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BATTLE OF THE BANDS



Pat Beers, a PCC music junior and lead singer for the band Moustek, performs during the opening round of Battle of the Bands last night on the UA Mall. Competition will resume tomorrow, with the final round on Monday.

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Tucsonans walk to fund search for ALS cure

By Holly Wells
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A man who worked at the UA for 17 years and was forced to retire after he was diagnosed with a fatal disease is encouraging students and staff to participate in a walk to raise money for research for Lou Gehrig's disease.

Mike Wetzel, 45, managed the UA catering department and campus convenience stores before retiring in September 2003 after being diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Wetzel, who cannot talk because of the disease, wrote in an e-mail that ALS is a disease many people don't know about, but it affects 30,000 people nationwide.

ALS is a fatal neuromuscular disease that attacks motor neurons, making movements such as walking, communicating and eating nearly impossible. The disease usually claims the lives of those affected within two to five years from the time of onset. Wetzel was diagnosed with ALS in August 2001. There is no known cure for the disease.

Walk to Defeat ALS will take place at Reid Park, 1030 S. Randolph Way, Saturday. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the walk will begin afterward. The walk is a fund-raising event to support local patient services and research at the national level.

Wetzel said in the e-mail he enjoyed his time at the UA and misses being on campus every day.

David Galbraith, director of dining services, worked with Wetzel for several years and said he has contributed money to the walk.

"It's important to raise money for continued research, especially when you have personal experience with how devastating it is," Galbraith said.

Several people within the dining services department are participating in the walk in one way or another, Galbraith said.

Galbraith said Wetzel had the hardest job in the department and said Wetzel always kept his cool and never lost it.

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Going home, with wallet intact

Students can use Web site to go home without going for broke

By Jesse Lewis
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Because of a Florida State University student's entrepreneurial brainchild, UA students can avoid paying the high costs of shuttle or bus rides home by networking with other students traveling to the same destinations.

Homeboundnetwork.com is a free online service that matches students who need rides with those who are already

driving to the same town.

Drivers and riders sign up and are matched together depending on their destination. The rider pays as little as 2 cents a mile for the ride, be it on a weekend or holiday.

Participants have the option to specify the gender of riders they accept.

The UA is on the network and Brennan Dunn, president of the Homebound Network, said he expects students to use it to get home for the

upcoming holidays.

Dunn began working on developing the Homebound Network in December 2003, when he was freshman at Florida State University. He saw the need for service that would be more effective than posting fliers on bulletin boards, and keeps the service exclusively to students.

It wasn't until an article was printed in the FSView, the FSU campus paper, in

Women's hoops head coach to speak on UA student athletes

By Monica Warren
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UA women's basketball head coach Joan Bonvicini will speak tomorrow about the importance of leadership and teamwork on student athletic teams as a part of the university's weekly Faculty Fellows speaker series.

Bonvicini's speech, titled "Success with Student Athletes," will detail some of the lessons she has learned in her 14 seasons with the women's basketball program. She said the talk should appeal to everyone, not just student athletes or people who work with them.

Bonvicini said many people think

her job is only to coach her players during practices and games.

"Really what I am is a manager of people, both the athletes and the people on my staff," she said. "I want to get the very best out of them."

One way Bonvicini encourages the best in her student athletes is by pushing them to take advantage of the academic services offered by the athletics department.

"I think we do an outstanding job with our services here," Bonvicini said. "(Student athletes) have an incredible accessibility to so many different people."

Bonvicini said services like tutoring, résumé writing assistance and help with other job skills are available to help athletes be successful.

According to Bonvicini, so many services are offered that many student athletes aren't able to take full advantage of them all.

"It's not until they really take a step back and see all the things we did for them while they were here" that they appreciate it, Bonvicini said.

Shannon Hobson, a psychology sophomore and member of the women's basketball team, said the demands placed on student athletes are tough, but the support that is offered helps ease the load.

"Teachers usually work with us to help us get back in the groove of things," Hobson said. "The sport forces you to ... manage your time."

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UA women's basketball head coach Joan Bonvicini observes last night's exhibition game against Baden sports. Bonvicini will speak tomorrow about the role of teamwork in student athletics.

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