

Hillel provides cultural enrichment for Jews

Goal to engage members in Jewish activity

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Composed of approximately 12,000 members ASU's Hillel provides religious, cultural and social activity for the Jewish community on campus.

The name Hillel is derived from a wise sage who once said "If I am not for myself, who is for me, but if I am for my own self [only], what am I? And if not now, when?" This question is a cornerstone of Jewish tradition and is valued in this Jewish youth program.

ASU accommodates a single part of a global network of Hillel's consisting of 500 regional centers, and international locations. Hillel's can be found in countries such as Europe, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, South Africa and Israel cultivating a world wide Jewish affiliation.

The mission of Hillel is "To maximize the number of Jews doing Jewish with other Jews," according to <http://www.hillel.org>. In laymen's terms this means the promotion of Jewish studies coupled with building interpersonal relationships with other people of the same faith is this organization's priority. Hillel aims to engage and immerse young Jewish adults in their religion by applying Jewish ethics to every day activity.

"It's a great place to bring a big campus down to a personal level," said Shotsy



Hillel is a community center for Jewish students on Campus.

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Abramson, assistant director of Hillel's ASU chapter. "It makes the campus seem more intimate."

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Another way Hillel strives to personalize their organization is through specialized, small group leadership opportunities.

One such association is ASU for Israel. This group meets weekly to discuss the current events and conflicts in the state of Israel.

"We plan several events throughout the course of the year to educate the campus community as a whole on the culture of Israeli people," said Falynn Glickstein, chair of ASUI.

In the past, ASUI has held several diverse events all relating back to the existing Israel discord. The activities vary from panel discussions of foreign exchange students from Israel, to a "Laughing Towards Peace" comedy night featuring a Rabbi and an Egyptian-born Arab sharing the stage.

ASU's Hillel also provides a unique experience for college students between the ages of 18-26. Hillel supports a free birth-right trip to

Israel for Jews that have never been to Jerusalem and offer a multitude of ten-day excursions for students to choose from. Through these birth-right trips, students visit such well known sites like the Western Wall, the Dead Sea and the heights of Masada.

Seeking to create a renaissance of Jewish life, ASU's Hillel attracts Jewish people of all different practicing levels, providing them with the same experience of Jewish living.

"Hillel plays a vital role in the life of Jewish students at ASU," said Linda Shapiro, Hillel's development coordinator. "It delivers a rich religious, cultural and intellectual heritage to the campus community. It's nice to see Hillel continue to touch the lives of each new generation of students."

Healthy relationships demand respect, trust

Professor conducts classes for couples, faculty

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Every relationship requires a certain level of commitment, but at times, teens get confused and don't know how to handle certain situations. These teen relationships are the starting points for what can eventually develop into marriage. A healthy relationship between two people includes trust, and most importantly, mutual respect. "Once the boundary is crossed where there is no longer trust or respect, it is an unhealthy relationship, and should be altered," according to the American Psychology Association (APA).

A result of an unhealthy relationship can lead to resentment and anger. Arizona State University Clinical Social Worker Paul Krech works with people on campus with anger issues, and specializes in problems between couples.

"Anger is a natural, normal emotion," Krech said. "You can't control feeling anger -only how you deal with it."

When unhealthy, angry relationships are combined with marriage, there is a high chance of domestic violence occurring.

Krech conducts counseling sessions for couples,

groups, and faculty members at ASU. He started the "Peacemakers Anger Resolution Group", in which Krech looks at certain individuals' patterns of thinking, and teaches them to think about anger differently.

As stated by the APA web site, people often commit violence because of three things or more things: expression, manipulation and retaliation. People sometimes use violence to release feelings of anger and frustration. Violence is also a way to control others and get something he/she wants. But because violence is a learned behavior, it can be changed. Individuals who "lash out" or act violent, often have troubles controlling their feelings or communicating.

"This person may have been hurt by others or abused in the past," Krech stated. Some think that by making others fear them through violence or threats of violence will solve their problems or gain respect; yet this is not the case.

"Some people say alcohol and drugs contribute to domestic violence, and yes, to an extent, but a lot of it is anger and how to control it," Krech reported. "Learning and gaining knowledge is power, and that's what my therapy sessions are about: learning about your emotions."

"[Anger leading to domestic violence] is worldwide problem, and sometimes old habits are hard to break," Krech said.

Trendy Mill Avenue boutique boasts unique items at reasonable prices

Tempe treasure attracts diverse group of people

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Hidden in the bowels of downtown Tempe lies a treasure to behold for any clothing fanatic with a flair for the unusual. Located two blocks east of Mill Avenue, and a mere one block from ASU, this trendy boutique known simply as Plush truly has something for everyone.

As one approaches the premises, this is made evident by the looks of the outrageously dressed mannequins in the window, to the array of vintage and

modern clothes alike.

First established in December 1997, Plush attracts a crowd that range from pre-teens to full-fledged adults.

"Ages range anywhere from 18 to 35," said co-owner Amy Bowling.

Since it's conception, this quirky little boutique has always attracted a diverse group of people. What originally began as a vintage store by owners Amy Bowling and Curtis Gannon has now evolved into a shop that assists "people lookin' for unusual items," said Bowling. This includes clothing that covers just about every person in the fashion spectrum.

Plush specializes in "Punk, emo, rockabilly, goth, and clubwear from

Paul Frank, Famous Stars and Straps, Hustler, Lucky 13, Dickies, Converse...and much more," according to their site, www.plushliving.net.

On top of that, Plush delivers the customer with an assortment of clothing ideas. If one is nostalgic for days past, the store's ample vintage supply for both men and women is guaranteed to please.

If a one-of-a-kind look is desired, an iron-on T-shirt sporting a personal logo, or whatever else one can dream up may be just the ticket.

Although Plush orders their garments from numerous companies, Bowling takes pride in stating that there's also clothing and accessories that the store makes itself.



Plush is a vintage clothing store on Forest and University that offers both men's and women's fashions.

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The owners stress the importance of providing customers with as much convenience as possible, and if a particular item is not in stock, specialty shipping is always an option so the cus-

tomers may acquire a look that is all their own.

Plush's price range typically varies, but manages to remain relatively reasonable. For example, most glasses run for approximately

\$11.95, while belt buckles of all shapes and sorts can be purchased for \$14.95 to \$24. Shirts normally run from \$11.95 to \$22.50.

While Bowling has never had experience in retail before co-owning Plush, she's not a stranger to public relations.

"[We're] just proud of opening our own shop" Bowling said..

This little shop provides two-stories of clothing that range from contemporary, to all-out bizarre. When searching high and low for a shopping experience that is bound to brighten any ensemble, look no further than Plush. Even Bowling admitted to taking advantage of the store's stock. "Yeah! I've got a lot of shoes."

Walter Cronkite Summer Journalism Institute concludes 17th year

Institute a benchmark of Walter Cronkite School

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The Walter Cronkite School of Journalism has been around for approximately 17 years, according to Carol Carney, the educational service manager of *The Arizona Republic*.

The summer institute for journalism and has begun at the Walter Cronkite School. This year the institute had a total of sixty applicants but

only sixteen high school journalists were accepted into the program.

"[We look for] students who are in journalism and considering journalism as a career. They need to be motivated, bright and able to take advantage of the opportunity," Carney said.

The journalism institute, located on the ASU campus, is a great way for high school journalists to get ahead start into the field of journalism. It provided classes of all sorts for the students to attend and get to know the college life.

Sara Zeck, a junior from Seton Catholic said, "It's really a good opportunity

and it is very informative. I think that it will be greatly beneficial in helping me to further develop my writing skills."

Aside from going to classes and writing stories the students get some free time to explore the campus and to walk around downtown Tempe.

Sharon Heigh, a senior from Desert Mountain said, "Yeah, I've had a lot of fun walking around downtown. I do a lot of window-shopping with my friends. We have a good time."

Staying in a college dorm on the ASU campus is also part of the program. The goal of ASU is to give you the

'mini college' experience in your two-week stay on campus.

"The dorms are relatively nice although there is not a strong homey feel to them. The walls are a little bare," Mike Linsey said, a senior from Desert Vista.

The professors are very helpful and helped the students to progress.

Dr. Dennis Russell, who has been working as a



Students work diligently to make their deadlines.

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reporter for ten years, at such papers as the *Mesa Tribune* and the *Scottsdale Progress*, has been just one of the many teachers for the institute this summer. Along with

other various writers and reporters from *The Arizona Republic*.

Also, Professor Bruce Itule, who has been a professor for 25 years and has six books published, four are textbooks on journalism, another is a non-fiction, and his newest novel is a mystery book, entitled *The Gold of San*

Xavier. "I think that it is an excellent way to reach the best high school journalists in the state," Itule said about the institute.