Sahara Apartments management knew before they opened that if you have a few hundred college students packed into a student housing building, there is bound to be too much noise, too much partying, and not enough studying. That is why they have promoted their “No Party” Policy since they opened in 2005.

Owner and manager, Ted Mehr understands what parents and students are going through when they go to college. “The concept of Sahara was born out of my concern for my own daughter’s safety as she was preparing for college. I wanted her to be safe and comfortable no matter where she lived. I simply asked myself, ‘What kind of place would I want my daughter to live in for the times I could not be there to watch over her?’ Sahara Apartments was my answer.”

As a parent, it’s normal to be concerned about your child’s transition from your home to college living. It’s also normal to be wary of the many new costs associated with this transition. Yes, price matters but you still want your child to be safe, comfortable, and have the most modern amenities. Sahara Apartments offers this combination to the advantage of both students and parents. The property was designed to serve as a stepping stone to college living for the student and their parents, as well as upper classman and international students who are looking for those same qualities in a building.

The “No Party” Policy is intended to keep the property from becoming the proverbial “Animal House” as many student housing projects can. As an owner managed property, Sahara Apartments believes college kids should have fun but within the law and without taking away from other student’s ability to live in a safe, quiet, environment. To that end, Sahara has the distinction of being one of the very few, if not the only student housing property that has never received a “Red Tag” from the police department. Even the dorms can’t make that claim.

“We find that safety is the number one factor parents are concerned about when their child moves away from home,” says Ted Mehr, “and the ‘No Party’ Policy goes a long way to making that happen. Students realize pretty quickly that if they want to go to a party there are plenty to attend at the University, other student properties, the dorms, and friend’s houses. But no matter when they come home to Sahara, it is quiet, safe, convenient, easy place to study, sleep, and get your homework done.

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Of all the selling points to publicize, one student property advertises a “quiet environment” and a “No Party” Policy.
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Hello Wildcat Parents & Family Members,

On behalf of the UA Parent & Family Programs Staff and the Parents & Family Association I am excited to share the Spring 2013 Edition of the Parent & Family Magazine! You’re receiving this magazine because you are one of our valued Parents Plus Members or you have made a generous donation to support the goals of the UA Parents & Family Association. I thank you for your support! The Freshman Fee Fund has given us a Grant this year to ensure that parents of all current freshmen also receive this magazine. In addition, parents of new students are also receiving this issue as a complimentary welcome to the Wildcat Family.

I am always amazed at how quickly the Spring Semester goes by. Current students have the opportunity to enjoy some of our rich spring traditions and events including March Madness (Congratulations to Men’s Basketball who advanced to the Sweet 16), Spring Fling, Softball and Baseball. UA Campus members are also very excited about the 2013 Spring Commencement Ceremony which will be the first event held in our newly renovated Arizona Stadium. UA Graduates along with their parents and family members will be treated to a very special Wildcat experience on May 10!

I love this time of year as it gives me an opportunity to get out of the office to meet parents during our New Student/Parent Orientation Programs. If you are looking for a way to be involved in your student’s college experience, we would love to connect with you. You can reach us in multiple ways including our website: uafamily.arizona.edu or via email at dos-uafamily@email.arizona.edu and you can Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/uafamily.

I would like to introduce our newest staff member — Lee O’Rourke. She joined our staff in March 2013 after Barbara Camp retired in January 2013. While we miss Barb, we are very happy to have Lee on board! Together with our Graduate Assistant, Karina Salazar, we are very excited to meet new parents this during Orientation and to reconnect with our returning families during Wildcat Welcome Events geared toward parents (see a listing on page 13-15) and Family Weekend. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have a question, concern or feedback for us.

With Wildcat Pride,

Kathy Adams Riester
Associate Dean of Students

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Greetings from the Parent & Family Advisory Board! We like to keep you, as active members, advised of what we’re doing and what we have planned on your behalf. Let’s start with a review of our mission and our value statement. Why PFA? You joined with the expectation that you would be able to communicate with the leadership and staff of the University and have a healthy two way dialogue. Part of this mission is to enable the University to keep you informed, and allow you access and input to the University; the ability to provide comment, advise when appropriate, and get answers to your questions. We call our mission communication, involvement and philanthropic support. Your membership and donations allow the Parent & Family Association to award grants to student organizations and by so doing, provide resources to safety programs, career awareness programs and directly improve the value of our students’ education. So what are we doing to help?

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channels of a large organization to get answers to questions can be frustrating. UAEssentials will go a long way toward one stop shopping for information. At our last meeting, we were asked for and provided our input for the functional capability that parents and families need in UAEssentials. We are certain that when available, you’ll be very proud of this University initiative. Additionally, we have been able to provide position papers to the Arizona Legislature on issues affecting the UA. Among those issues: resources for the University and prohibiting guns on campus. At our February board meeting, we were fortunate to receive updates from our legislative liaison to the Arizona legislature and provide input. We were also able to hear from and provide comment to the University Provost, Dr. Andrew Comrie, on the University of Arizona Strategic Plan.

**Grants:** As I mentioned earlier, our ability to provide grants depends on funding. Principally, the resources come from membership and from donations from the University of Arizona Foundation’s telephone outreach program. Our board is expanding our sources of funding through our annual Golf Tournament during Family Weekend, and our own outreach for increased parent giving. Your contributions will directly affect our students’ welfare and expand their career horizons.

**Board composition:** Finally, we recognize the need for increased self-sufficiency and representation. We have expanded our advisory board membership. In that way we can draw on the backgrounds and expertise of parents and family members with skill sets, ideas and creativity that can help us transition to a more self-sustaining resource base.

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By Marian Binder Ph.D., ABPP
Director, Counseling and Psych Services

At the start of fall semester 2006, Jonathan Linden was a U of A sophomore, majoring in Psychology, with a 4.0 GPA. He had friends, a job, a loving family and appeared poised for a long, successful life. What his family didn’t know, and his friends didn’t share, was that Jonathan’s recreational drug use was escalating. Tragically, in October, 2006, an accidental drug overdose claimed Jonathan’s life.

To find a way to turn their tragedy into a way to help other students, Jonathan’s mother Gloria and his sister Stephanie partnered with the U of A Campus Health Service, establishing the Edward and Jonathan Linden Endowment, named for Jonathan and his late father.

Our goal — and that of the Lindens — is to ensure that ANY student in need of and motivated to get such help can do so.

This effort created the Friend 2 Friend program, with its focus of “Notice. Care. Help,” aimed initially at providing information and resources, so that students would recognize signs of trouble in a friend and feel empowered to intervene and assist, hopefully averting tragedies like this one.

The Lindens recognized that it was important to move beyond the substance abuse area, as a variety of mental health issues negatively impact students and put them at risk. Those of us who serve college students know all too well that any student, from the most stable and successful, to those already floundering, can develop problems during college, as college years are a time for growth and success, but also change, instability and, sometimes, poor choices. Getting timely...
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While students can be referred for help, or agree to seek help on their own, even at the extremely modest fees charged for counseling at the Counseling and Psych Services (CAPS) unit of Campus Health, cost is still the main deterrent to seeking help for some students. To address this, in 2010, the Lindens dedicated an initial $5,000 in funds to create the CAPS Linden Counseling Assistance Fund.

As funds are still limited, criteria for receiving this support are very strict. Only the most desperate students can now be served...students with no insurance, no family support and often lacking money to pay for more than rent and food. Priority is given to students who are at risk for suicide or other harm, or whose mental health issues are making it difficult or impossible to remain in school successfully. Support is currently limited to a maximum of $150-250 per student, which can cover 6-10 counseling sessions at CAPS. Many students who receive the help need even fewer sessions to get back on track.

Our goal — and that of the Lindens — is to ensure that ANY student in need of and motivated to get such help can do so. To date, the fund has provided counseling to 66 students. To continue these efforts, we need the support of other parents who can remember or recognize that timely counseling intervention, even brief, can really make a difference.

Contributions can be made through the Edward and Jonathan Linden Endowment and earmarked for the Counseling Assistance Fund: http://f2f.health.arizona.edu/donations.htm

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Welcome New Wildcats!

Parents can enjoy guided tours of campus during New Student Orientation

By, Stefanie Basij,
Assistant Director, Enrollment Services

Welcome to the Wildcat family! The next few months will be busy planning with your student their upcoming transition to the University of Arizona, and key to that process is New Student Orientation.

New Student Orientation is the time in which your son or daughter will get their first chance to connect with the UA community as a student. They will meet with their academic advisor, talk with current students, check in with campus resources, and walk away ready for the first day of class. In short, orientation is the time at which your student outlines their path to becoming a Wildcat for Life.

There are a lot of things to do in order to be ready for your student’s New Student Orientation program, and you may be thinking, ‘We need to put a list together to make sure we don’t miss anything’, know that UA has you covered with the Next Steps Center (nextsteps.arizona.edu). The Next Steps Center is where your student will go to pay their enrollment fee and register for an orientation program. Additionally, the Next Steps Center allows students to change their major up to seven business days before their scheduled orientation program and is the means by which they can complete the necessary academic procedures to be ready for orientation. It is imperative that students complete their Math, Second Language, and Writing placement before attending their orientation program, and the only way to do so is via Next Steps. Please make sure your student checks in on their Next Steps Center on a regular basis so they are prepared to attend orientation.

While New Student Orientation is for your student, it’s also for you. The UA offers a parent orientation program that provides tips on how you can assist your son or daughter throughout their UA experience, giving you the tools you need to continue to support your student, no matter how close, or far from home they may be. During the parent orientation experience you will receive a calendar with important dates and campus resources, hear from your student’s academic college, learn about support resources, like the Parent & Family Association, and are able to work with your student to complete important university business. Registration for the New Student Orientation parent program is completed as a part of your student’s orientation reservation via the Next Steps Center. If your student has already registered for their orientation program, and you would now like to attend, please have your student log back into the Next Steps Center and select ‘Make a Change to My Orientation Reservation’ in the completed items section under their Orientation program date reminder.

At the University of Arizona we see Orientation as being more than just the program you and your student will attend this summer. Wildcat Welcome, the ten days around the start of the fall semester, is also a key part of your student’s transition to the university. During Wildcat Welcome we mix social and academic activities, helping your student to make connections to their peers, to their college and to the UA, their new home away from home. Check out the Wildcat Welcome website, welcome.arizona.edu, for information on student programs like UA Clicks and New Student Convocation and parent programs like the Wildcat Family Conference.

Again, welcome to the Wildcat family. The UA has many resources for you, and we hope that you will utilize the parent program of New Student Orientation to start getting connected. If you have any questions with regard to New Student Orientation or The University of Arizona, please contact the Next Steps Center at (520) 621-5293 or at admissions@arizona.edu. We look forward to seeing you this summer at orientation!
Parent Activities for August 2013

By Karina Salazar
The Parent & Family Association

Having a child start college is an important transition for the entire family, so the University of Arizona plans special parent and family events during the start of every academic year. While your student settles into their Residence Hall, purchases their textbooks, and prepares for the first day of classes next fall, we hope that parents will experience and enjoy all of the great campus events and amenities offered in August 2013.

Here’s a look ahead at the events scheduled for the start of the 2013-2014 academic year.

Wildcat Family Conference

The University of Arizona is putting together a conference just for you. While your student is at UA Clicks, stop by the Student Union Memorial Center to sit in on a variety of sessions designed to introduce you to campus resources. Campus participants include: leadership programs, academic advising, Parent & Family Association, Campus Health, UAPD, and many more. We are also providing a break room and lounge with snacks and computer terminals. The Wildcat Family conference is a great opportunity to network with other parents who are proud to be a part of the Wildcat Family! The Wildcat Family Conference will take place on Friday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Please visit the Wildcat Welcome website to RSVP for events and for updates on session times and locations. http://welcome.arizona.edu/parents

Proud Parent Social

Parents are invited to this Parents Only event hosted by the UA Parents & Family Association. This is your chance to mix and mingle with other parents along with Parents & Family Board Members and staff members. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23. Registration is required. Registration will open in April at http://welcome.arizona.edu/parents

Bon Voyage Brunch

Now that your student is getting settled, it’s time to say goodbye. Join the Dean of Students Office and the Parents & Family Association for a special brunch event on Saturday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. Registration is required and will open in April at http://welcome.arizona.edu/parents

Campus Recreation

Parent Trips

Campus Recreation is planning a lineup of events for parents to enjoy with their students. Details will be announced soon.

Math Placement for Incoming Students

By Tina S. Moore
Math Placement Coordinator

Math placement is an important part of student success at UA. The overall purpose of our placement process is to determine, based on a student’s background and current demonstrated ability, which Math course may be appropriate. Although placement into a course does not guarantee a passing grade, our experience has shown us that the Math Placement Test (ALEKS) may be the clearest indicator of success in our courses.

Important information about the UA ALEKS Online Math Placement Test is available through the Next Steps Center at nextsteps.arizona.edu, and on the Math Placement Website at math.arizona.edu/placement/mpt. Incoming students access the test through the Next Steps Center. Current students test through the UA Testing Office.

All incoming freshman students who plan on taking a UA math course are asked to take the UA Math Placement Test, even students with college math credits.

How can you help? Here are some important reminders and information for incoming students:

► Read about the test and math placement. There is important information that students wish they would have known about, like what the “I don’t know” button means, how to retest, which test to take, etc.

► There is no practice test, but students can practice. We have test topics and course review material available through the Math Placement Website.

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Math Placement…

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Many students tell us that they would have done better if they had a chance to review.

- Complete the test at least one week prior to your orientation or registration date, if possible.

The first attempt at the test is online and should be taken as if it is a proctored in-person examination. Placement tests are designed to determine what a student knows on his or her own, without any outside materials or assistance that may artificially increase a student’s score. Students do not have to take the highest course that they place into. They can discuss options with a math advisor. Taking a course beyond a student’s mathematical ability generally results in unnecessarily repeating a course, or later having to take a lower level course. It is important for students to make an honest and unassisted attempt at the test.

About a third of incoming students place into a review course, Math 100AX or Math 100. These courses are designed to help prepare students for the content and expectations of college level math courses.

Students with AP, IB, CLEP, and dual enrollment math credits should test. See a math advisor at orientation to review your options.

College Math courses are different from high school courses and it is difficult for some students to make the transition. More is expected, more material is covered in less time, students have to seek their own resources for extra help, and most of the learning is done by the student outside of class. It is important for students to think about these differences and create a plan for success in college level courses.

Parent Activities…

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of exciting activities Aug. 19 -22 for you while your student is getting settled into their new life as a college student. Please find updated details on these trips at www.campusrec.arizona.edu/parenttrips

For more information contact Michele Schwitzky at mschwitzky@email.arizona.edu or 520-621-8710

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In addition, the UA Parents & Family Association will hold its annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, Oct. 17. So plan to come in early if you want to join us!

We hope that you will join us in October for this great event to connect with your student and get a taste of what makes our University so great by experiencing Wildcat Life at its best!

Continue to stay updated with the latest on Family Weekend through our website, familyweekend.arizona.edu or call ASUA at 520-621-2782.

Looking forward to seeing you in October! Bear Down!
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It was never a childhood dream for Andy Lopez to become a baseball coach. In fact, as he admits, his coaching career began simply because he needed a job after receiving his degree from UCLA in 1975.

A team captain and starting shortstop for the Bruins, Lopez was later selected by the Detroit Tigers in the Major League Baseball Draft. Instead of playing professional baseball, Lopez opted to finish his studies in Westwood, complete his degree and begin preparing himself for a career.

At the time, he did not realize that career would be in baseball.

Lopez caught on as an assistant coach at L.A. Harbor Community College, his junior college alma mater. Two years later, a full-time job opportunity presented itself: a teaching and baseball coaching job at Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach, Calif. It was there where Lopez’s career as a baseball coach took off.

The man who was never going to be a baseball coach led Mira Costa to five successful seasons on the diamond, and California State University, Dominguez Hills, soon came calling. Lopez guided Dominguez Hills to the 1987 Division II College World Series and, two years later, Pepperdine University hired him for his first Division I coaching opportunity.

At Pepperdine, Lopez led the Waves to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., where they captured the 1992 national championship. It was that season in which Lopez won his first national coach of the year award and became a household name in the college coaching ranks.

The University of Florida pursued Lopez and hired him in 1995 to raise the program’s profile. Lopez did that and more, winning a pair of Southeastern Conference crowns and two trips to the College World Series. His 1996 club finished third nationally and he was named national coach of the year for the second time.

After seven season in Gainesville, Lopez’s next career stop was in Tucson where, in 2002, he inherited one of the most successful programs in college baseball history. However, Arizona had appeared in the NCAA Tournament just one time in the previous eight seasons and had not earned a trip to the College World Series since 1986.

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Arizona Baseball Coach...

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lenge, Lopez took on the task of rebuilding the Arizona program. In just his second season, he had the Wildcats back to an NCAA Regional and, in his third year, led the school back to the College World Series. In the coming years, Lopez coached the Wildcats to consecutive 40-win seasons in 2007 and 2008, and finished one win shy of another Omaha trip in 2008.

In 2010, Lopez won his 1,000th game as a collegiate coach and did so against rival Arizona State University. That season also proved to be the foundation of one of the greatest teams in school history.

Bolstered by a group of talented freshmen, the 2010 Wildcats qualified for an NCAA Regional. A year later, they nearly won an NCAA Regional title at Texas A&M, finishing one victory short. Then in 2012, the Wildcats won a share of the Pac-12 Championship and were awarded to host NCAA Regional competition in Tucson for the first time since 1992.

The Wildcats swept through the Tucson Regional and won both games against St. John’s in the Tucson Super Regional to earn the school’s 16th all-time trip to the College World Series. In Omaha, Arizona never trailed in five games as the school captured its fourth national championship, but first since 1986. Lopez was named the national coach of the year and he became one of two coaches in NCAA history to win a national title at two different schools.

Now, in 31 seasons as a college head coach, Lopez is a two-time national champion, a three-time national coach of the year and has taken three schools to the College World Series five times. Earlier this season, he won his 1,100th game at the college level.

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The 24/7 helps with a wide range of computing issues, from internet connection and password problems to difficulties with software and hardware. Any of these can be stressful to the customer coming in. Robbie MacPherson, IT Manager for the 24/7 IT Support Center, says that the main goal of the center revolves around customer service. She states, “We want to help our customers resolve their issues quickly, while making their experience as pleasant and stress-free as possible.”

Another goal of the 24/7 is to help customers prevent problems in the future. Andres Irigoyen-Au, the floor manager at the 24/7, says, “We not only want to help them resolve their issue, but also provide a service that is centered around educational repair, helping them learn how to prevent the same thing from happening again.”

In the first two weeks of the Spring 2013 semester, the 24/7 helped over 1,000 walk-in customers. For the 2011-12 fiscal year, the center took almost 52,000 calls. Nine out of 10 customers are repeat users.

The students themselves push the needs of the technical infrastructure on campus and therefore the skills needed at the center. When students arrive with the latest mobile device or computer on the market the university has to be ready to support that new technology. The 24/7 is there to help.

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*By Brian Seastone, Commander and Manager of Emergency Preparedness*

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By Uriah S. Bennett, Program Coordinator – Scholarship Universe

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One student, in a focus group conducted last semester, described his experience searching for scholarship as, “Frustrating; trying to find them. Ones that are applicable to you and your situation, your heritage, your academic abilities, or whatever you’ve done in the community. There are a million different kinds of schol-

Scholarship Universe has been effective in its mission to make UA students more competitive for national scholarships, better equipped for success in any scholarship applicant pool, and overall more educated and savvy consumers in the scholarship market.
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It’s frustrating just trying to find the right one.” Every other student in the focus group had the same feeling. Students see the need for scholarships, they understand the importance of scholarship opportunities as an alternative financial resource, they just often times don’t know where or how to start, and feel as if there’s no legitimate, trustworthy, resource for them to turn to. This is why Scholarship Universe is such an amazing and unique resource for UA students. Another focus group participant says, “Having an official source of scholarships where the little things mean everything.

Scholarship Universe launched in November 2010. The database includes more than 10,000 potential national awards, and beginning this year with the College of Engineering and College of Medicine, U.S. students will be able to apply to internal UA-only scholarships as well.
Scholarship Universe...

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is really important because if you’re just using Google you’re more likely to get scammed. Where this is good because you know somebody is filtering out that for you. There’s a trust factor.”

Once a student arrives here on campus the UA, like every university, has a suite of support services geared toward enhancing student success in the classroom, and ensuring a smooth and comfortable transition into college social life. What the UA has that other campuses do not is a student built, properly vetted, and totally comprehensive scholarship matching database. Students log in, create their profile and in 20 minutes or so are matched with scholarships that they are eligible for, and that are presently taking applications. The impact of Scholarship Universe has already been felt as UA students in Fall 2012 brought in over $450,000.00 more national scholarship award dollars than they did in Fall 2011. Scholarship Universe has been effective in its mission to make UA students more competitive for national scholarships, better equipped for success in any scholarship applicant pool, and overall more educated and savvy consumers in the scholarship market. Beginning this year students can look forward to seeing more and more internal UA departmental and college specific scholarships. Scholarship Universe is becoming a one-stop shop and online resource for all of their scholarship needs and questions, and UA students and families can take pride in knowing that their university supports and invests in their success.
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