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A GROUNDBREAKING DAY

Dead Day may be dead by spring

Students asked to weigh
in on changes to spring's
final exam schedule

By Natasha Bhuyan
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Dead Day could soon be a luxury of the past if the final exam schedule changes this spring as expected.

Students have been asked for their opinion on which of three potential final exam schedules could replace the existing schedule in May.

Patti King, associate registrar for curriculum, said the Undergraduate Council was asked to consider three new proposals last week for the spring 2005 final exam schedule.

Although changes to the final exam schedule have been discussed in the past, the issue was brought up this year when college deans requested the final exam schedule be changed.

Edie Auslander, vice president and senior associate to the president, said concerns about the final exam schedule were partially related to commencement ceremony changes.

In the past, Friday college convocation ceremonies coincided with some students' finals, prompting complaints from students and parents. If the December university-wide ceremony had been canceled, some students would have been forced to miss their college convocation ceremonies as well as the university graduation.

Despite the restoration of the December commencement ceremony, King said UGC will still

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President Peter Likins, left, Mark Smith and Joaquin Ruiz shovel sand yesterday during the groundbreaking ceremony at the Koffler building. Although construction has already begun for the new chemistry building, this was the formal kickoff.

New chem building breaks ground

By Zach Colick
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After nearly two decades of planning for a new facility, many in the chemistry department and UA community feel an enormous sense of relief as ground has been broken for the new chemistry sciences building.

The new addition to the Old Chemistry Building will allow for cohesion with all of the chemistry sciences

departments to one site, said Mark Smith, chemistry department head.

President Peter Likins, who spoke yesterday at the groundbreaking ceremony outside of the Koffler Building, said it took an enormous amount of patience with physical and financial planning to plan for an extension on the building.

Likins said faculty desperately needs the added research lab space, which is the focus of the new facility.

"I know I'm not the only one to feel an enormous sense of relief at the breaking

of ground at this building," Likins said.

"After nearly two decades of planning, this project is becoming a reality," Smith said. "This will help foster new ideas, new activities and new directions for the department."

Smith said students will be able to do better scientific research with the addition of the new building.

"We are fully committed to using research to substantially enrich the

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Controversial radio host to speak at UA

By Alida Kunsu
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Amy Goodman, host of the independent radio show Democracy Now!, will speak on campus Sunday about her book and her critical views of politicians and mainstream media coverage of world news.

Goodman, who has been criticized by both Democrats and Republicans for her criticism of mainstream media, said the media has hit an all-time low.

"When it comes to the invasion and occupation [in Iraq] the media is a conveyor belt for the lies of the administration,"

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ASUA to hold free concert for voters

By Natasha Bhuyan
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Next week, Associated Students of the University of Arizona's push to register students to vote will culminate with a Nappy Roots concert exclusively for registered voters.

Students who are not registered will be able to do so at the ASUA office when they pick up tickets, or at the door of the Oct. 1 concert on Bear Down Field.

With the voter registration deadline for the presidential election Oct. 4, ASUA Sen. Steven Eddy said the Rock the Vote 2004 concert, headlined by Nappy Roots, the number one selling hip-hop group for 2002, with local ska/punk band Troy's Bucket, will be

ASUA's last big effort for voter registration on campus.

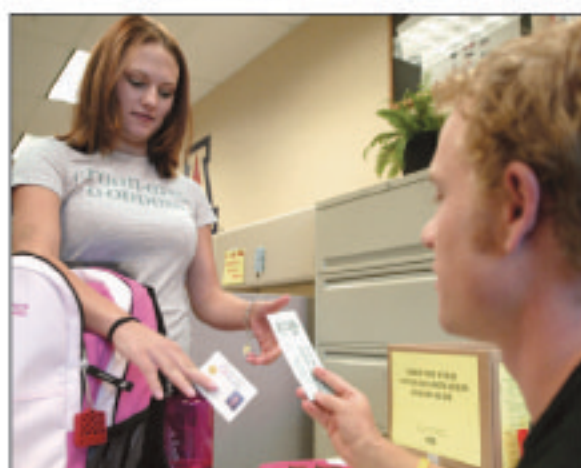
To pick up a concert ticket, students must show their CatCard and proof of voter registration.

Ryan Patterson, Arizona Students' Association director, said items like a voter registration card or a carbon copy of the registration form will be accepted as proof.

Registration forms will be available for students who are not yet registered to vote, Eddy said, so they can register and pick up their ticket on the spot.

Students who are ineligible to vote due to factors like age or international status can still pick up a ticket with their CatCard, said Andrew Record, special events director for ASUA.

Alistair Chapman, student body president, said voter



Geography senior Steven Eddy hands Tyler Kearney, a dance and business junior, her ticket yesterday afternoon at the ASUA office to see the Nappy Roots concert.

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registration is only the first part of a three-phase plan to increase civic engagement among UA students.

Phase two of ASUA's civic engagement plan is to have informational speakers on campus to engage and educate students in politics.

Upcoming speakers include documentary filmmaker Michael Moore, U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe (R) and David Hardy, co-author of "Michael Moore is a Big Fat Stupid White Man."

The last phase is getting

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