

October 2005

The calendar tells us the summer is over, as do the shorter days. If only the thermometer would tell us the same! Since Halloween is closing in on us, we thought we'd share a few fun facts about this fall holiday:

- Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters, with Snickers coming in at number one.
- Halloween is the second most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.
- Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the Roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.



Speaking of Firsts - Our Big News!

The UA College of Education outbid a California institution to control a regional center charged with assisting public schools in areas of race and gender and promoting equal opportunities in education.

This is the first time an Arizona university will operate the Equity Assistance Center, which serves California, Nevada, and Arizona — about 1,200 school districts.

We were awarded the three-year, \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to run the center, which provides assistance to public schools in the areas of race, gender, and national origin.

"In spite of efforts nationwide, thousands of children are left behind in school because of their language backgrounds or a disability or other factors not of their making. This grant gives us the opportunity to make a difference for countless children and their families for hundreds of school districts in California, Nevada, and Arizona," said the principal investigator of the grant, Richard Ruiz, who is a professor of Language, Reading, and Culture and interim head of Teaching and Teacher Education at the UA College of Education.

"We have a strong background in equity assistance, civil rights, and social justice at the college, and this award is a tremendous recognition of the expertise we have here," Ruiz said. "Since we are a research university, this allows us to be responsive by wedding the best research with the best practices for K-12 students."

Assistance will range from simply answering questions over the phone to providing answers in letters and reports to sending consultants to the district, according to Ruiz. "Obviously, there are going to be some districts that are more concerned about these issues than others, but my sense is we're going to be prepared to assist all 1,200 districts."

The center is housed in the College of Education and will have five to six full-time employees, in addition to graduate students. The Equity Assistance Centers were first established in 1978. The 10 centers are funded by the U.S. Department of Education under Title IV of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

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And Here's One More First

Be sure to check out our new Web site, which went live on September 30. We also have a new address: old.coe.arizona.edu. Take a look around and, if you have a spare moment, send feedback and suggestions to [Ana Luisa Terrazas](mailto:Ana.Luisa.Terrazas).

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I Didn't Know That!

How important is learning to read for a child's future?

"There is probably nothing more critical in a child's early education than to become a fluent reader," says College of Education Dean Ronald W. Marx. "We are pleased to partner with the Rotary Club of Tucson and all of the school districts in Pima County in the Reading Seed program. This effort can help all children be more successful."

The Rotary Reading Seed is a children's literacy program dedicated to having all children in Pima County reading at or above grade level by the end of the third grade. To accomplish this, Reading Seed trains volunteers who spend one hour a week, working one-half hour with each student, one on one, during the school day. The volunteers do not teach the children to read — their teachers do that. The volunteers try to make reading fun, so students will become independent readers. The program is now starting its 11th year. Call 798-0700 or e-mail readingseed@aol.com for more information.

By the way, the Reading Seed Literacy Library project got a big boost — \$70,000, in fact! — through a grant to the College of Education from the Qwest Foundation. Working with the Rotary Reading Seed, this project will include the creation of an online database of "leveled" (age appropriate) books for struggling readers, updated online book discussions with classroom teachers, and the circulation of books to students, teachers, and parents.

We hope you can find time to volunteer in this effort!

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Welcome Home, Alumni and Friends!

Yes, it's true - Homecoming 2005 is right around the corner. What's in store?

Friday, November 4, noon

The Annual Golden Circle Luncheon at the Arizona Inn will honor College of Education alumni celebrating class reunions of 50 years or more. Members of the Class of 1955 will be welcomed into the Golden Circle, and special recognition will be given to our five Alumni Association award recipients, nominated by the College of Education's Alumni Council. (Read more on the recipients below.)

Saturday, November 5, 9:30 a.m.

The Erasmus Circle will host a coffee reception for friends of the College of Education, especially those who love children's literature, in the International Collection of Children's and Adolescent Literature. Visit with Professor Kathy Short and some of Tucson's most esteemed children's book authors, and browse our amazing collection of international literature. For more information, contact Nina Daldrup at 520-621-7143 or ekd@email.arizona.edu.

Saturday, November 5, 11 a.m. until kickoff

Don't miss the festivities we have planned in the College of Education's tent on the mall, including a special appearance by Curious George himself! Alumni Council and Future Teachers Club volunteers will treat visitors to fun-filled, family activities, such as the celebrity "Rockin' Chair Readers" and puppet making.

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Accolades and Appointments

Our Alumni Association Award Recipients

Howard Beaver, Distinguished Citizen Award

His lifelong support of the community and arts education led him to furnish instruments for Tucson Unified School District children at reduced costs — and often at no cost for needy students. The founder of the music store, Beaver's Band Box, gave untold numbers of free lessons and loaned instruments to deserving students. We are sad to report that Howard Beaver's award will be presented posthumously, as he passed away October 3.

Ted Downing, Public Service Award

As a representative in the Arizona Legislature, Ted Downing is a strong advocate for public education.

Kim Gunn, Distinguished Citizen Award

Kim Gunn's commitment to public health and healthy lifestyles is evident by her many community and national awards. She was pivotal in establishing the Southern Arizona affiliate of the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. She worked with an initial group of five members, which quickly grew to more than 90 committee members and more than 300 volunteers with her leadership. In their first year, they raised more than \$160,000 via a 5K race known as Race for the Cure, now an annual community event.

Ann Young, Leo B. Hart Humanitarian Award

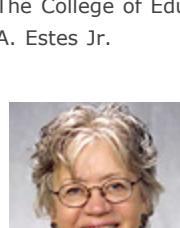
Ann Young is living proof of how one person with conviction and perseverance can create dramatic change. She is the founder of Youth On Their Own, a nonprofit organization that helps homeless and near-homeless children stay in school. Today, Youth On Their Own serves more than 600 children.

Alumni Council, Award of Excellence

Showing immense dedication and enthusiasm, the College of Education Alumni Council continues to expand its role in support of the College of Education and the University of Arizona.

More Accolades & Appointments

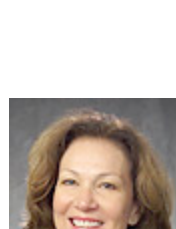
The College of Education Advisory Board welcomes new members Naomi Karp and William A. Estes Jr.



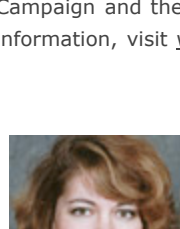
Charlene Kampfe

Associate Professor Charlene Kampfe, Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and School Psychology, has been appointed to serve on the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification Scientific Research Advisory Panel. She is one of eight members selected for this new research panel.

The UA Cares Campaign for Community Giving kicks off on October 19 at noon in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Union. College of Education Director of Development Nina Daldrup will emcee this year's campus event, which will include an agency fair showcasing local charities. All faculty and staff members are welcome. UA Cares is the annual workplace giving initiative that promotes charitable contributions to the UA Faculty and Staff Campaign and the United Way of Southern Arizona. For more information, visit www.uacares.arizona.edu.



Nina Daldrup



Ana Luisa Terrazas

Director of Communications Ana Luisa Terrazas was elected to serve as chair of the UA Web Advisory Council, which oversees the design and content of the overall UA Web site to ensure that it represents the university as effectively as possible. For more information about the council, visit <http://www.arizona.edu/uaweb/uaweb-council.php>.

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Upcoming Events

Open House

The College of Education will have an open house on Friday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Office of Student Services. Education majors and their families are welcome to attend. There will be faculty and staff members available to meet with everyone, and Student Ambassadors will be there to mingle with guests and give tours of college. There is no reservation process — just come to the College of Education, Room 247. We look forward to seeing you there!

Convocation

Convocation will be in Centennial Hall Thursday, December 15, at 4 p.m. We'll have more information in issues to come, but if you have any questions now, please contact [Ishara Smith](mailto:Ishara.Smith).

Future Teachers Club

Students, join the Future Teachers Club! You'll meet great friends and colleagues, get experience in your teaching field, and find plenty of involvement opportunities. Meetings are every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the College of Education, Room 227. For more information, contact [Jennifer McLaughlin](mailto:Jennifer.McLaughlin).

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