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Members of the College Republicans gather at Zachary's Pizza on East Sixth Street last night to watch President Bush give his State of the Union Address. See Page 6 for coverage of the event.

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Campus car theft on rise

By Lauren Lund
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The University of Arizona Police Department sent out a warning to all students and faculty regarding an increase in criminal activity on university surface parking lots.

There were 17 cars stolen from campus lots in January, said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman. There are two to three automobile thefts or attempted automobile thefts reported to UAPD per week.

"We're a shopping mall for auto thieves," Mejia said.

There has been a major increase in auto thefts on campus over the past few years, rising from 48 total automobile thefts in 2003 to a total of 63 in 2004 and 17 already this year, Mejia said.

Automobile thefts occur more frequently in Zone 1 lots compared to parking garages because it is easier for the thief to get away from a surface lot than a garage, Mejia said.

In response to the rise of automobile thefts on campus, UAPD, in coordination with Security Hardware and Master Lock, have made the Fortress, which is a four-hook steering wheel lock available for \$10 with tax included.

Students and faculty can purchase the Fortress steering wheel lock at UAPD.

Mejia said that if the campus community reports suspicious activities or persons observed in the parking garages, surface lots or anywhere on campus, it could help bring down the number of automobile thefts.

However, the rise in automobile thefts does not scare Katie Miller, a communication and journalism sophomore, who said she would not buy a Fortress lock.

"(Because) I haven't had any problems before," Miller said.

There are currently 230 students on the

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Research possible at new land site

By Anthony D. Ávila
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The UA Science and Technology Park is looking to acquire land south of campus to build new bioscience research facilities.

Before taking hold of the property, the UA wants to exchange some of the 1,345 acres of undeveloped land at the UA Science and Technology Park for the Sinclair property.

The Sinclair property, at East 36th Street and South Kino Parkway, covers 350 acres of land that could be used for UA facilities, said Bruce Wright, assistant vice president

of economic affairs.

KB Home does not currently own the Sinclair property, but John Bremond, KB Home Tucson division president, said the deal has great potential.

"We do not own it, and it is too early to predict any plans for the future of this site," Bremond said. "Sinclair property is among many locations we are looking at in Tucson."

If the deal goes through, Wright said KB Home will build houses on the unused land at the technology park near the business offices and will house the 6,500 employees who already work there.

Although some staff are from the UA,

most are employed by the 25 businesses that lease the park from the Arizona Board of Regents, Wright said.

Since the UA has land to exchange, there will be no immediate expense if the agreement goes through, said Joel Valdez, UA senior vice president of business affairs.

"The exchange will be value for value, dollar for dollar," Valdez said.

Valdez said the UA would hopefully present a specific plan to be approved by the regents in March.

"This is something we'd like to see happen in the next couple of years," Valdez

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Artists encourage coexistence through art near Old Main

By Kylee Dawson
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After setting up massive billboards for four days, visitors from Jerusalem's Museum on the Seam can finally relax now that their international art exhibit is in place on the UA campus.

Located on the west end of Old Main, the exhibit, "Coexistence: The Art of Living Together," is a traveling exhibit of artworks transferred onto 9-by-15 foot posters promoting peace.

"I believe that art can contribute something here to the preservation of our society," said Raphie Etgar, initiator and curator of the exhibit.

Etgar has been the art director of the Museum on the Seam in Jerusalem since

1999 and first traveled with 24 pieces by Palestinian, Israeli and other artists in 2002. In two years' time, the Coexistence exhibit has grown to 60 pieces by artists from South Africa, Zimbabwe, England, Poland, Bosnia and the United States, including one by Yoko Ono.

Each piece includes the name and country of the artist as well as passages and quotes from various philosophers and authors selected by Etgar and his team. The Inner Connection, a local non-profit organization, is one of several sponsors of the exhibit.

Lori White and Jann Kennedy, founders of The Inner Connection, invited Etgar to bring the exhibit to Tucson.

A piece by Stephen Romaniello, digital arts professor at Pima Community College's west campus, and his friend

Andy Rush, a member of Drawing Studio, a private non-profit organization in the Tucson artist community, is the newest addition to the exhibit.

Romaniello and Rush will receive an award for their winning piece, which includes a quote by Albert Einstein in the artwork itself.

The Coexistence exhibit officially opens this evening at 5:30 with a ceremony at Centennial Hall consisting of performances by Panther Creek Intertribal Pow Wow Drummers, flutist R. Carlos Nakai, vocalist Mary Redhouse and others.

Speakers include Etgar, Peter Narrow of the folk group Peter, Paul and Mary, UA President Peter Likins and Sandra Taylor, senior vice president of Campus Life.



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A worker finishes setting up the last of the giant billboard-size posters that belongs to "Coexistence: The Art of Living Together."