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## Alliance to hold free HIV testing

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In lieu of World AIDS Day tomorrow, organizations around campus are informing students about the disease this week by inviting speakers to campus, holding a candlelight vigil and offering free HIV testing to students and faculty.

Associated Students of the University of Arizona Pride Alliance, a group that fosters social and educational support to members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community, is hosting the free HIV testing tomorrow in the Palo Verde and Cottonwood rooms in the Student Union Memorial Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Angel Nguyen, co-director of ASUA Pride Alliance, said her organization wanted to hold an event to help students who want to be tested for AIDS/HIV, but don't have the financial means to go to a clinic.

"AIDS is one of the lead death factors in the world," she said. "It seems appropriate to have (testing) free for students."

Nguyen, a retailing and consumer sciences junior, said ASUA Pride Alliance asked the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation to conduct the tests on campus.

The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation representatives will take a mouth swab sample, not a blood sample like some AIDS/HIV tests take, and

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## GUYS AND 'GYIL'S



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World Music Gang director Mike Vercelli plays a Gyil, a traditional xylophone from Ghana, Sunday night in Crowder Hall. The band, along with Blue Band and UA Steel, performed its annual concert with special guest Bernard Woma, a famous musician from Ghana.

## Former UA researchers: Bad business drove us out

Nobel winner, colleagues say a hostile environment prompted them to leave

By Joe Ferguson  
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Editor's note: This is the first article in a two-part series on the UA "Brain Drain" problem.

When it comes to the loss of talented intellectuals to other universities, also known as "brain drain," former UA economics professor and recent Nobel Prize recipient Vernon Smith might be the poster child for the UA.

Smith, who won the Nobel Prize in economics a year after leaving the UA for George Mason University, said his decision to leave had nothing to do with money.

Smith said he and six of his colleagues left the UA in 2001 when a faculty member suggested some of the Economic Science Laboratory staff were mishandling research funds, which led to a hostile working environment. Smith said this threatening and mistrustful environment eventually forced him and his staff to



Vernon Smith  
former UA economics professor

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## UA's FivePlay Brass releases Christmas album

By Jesse Lewis  
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Students and an alumnus of the UA School of Music took on the task of producing their own CD, which has been released just in time for the holidays.

FivePlay Brass, a quintet of trumpet, trombone, tuba and horn players, released its first CD, *Greetings from the Arctic: FivePlay Brass does Christmas* on Nov. 20.

The members of the group recorded and produced the 16-track album, which includes popular Christmas carols like "Deck the Halls" and "Noel, Noel," in a studio in the home of three of the members.

Many of the songs on the album were arranged by members of the group, said Andrew Thompson, a trombone performance and music education senior who plays trombone in the group.

"I'm very happy with how the CD came out and thrilled to be associated with something we did entirely ourselves," Thompson said.

The group is made up of two trumpet players, a horn player, a trombone player and a tuba and bass trombone player.

Ed Reid, trumpet performance associate professor, said he's taught Al Cannon, trumpet performance alumnus, and Martin Patfield, trumpet performance and computer science

senior, for four and five years, respectively.

Both Cannon and Patfield play trumpet in the group, and Reid said he is impressed with their musical talents.

"They are both amazingly talented musicians. Both of these people are very above average, intelligence-wise and musically," Reid said. "I have great respect for both of these players."

The CD is available on the group's Web site for \$12. FivePlay Brass will also hold an informal release get-together for family and friends Dec. 4.

The release party will be held at the home of three of the members, which is

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PHOTO COURTESY OF AL CANNON  
Members of FivePlay Brass recently released their first CD — a Christmas album just in time for the holidays. The group is made up of UA School of Music students and a UA alumnus.