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## ASG launches UA Student Poll today

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Members of the Associated Student Government hosted the organization's first-ever press conference to update students on current happenings and announce the UA Student Poll, which begins 8 a.m. today.

The poll is comprised of fewer than 20 questions and does not take much time to complete. It is a SurveyMonkey survey and will be sent out 8 a.m. today to all student e-mail accounts.

The results of this poll "will drive where ASG heads this year," ASG President Carter Ford said. "The purpose is simply to listen to the students."

Megan Francis, ASG chief of staff, explained the logistics of the poll.

"We feel we've covered most campus issues," she said.

The survey questions were derived through a review of concerns brought forward by ASG senators at their senate retreats

both this year and last year.

"The survey is meant to gauge student opinion. It will not create or reform any fees," said Francis, who was referring to the multiple questions in the survey regarding whether students would be willing to pay an extra student fee for more individual services.

The poll will close 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29. The results will be reviewed by Chelsea Rose, the ASG director of constituent relations, and raw data will be available some time after Thanksgiving Break.

The ASG also plans to present the results of the poll to various departments campuswide, including the Sustainability Council and the athletic department.

"We don't necessarily hope to see any [specific results]," Ford said. "We just want to know what students desire from their student government."

Francis noted that students may

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Megan Francis, ASG chief of staff, speaks at the first-ever student media press conference, while Carter Ford, ASG president, waits to address viewers.

## UA canned food drive aims to feed world

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The UA, in conjunction with the Arkansas World Trade Center and Tyson Foods Inc., will sponsor a canned food drive tomorrow in acknowledgement of World Food Day.

Collection boxes will be placed on campus and throughout the region for donations of nonperishable food items, said Scott Van Asche, trade research manager at the Arkansas World Trade Center. Collection boxes will be at all UA residence halls, Facilities Management, the Office of Study Abroad, the UA Global Campus in both Fayetteville and Rogers, and the Arkansas World Trade Center in Rogers.

The goal of the food drive is to raise 600 pounds of canned foods for the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank, Van Asche said. Tyson Foods has offered to provide 10 pounds of chicken for every pound of canned foods raised, said Ed Nicholson, director of community relations at Tyson Foods.

Tyson will provide up to 60,000 pounds of food for the food drive, he said.

"We would be delighted to see that amount raised," Nicholson said.

The food will be used to feed hungry people in the area, said Nick Brown, executive assistant for sustainability at the UA. Not everyone is aware of how serious hunger is domestically, Brown said.

About 15 percent of the population has trouble paying for food,

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## Students feel the Magic

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Earvin "Magic" Johnson, former NBA star turned HIV/AIDS activist, will speak 8 p.m. Thursday at Barnhill Arena as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series. The speech will be free and open to the public, but students are divided on whether they will attend the event, which is funded in part by student activity fees.

Sophomore Emily Arnold found trouble relating to the speaker, noting that the promotional information was too vague.

"I didn't see a lot of publicity for the event, and I'm still not sure what it's really about," she said.

Others cited a busy schedule as their main reason for missing the lecture.

"I'm busy studying and honestly not very interested," senior Alyson Kaltenbach said.

Sophomore Grant Bearfield expressed the same worries.

"I will go if I've gotten all of my studying out of the way," he said.

While some students remained unaware or uninterested in the event, many were intrigued and excited at the mention of it, particularly men.

Freshman Tim Taschner showed interest, saying, "I would definitely attend a free event like this. It's an honor to be able to say that you heard Magic Johnson speak live."

Bearfield had similar

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## Students respond to UA parking woes

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UA students are getting creative to avoid paying the high prices of parking permits and violations.

One student, a Transit and Parking Department employee who wished not to be identified by name, said there is a schedule of which lot patrollers go where and when.

The employee said the "ticket Nazis" that know him know his car and won't write him a ticket. "I'm pretty safe," he said.

The TPD employee also said the university can't put a boot on cars with big rims, because students can sue the university for scratching the rims, some of

which cost thousands of dollars. The cars will be towed instead, but he said if students catch the lot patrollers waiting at their cars for a boot or tow to come, they can leave their spots and avoid the extra fee. He also said he's seen students remove boots by kicking them off and by deflating and re-inflating their tires.

TPD program adviser Andy Gilbride said he has heard all the stories himself.

Some students keep old tickets or take them off other cars in the same lot and put them on their windshields when they park illegally so lot patrollers will think they've already ticketed them.

"Patrollers are in a specific area for a certain amount of

time, so they know if they've written the tickets or not. It may work sometimes, but most often not," he said.

After the Harmon Avenue Parking Garage was built in 2005, there was a rash of fake permits in the deck. Gilbride said there were 30 fakes in 2006, but since then the penalties were increased, so no one tries it anymore.

"We caught a lot of them because they would tell their friends and make somebody mad, because their friends paid \$400 or \$500 for a permit and [would] call us and tell us," he said.

Rather than pay the \$592 fee to park year-round in the deck that is actually closer to Fayetteville High School than

Old Main, some students park at Harmon and simply wait for the gates to open to exit, on weekends or between 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. weekdays, so that they don't ever have to pay.

"It's inconvenient because you can't get your car out during normal hours, but it's a nice place to leave your car for free," said one student who wished not to be identified by name.

Students also can park free any time in Harmon for 20 minutes before they have to pay for hourly parking.

Some students living on campus just avoid on-campus parking altogether. Sophomore Keli

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## Indigenous Peoples Day recognized at the UA

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In celebration and tribute to indigenous people around the world, the UA has dedicated Oct. 12 and Oct. 13 to films, book forums and readings, and a walk on the Trail of Tears.

Several UA professors in conjunction with the OMNI Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology collaborated on the events and offer the celebration as an alternative to Columbus Day, said Gerald Sloan, a UA music professor who is also the coordinator for the Video Underground film series which presented the first film for the celebration, "When the Mountains Tremble."

Indigenous Peoples Day is celebrated in order to recognize those who lived on this land before the arrival of

Columbus and the discovery of America, said Dick Bennett, a UA English professor emeritus and OMNI founder. He said that Native American activists in the early 1990s thought it also was appropriate to celebrate the indigenous people who are surviving along with their cultures. Some Native American activist groups view the discovery of America by Columbus as the "Columbus Invasion," he said.

Though Indigenous Peoples Day is set by the United Nations as Aug. 9, many universities and colleges, including the UA, celebrate it on the day it originally was proposed to replace, Columbus Day.

The celebration of the day began 7 p.m. Sunday at the United Campus Ministry with the showing of the documentary film, "When the Mountains Tremble."

The film was directed by



VERONICA PUCCI Staff Photographer

Freshman Emily Gilliam celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day by reading an excerpt from a book about Columbus' influence on indigenous parties.

Pamela Yates and Newton Thomas in 1983 and covered the civil war in Guatemala, "especially as it involved the

methodical extermination of hundreds of thousands of Mayan Indians, much of this through the assistance of the

U.S. government," Sloan said, and it contains a firsthand account by Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu.

Nick Copeland, a UA anthropology professor who has done extensive fieldwork in Guatemala involving these same indigenous groups, was in attendance as a guest speaker.

Sloan said 25 people were at the movie.

Book displays on Columbus and the European invasion of the Americas were at Mullins Library and the UA Bookstore.

An 11 a.m. book forum in the Multicultural Center focused on Columbus myths and legacy. Its intention was to stimulate discussion and study and to publicize the subjects and the books in the

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## Homecoming Court nominees:

Whitnee Boyd, Delta Sigma Theta  
Amanda Cook, InterFraternity council  
Page Daniel, Anti-Tobacco Coalition and Greek Life Facilitators  
Teresia Greer, National Pan-Hellenic Council  
Hillary Swanton, Pi Beta Phi

Voting begins online 8 a.m. Monday

## Job search help offered by the Career Development Center

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The Career Development Center hosted "The Big Event" Monday afternoon to help engage students in the job search process as they begin to enter the workforce.

Students were invited to attend workshops such as "Behavioral Interviewing," "Clothes the Deal," "Job Search Strategies," "Applying to Grad School" and "The Impact of Global Experiences in the Workplace," many of which were

hosted by professionals from across the state and country.

After two sets of workshop choices, students attended "Bottom Line Business Relationships: Network Your Way to an Indispensable Role."

The presentation was given by Carrie Perrien Smith, president of Soaring with Eagles, an organization that helps other organizations "achieve their peak performance" and is "Northwest Arkansas' premiere professional speakers' bureau," according to its Web site.

The "Behavioral Interviewing" workshop helped participants to prepare for the current interviewing style they will face in the workplace and was presented by CDC Director Barbara Batson.

"Employers believe your experiences indicate how you will perform in the future," Batson said. "Now you will get questions such as, 'Tell me a specific experience of customer service,' versus generic questions like, 'Why is customer service important?'"

Batson's advice to participants before an interview was three-

fold: review the job description, learn all you can about the company and job, and review your own resume and qualifications.

"The No. 1 quality employers say they look for now is likeability," she said.

"Clothes the deal" taught participants what clothes to wear in what situation and the effect appearance can have on potential employers.

"Studies have shown that

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