimonies are meant to have an impact on the visitors' perceptions of what prejudice and oppression really feel like.

"You learn about these things in class, but when you go through a situation like this it makes you far more

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## Program may end registration by hand

By Laura Ory  
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A new Student Link program may ease registration woes as early as next semester by allowing departments to make restrictions for online course registration.

The new program, WebReg Permissions, may eliminate the need

for students in many departments to meet with an adviser to register by hand as early as the spring semester, said Beth Acree, senior associate registrar for the Office of Registration.

About 40 departments have shown interest in using the program, Acree said, and more information will be provided at a training session Nov. 29.

Once in place, the program will allow departments to restrict registration for certain courses to students within the major or minor or to students who have completed the course prerequisites.

Restricting access to certain courses through WebReg has always been a need, said Brett Bendickson, the developer of the program and principal support

systems analyst for the Center for Computing and Information Technology.

But before a department can control course access, it must first have a way to generate lists of the students who have completed the prerequisites, Bendickson said.

Since 2004, seven departments,

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