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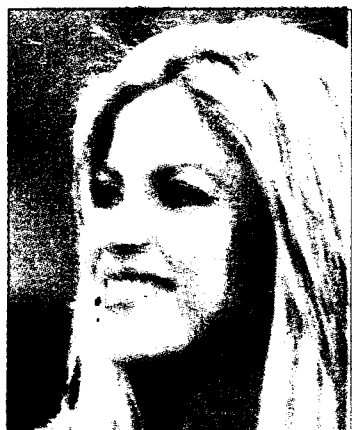


Ross D. Franklin, Associated Press

Supporters hold signs after a news conference in Phoenix for Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who has received criticism due to his aggressive immigration enforcement. Arizona has made headlines in recent days due to the passage of a new immigration law.

Shakira visits Phoenix to discuss immigration

By Amanda Lee Myers
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PHOENIX — Colombian singer Shakira visited Phoenix on Thursday, meeting with the city's police chief and mayor over concerns that a sweeping new state law cracking down on illegal immigration will lead to racial profiling. The Grammy winner met with the officials to learn more about how the law will be implemented if it goes into effect this summer. The law, signed Friday by Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, is viewed as the toughest on illegal immigration in the nation and has drawn criticism from President Barack Obama, who questioned its legality. The law makes it a state crime to be in the U.S. illegally and directs police to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they're illegal immigrants.

"Shakira is deeply concerned about the impact of this law on hardworking Latino families," said Trevor Nielson, the singer's political and philanthropic adviser.

He said Shakira canceled other commitments to make the visit and also planned to meet with Hispanic families in Phoenix to see how they'd be affected by the law. Nielson said Shakira also sought to meet with Brewer dur-

ing her visit to Phoenix, but that the governor's director of scheduling told Nielson it wouldn't be possible because the governor was booked.

The new law thrust Arizona into the international spotlight last week, with civil rights leaders and others demanding a boycott of the state, and the Mexican government warning its citizens about an "adverse political atmosphere" in Arizona. At least three Arizona cities are considering lawsuits to block the law, and there are two efforts to put a referendum on Arizona's November ballot to repeal it.

SOMA to hold scavenger hunt

By David Strader
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

It turns out Man Man won't technically hold the title of SOMA's final event of the school year.

This Saturday, camera-wielding squads will be roaming campus for the Second Annual Students Organizing Multiple Arts (SOMA) Photo Scavenger Hunt.

SOMA president Danny Michelson (senior-film) said the event will put a celebratory cap on the year's accomplishments.

"It's the last week at Man State for our 'so-mates,'" Michelson said. "The overall goal is just to enjoy yourself."

The hunt is open to everyone, not just SOMA members. Scavengers will break off into groups of three to seven and travel across campus photographing their assigned list of mystery objects until time runs out.

Bill Nechamkin, the webmaster and future vice president of SOMA, said the scavenger hunt list holds a wide assortment of tasks.

If you go

What: Second Annual SOMA Photo Scavenger Hunt

When: 3 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Front of Old Main

Details: Free, anyone can participate

"Last year, we had to shake hands with an employee at Five Guys, hug a random stranger and other little fun things like that," Nechamkin (junior-information sciences and technology) said.

Michelson said a personal favorite of his was a picture that called for a re-creation of The Beatles' "Abbey Road" album cover.

Michelson said the winning team who best completes its scavenger list will receive a reward for their efforts.

Nechamkin said the award is merely an added incentive, while the focus of the event is purely for entertainment purposes.

"The overall goal is just to have a good time and get some

funny pictures," Nechamkin said. Michelson said the event has been long anticipated throughout the year by the members of SOMA.

"The scavenger hunt is something we've been wanting to do all year, but we just haven't had the weather to do it," Michelson said. "On Saturday, though, it's supposed to be beautiful out."

Nechamkin said the scavenger hunt was first started last year by the previous SOMA event president, Tim Knapton (senior-information sciences and technology).

"He had heard of other clubs doing it and decided we're a club that combines multiple arts, so this is a perfect event for us," Nechamkin said.

Nechamkin said the previous year hosted between 30 and 40 people, which broke off into separate teams of about six. He thinks the scavenger hunt is happening at an ideal time of the year and he hopes for a quality turnout.

"If you would rather keep procrastinating before finals, then this is the perfect event for you," he said.

Students show off spring fashion

A New York City-themed fashion show entertained many on Thursday night.

By Kathleen Loughran
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On Thursday night, Paul Robeson Cultural Center's Heritage Hall was transformed into a scene typical of New York City: a darkened room, spotlights, paparazzi, models and a runway.

At the "Media Objectify or Die: Me vs. Paparazzi" fashion show — hosted by the Students Organizing Multiple Arts (SOMA) — audience members were able to see a glimpse of a model's everyday life battling the paparazzi.

"The theme of the show is a theatrical representation of a media socialite as she faces everyday struggles against the paparazzi," Creative Director of the show Stephanie Pappas said.

Pappas (junior-broadcast journalism) said she selected the

theme because it is "universal and fun" due to the multiple television shows and movies that focus on socialites.

But the fashion show was not simply models walking down the runway. It included dance numbers, props and modeling.

"I included the other performances because it's versatile, and it's important to model the clothes in what you can do with them," Pappas said.

Latasha Beckton said she enjoyed the additional performances and acting by the models.

"I thought it was really good, and they seem to be really into their characters, which makes it more entertaining," Beckton (freshman-telecommunications) said. Though SOMA hosted the show, Pappas, who is not a member of SOMA, was the person who wanted to hold the event after participating in fashion shows at Penn State Altoona.

"I wanted to have [a show] of my own," she said. "Fashion is something I'm really into."

The fashion show featured seven different scenes showcasing various fashion trends from spring and summer.

Floral prints and earthy-tones were shown in Scene Two: Blending Beauty, while sporty tomboy wear was showcased in Scene Three: Chasing Civility. In Scene Six, futuristic-inspired clothing was worn.

Pappas said the clothes came from the models' own closets. Rue 21, Maurices and Strawberry, and some were even made specifically for the event.

Hollis Leidy said she attended the show because her roommate is one of the models and has been "talking about it nonstop."

Leidy (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said she thought the show was "well-produced" and "cool."

"A lot of [the models] have their own clothes, so it's really interesting to see their own style," she said.

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