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QUICK HITS

Students test knowledge in the College Bowl

The College Bowl will be held tonight in the Presidio and Copper rooms in the Student Union Memorial Center from 4 to 8.

Teams who qualify will have a chance to test their knowledge against other teams from colleges in the Southwest in the Regional tournament Feb. 23 through 25.

Art on display in Student Union

Prints and paintings by artist Ernesto Trujillo are on display in the Union Gallery on the third floor of the SUMC today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The anthology *Metamorphic Expressions* "is a collection of thoughts, ideas and emotions described with intense energy and garish colors," Trujillo said.

Alternative spring break for students

Alternative Breaks is now accepting applications for spring break.

The program is organizing four service-oriented trips from March 11 through 19. Students will travel through the Southwest to Los Angeles, Catalina Island, Calif. and the Mexican cities of Imuris, Enseñada and Nogales. Volunteers will participate in activities ranging from ecological conservation to community development.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. tomorrow. They can be found on the program's Web site and submitted via e-mail to Sarah Lawton at lawton@email.arizona.edu.

Gupta promises bold steps

By Nicole Santa Cruz
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Presidential candidate Yash Gupta started off his student forum yesterday by calling students "trustees" and the sole reason a university exists.

"If you weren't here, this university wouldn't be here," Gupta told an audience of about 60 students.

As a strategy for attempting to get funding from the legislature, Gupta said

he would push the return and outcome of giving to state universities.

Gupta said he wants to elevate the educational process to a level where minorities have an equal opportunity to receive education, and showing legislators the return and consequences for giving to universities could prove successful in receiving funding.

"We must align our priorities with their priorities," Gupta said.

Looking to private donors as a source

of funding wouldn't be out of the question either, Gupta said.

"There's no other country as generous as this nation," Gupta said, adding that last year the nation contributed a quarter trillion dollars in philanthropy — not including Hurricane Katrina.

Gupta reasoned that every human wants to leave a legacy.

"(You) can't take the money in the casket," Gupta joked.

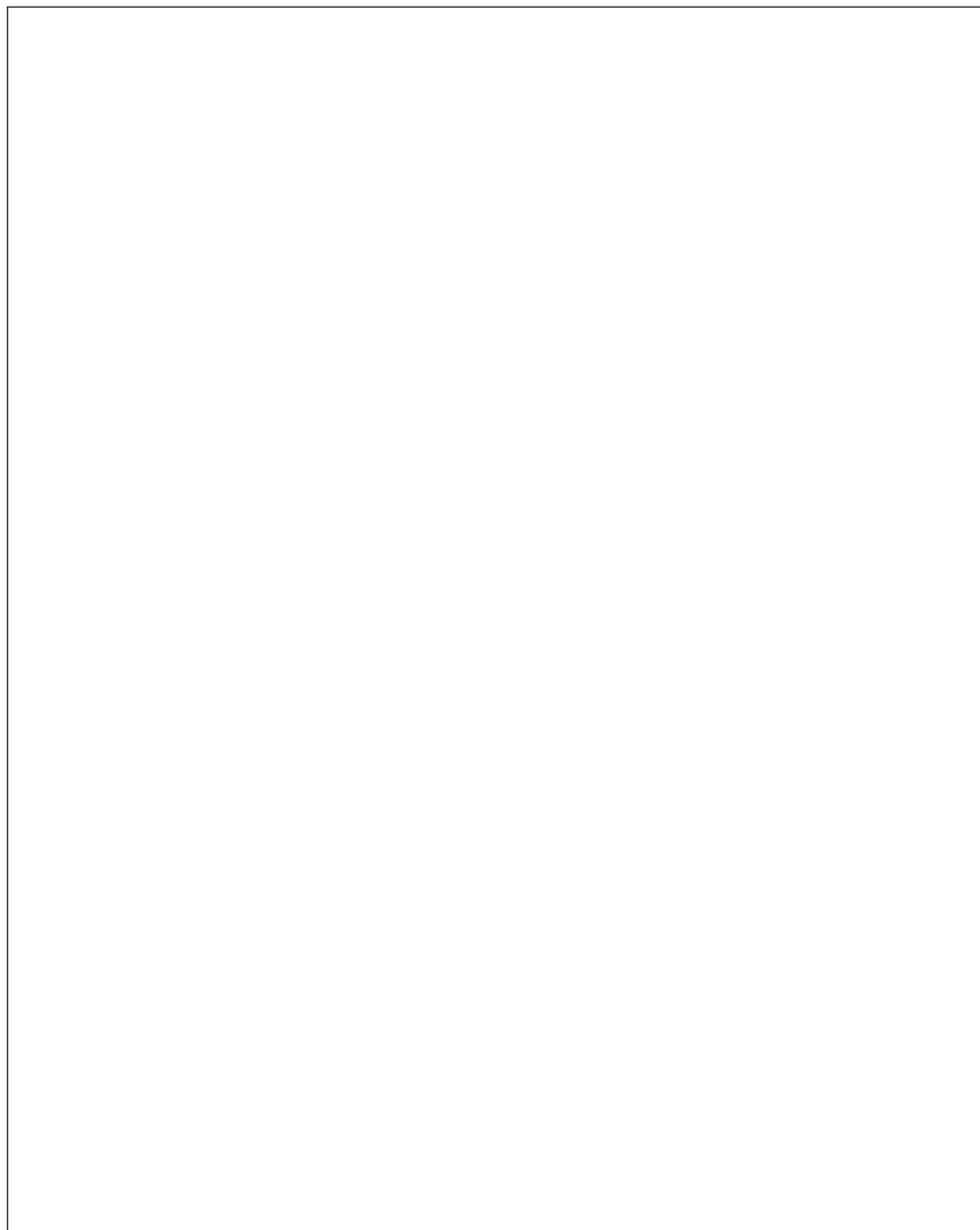
When Gupta was asked what con-

cerns he would most likely address first as the new UA president, he told students and faculty he would look at all concerns and try to find a common tie or theme, such as the need for a quality education.

"No one can deny that," Gupta said. "Once you create the wins you start developing more resources to meet stakeholders."

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TROPICAL TUNES



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Political science junior Nick Perona, front, and music senior JP Wilbur practice bass pans in a UA Steel rehearsal yesterday evening in the Music building. UA Steel's mission is to preserve and expand the steel pan art form by playing many styles of music, several with Caribbean soca roots.

Work-study financial aid bill passed

By J. Furguson
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PHOENIX — A bill providing an additional \$5 million in financial aid to Arizona college students just crept closer to passage in the Arizona Legislature.

House bill 2626, called the Arizona Work Study Program, would provide funding for 4,000 to 6,000 college students next year. The bill passed the Universities, Community Colleges and Technology Committee, 7-1.

The bill asks the legislature for \$5 million in initial funding for the program, which would pair students with local employers in their fields of study, said Rep. Ted Downing. The pilot program would fund the work-study program up to 80 percent of the student's wages, with the employer paying for the remainder.

Downing, who has been working on the bill for several months, said the work-study program will help offset cuts in federal Pell grants. A change in eligibility for Pell grants by the Department of Education a year ago left thousands of students without federal aid.

In addition to the regular paycheck, Downing said, the bill has the added benefit of building a highly educated work force that would be trained locally and encouraged to stay at their jobs after graduation.

House Majority Leader Steve Tully (R-11), who voted in favor of the bill, said "it addresses a real need in the state" of retaining top students locally.

To best serve the needs of students, Downing said he worked closely with the Arizona Students' Association, an independent lobbying advocate for university students. There are five ASA directors at the UA.

ASA director Chris Dang said he and the other

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Drug violations cause increased dorm evictions

By Holly Wells
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More students were evicted from the Residence Halls last semester for code of conduct violations than any other semester in at least three years.

Jim Van Arsdel, director of Residence Life, said 55 students were kicked out of the dorms last semester and two students have been evicted between the beginning of this semester and Jan. 19.

Last year the total number of students kicked out of the dorms for the entire year was around 80 students, and usually there are between 30 and 40 students evicted per semester, Van Arsdel said.

"This year there is clearly more than there has been in a while," he said.

Violations that could result in a student's eviction from a dorm include drug violations, possession of weapons, assault charges and multiple alcohol-related charges.

All but 10 of the students who

have been evicted so far have been evicted for drug violations, Van Arsdel said. Six of the students were evicted for alcohol violations, and the other four were evicted for either guest violations, assault related incidents or for weapon violations.

Van Arsdel said it is hard to tell whether the number of drug related evictions reflects more drug use in the dorms or simply more students being caught.

The vast majority of students who are evicted for drug violations were found with marijuana, Van Arsdel said.

"That could be because marijuana has a very distinct odor," he said. "It catches people's attention."

Coronado Residence Hall had the most evictions with 16 students. Coronado is also the biggest dorm on campus with 800 students.

Residence Life, along with the University of Arizona Police Department, has repeatedly warned students as to what kind of behavior leads to eviction, Van Arsdel said.

When a student is evicted, they have a chance to appeal the decision, said Dave Wietecha, coordinator for

judicial affairs at Residence Life.

Typically if the incident involves drugs, assault or weapons, the student is evicted for the first offense.

For other incidents, such as those involving alcohol, Resident Life looks at the violation in question, as well as the student's conduct in the past, before making a decision, Wietecha said.

He said students know what offenses can get them kicked out because they sign a contract at the

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