



# StudentNews

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## Minimum Wage

- Bill Shiba

Currently the Arizona Student Unions minimum wage standard is \$6.75 per hour. On January 1, 2008, the state of Arizona increased the minimum wage to \$6.90 per hour. The University of Arizona and other state agencies were exempted from this increase.

Beginning July 1, 2008, the Arizona Student Unions will increase minimum wage for its employee to \$7.00 per hour and then again in the summer of 2009 increase to \$7.25 when the Federal minimum wage standard is increased.

- Happy Valentines Day!
- Spring Break is March 15-23
- February is Black History Month
- If you are interested in working on a subcommittee with Student HR please send an email at [unionshr@email.arizona.edu](mailto:unionshr@email.arizona.edu)

## 50/50 meal plan INCREASE

The director's advisory Group (DAG) is pleased to announce that effective February 1, the 50/50 meal plan value will be increased to \$7. This exciting change was brought about through your feedback to DAG. So what does this mean? It means the Unions will match up to \$3.50 for food items purchased at participating Union eateries. The 50/50 card cannot be used at Core, but it can be used at Whipped, our new cupcake bakery. Please note that the policies for the 50/50 card are unchanged. Only one use per day is allowed, and only on days in which you work. For complete 50/50 meal plan rules, see your employee handbook or go online to: [www.union.arizona.edu/intra](http://www.union.arizona.edu/intra)

Link of the Week:

<http://cuteoverload.com/>

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## Highland Market— 24/7

- Jessica Stoelting

Beginning January 28, 2008, Highland Market started remaining open twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. This change is a direct response to the needs to students in the area and the campus community. Students can now grab a bite to eat at 3am, do last minute shopping, and meet their friends in a safe place at any hour.

Dedicated student workers, who stay until the wee hours of the morning to serve Union customers, help clean the market as well as make tasty snacks. So the next time the late night hunger attacks hit you, stop by and visit your fellow student employees over at Highland Market!

- Colleen Runyan and Adia Pickens are the new candidates for the PIP positions at the Info Desk. Upon acceptance into the PIP program these two would be replacing Kendall Workman and James Colvin's position at the Information Desk because they will be graduating this semester.
- Welcome to all new student employees!
- Stephanie Cunningham, previously of Canyon Cafe, graduated in December. She now works for Administration on the fourth floor and is continuing her efforts to create an online employee portal.

If you would like to work on Student HR projects please email your interest to [unionshr@email.arizona.edu](mailto:unionshr@email.arizona.edu). We would love your help on one of our subcommittees!

# Student Employee Profile

## Viola Torre

-Mike Allen



Viola Torre was born in Colorado, but spent most of her life growing up in Texas. In high school she played volleyball, tennis, and basketball. After high school, she decided to move to Tucson to attend school here at the U of A. Like many, she has switched majors several times, but is currently studying both physiology and chemistry and expects to graduate in August of 2008 after completing some summer courses.. Ultimately, she plans to pursue a career in either exercise physiology or physical therapy. Viola currently works in both the Production Kitchen and the Dining Services office. Viola enjoys playing piano and guitar, and creating her own music in her spare time, as well as playing video games and, of course, the most popular college pastime of them all: Facebooking. Viola would like to give a shout-out to all her "Production Homies" on the first floor.



## Ask Student HR

**I keep hearing talk about the Union; starting intramural sports; teams for students... is this a rumor or how could I get involved?**

You hearsay is accurate! Student HR is looking for students who are interested in playing intramural sports. Next season is volleyball and there has been a lot of recent interest in basketball. If you are interested in becoming involved in intramural sports within the unions please contact student HR at [unionshr@email.arizona.edu](mailto:unionshr@email.arizona.edu) with your name and what sport you are interested in playing. We look forward to starting a winning team!!!!!!

# Celebrity Gossip

- Marisa Enriquez

- Amy Winehouse wins big at the 2008 Grammys.
- The Writer's Strike is finally over!
- Paris Hilton's little brother was arrested with a DUI.
- Britney Spears teaches a dance class for kids... could she be getting back on track? Maybe she'll lose her new British accent.....
- Rhianna was in a car accident after the Grammys, but she's fine.
- Travis Barker and his wife have now divorced.
- Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan got in a little tiff at Justin Timberlake's Grammy party.
- It was confirmed that Heath Ledger died of an accidental overdose.
- Could Angelina Jolie be pregnant again?



## Students with JANUARY birthdays!

### Quotes Heard Around the Union

**Employee 1:** "That guy just asked me if we sell hot dogs. I said 'does it look like we sell hot dogs?'"

**Employee 2:** "Did you really?"

**Employee 1:** "No but I wish I did."

Hear something humorous, send in your Quotes heard around the union to [unionshr@email.arizona.edu](mailto:unionshr@email.arizona.edu), or notify your HR representative.