

Rubio retires after 30 years of ASU service

Helen Rubio, an executive assistant in undergraduate programs at the W. P. Carey School of Business, has announced her retirement after 30 years with ASU.

Rubio began her career with the university in the Department of Psychology in 1975. She moved over to the business school in 1979.

Rubio was honored with a retirement party at ASU's Memorial Union Oct. 31.

Kay Faris, associate dean of the W. P. Carey School of Business, says Rubio was a prominent figure in the school within the Department of Economics for 14 years, then as an executive assistant in the undergraduate dean's office for the past 15 years.

"Not only has Helen been an enormous asset to the school in terms of her knowledge about the university and college operations, but she also shows the true commitment and dedication to students, faculty and staff that is so valuable," Faris says. "Additionally, Helen has been a true colleague and friend to so many she has touched over the years. While we will all miss our friend and colleague, we wish her the very best in her retirement."

Cronkite senior named top 10 scholar

For the second year in a row, a senior in ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication has been named one of the top 10 journalism students in the country by the Scripps Howard Foundation.

Deanna Dent of Tempe won a \$10,000 scholarship for her academic and journalistic achievements. Ryan Kost, who graduated in May, won the Scripps Howard Top Ten Scholar award in 2007. Kost is a reporter for the Associated Press in Portland, Ore.

Journalism and communication schools can nominate one full-time student for the Top Ten Scholar program each year. From the pool of candidates, a panel of newspaper, broadcast and television network professionals choose 10 recipients for the \$10,000 scholarships.

Dent, who has a double major in journalism and fine arts, specializes in photography and also has been a reporter and videographer.

She has interned at the *Arizona Republic*, the *East Valley Tribune* and the *Bulletin* of Bend, Ore. She also worked on the staff of ASU's daily newspaper, the *State Press*, and served as the paper's photo editor.

West campus to be site of pow-wow Nov. 8

The Fletcher Library Lawn at ASU's West campus will come alive with the sights and sounds of Native drummers and dancers from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Nov. 8, during the Veterans Day Weekend Traditional Pow-Wow. The event is free and open to the public.

In addition to dance performances, the pow-wow features two music and dance grand entries, Native arts and crafts, and food booths offering fry bread, Indian tacos and more.

The event's theme is "A Celebration of Native Veterans."

Attendees are encouraged to bring a toy to support a holiday toy drive, and to bring their own lawn chairs. (Limited seating will be provided for tribal elders.) As part of ASU's effort to promote sustainability, visitors also are encouraged to bring their own containers for drinking water. Water stations will be provided to reduce the use of plastic bottles.

The pow-wow is sponsored by several groups and offices at ASU's West campus, including the Native American Events Committee, Native American Student Organization, Public Affairs Office, and Black Student Union. The Native American Student Association at Glendale Community College is a co-sponsor and is organizing the holiday toy drive.

For more information, call (602) 543-5308.

Green Jazz Series to stage free concert

ASU and the Herberger Theater will treat students and com-

School of Social Work seeks holiday toy donations



Michael Niles poses with some of the toys being gathered by ASU's School of Social Work, Office of American Indian Projects. The toys are being collected for American Indian children living in rural and urban areas across Arizona.

Michael Niles is gathering toys that ASU's School of Social Work, Office of American Indian Projects, is collecting for American Indian children living in rural and urban areas throughout Arizona.

The office already has gathered more than 400 items such as stuffed animals, children's clothes and shoes, and games, to be distributed during the holiday season. Primary recipients will be tribal foster children.

Donations of items for children up to age 16 will be collected through Dec. 20. The toy drive is sponsored by the Indigenous Early Intervention Alliance.

Niles is a professor in the School of Social Work and co-director of the Office of American Indian Projects. He is the founder of the Indigenous Early Intervention Alliance.

Donations can be sent to the ASU School of Social Work, 411 N. Central Ave., suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004-0689.

To make a monetary contribution, contact Niles at (602) 496-0102 or michael.niles@asu.edu. For information about the Indigenous Early Intervention Alliance, visit the Web site <http://indigenous-early-intervention.com>.

munity members to a night on the town with a free jazz concert and a "green" business networking event.

The ASU Jazz Combos will headline the next "Green Jazz Series" concert, which will take place at 6:45 p.m., Nov. 11, at the Herberger Theater, located at 222 E. Monroe St. in Phoenix. Admission is free.

The series, which runs through April, is sponsored by Arizona State University Online and the Herberger Theater Center.

"We are offering this concert free of charge to encourage greater participation by members of the community and ASU students for whom the cost of a ticket is significant," says Mernoy Harrison Jr., ASU Online and Extended Campus vice president and executive vice provost. "It might also spark a lifelong interest in jazz music to those who attend."

Proceeds from the concert series will support the Green Survival Initiative (GSI), a Phoenix-based sustainability project. Through the use of cost-effective green technologies such as compact fluorescent lights, low-flow shower heads and water heater blankets, GSI seeks to mitigate increasing energy costs for about 1,000 low- and fixed-income households in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Conference highlights tourism safety

ASU's Megapolitan Tourism Research Center has announced the opening of registration for the 2008 Arizona Tourism Safety & Security Conference, to be held Nov. 21 at the Hotel Valley Ho in Phoenix.

The theme of the conference will be "ROI: Securing Your Return on Investment," with the conference sessions focused on how tourism and meeting industry professionals can apply sound safety and security practices to protect – and even improve – their business ventures' bottom line in the current economic landscape.

The conference, now in its third year, is geared toward all professionals who are active in the convention and tourism industry, including meeting and event planners, hotel security and sales directors, public safety members, conference services personnel, related vendors, venue personnel and anyone involved in the planning and execution of small-to-large-scale public and private events. The event is open to attendees from across the nation, as the content will address topics in Arizona and throughout the United States.

Registration for the conference is priced at \$99 per attendee, with group discount packages available.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the conference and can be arranged by contacting Andrée Brennan at (602) 496-1191 or andree.brennan@asu.edu.

For more information about the event, visit the Web site <http://mtrc.asu.edu/portal/aztss>.

'War on Terror' speaker to share thoughts

On Nov. 21, the Muslim Law Students Association will present Capt. James Yee, the Army chaplain who was detained in the brig in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for 76 days, as its "War on Terror" event speaker.

The event takes place from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 21, in Armstrong Hall of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

Yee's presentation will describe his ordeal and how the "War on Terror" has changed the way we live in America.

For more information, contact Farhana Baki at (480) 620-4585 or farhana.baki@asu.edu.

Deer Valley Rock Art Center festival set

In celebration of American Indian Heritage Month, the Deer Valley Rock Art Center will conduct its fourth annual festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 22.

The free day at the museum will feature fun activities and attractions for the whole family.

Visitors will have a chance to enjoy performances by the Mojave Bird Singers, storytelling by children's author Conrad Stord, a lecture by Desert Little Bear titled "The Diversity and Complexity of Native Cultures," Native American art demonstrations and artwork for sale, and special guest exhibitors.

Guided hikes on the center's petroglyph trail will be offered, along with rattle-making and other art activities for children, native gardening and discounts in the center's Glyph Shop.

Deer Valley Rock Art Center is located at 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, about two miles north of Highway 101 and two miles west of I-17. For more details about the American Indian Heritage Festival, please call (623) 582-8007 or visit the Web site www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/dvrac.

Volunteers sought for 2 almond trials

The Department of Nutrition at ASU is recruiting volunteers between the ages of 30-70 for two almond trials.

Volunteers who are healthy and do not have a nut allergy may qualify for one of these trials.

Individuals with Type 2 diabetes (diagnosed for at least one year but not taking insulin) also are needed, as are individuals without diabetes.

These studies will test how almond ingestion affects blood sugar. For more details, send an e-mail to master's degree student Ashley Cohen at acohen1@asu.edu.