



Helping Hands: AIDS Quilt volunteers keep watch over a section of the quilt Tuesday.

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AIDS Quilt an emotional experience for observers

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■ Tears fell in the Arkansas Union Ballroom—tears of sorrow, of joy, of remembrance.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt, a tribute to the thousands of people who have died of AIDS in the United States and abroad, was displayed in the ballroom from Tuesday to Thursday to recognize National AIDS Awareness Week. University Programs sponsored the display.

Many of the countless visitors who came to view the quilt were curious of what it looked like. Others came looking for a single name—a friend or relative—etched on the quilt and to spend a few moments in quiet remembrance.

Separate panels were displayed, each containing colorful biographies of those who died of AIDS. The panels were designed by family, friends and colleagues who wished to create a lasting tribute to those people.

The ceremony began with the unfolding of each individual panel as University of Arkansas faculty and students read the names of those depicted on the quilts. A moment of silence was then observed, after

which visitors were allowed to look at the quilts.

Clare Collins, a visitor from Rogers, brought a camera with her to take a picture of her nephew's panel.

"The design was from a Christmas card," she said, pointing at a brightly colored blue and white panel with the word 'Joy' written on it.

"It says 'joy' because he was such a joy," Collins said. "The hardest part is to hear the name read. A flood of memories come back all at once."

A visitor from Pea Ridge expressed quiet surprise at the range of victims.

"Youth is the outstanding feature here," she said.

"These people represented a talented part of our society."

"This was more moving than I thought it would be," Matt Helmer, ceremonies coordinator, said. "I

didn't expect to be as overwhelmed as I was."

He added that he hopes the AIDS Quilt will bring with it a lot more education about the dangers of contracting the AIDS virus.

The first AIDS Memorial Quilt was
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QUILT FACTS

- **Funds raised for direct services for people with AIDS:** \$1,377,707
- **Number of visitors to quilt:** more than 4 million
- **Number of panels:** 26,240 (each panel measures 3'x6')
- **Number of football fields it would cover:** 10
- **Number of acres:** 11
- **Total weight:** 31 tons
- **Unusual materials used:** afghans, Barbie dolls, condoms, cremation ashes, credit cards, jeans, love letters, motorcycle jackets, photographs, studs, stuffed animals and wedding rings

Conference focuses on East Asia

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East Asia will be the focus of the 12th annual Fulbright Institute Symposium.

The four-day conference will feature a series of speakers and panel discussions on the relationship between the United States and East Asian countries.

The conference begins April 4.

Hoyt Purvis, Fulbright Institute director, said the program is especially significant in light of growth in economic relations with Asian and Pacific countries.

"We're focusing on an extremely important area of the world from an economic standpoint," Purvis said. "The 21st century will be the Pacific century."

Purvis said the symposium will also address issues in specific countries, notably the controversy surrounding nuclear development in North Korea.

"North Korea is operating outside the framework of inspection in its nuclear facilities," he said.

Purvis said the conference is drawing leading experts on the issues concerning East Asia.

"We have an outstanding group of visiting speakers and panelists to consider economic and political developments in a very dynamic region and their significance for the United States," Purvis said.

Seung-Soo Han, the ambassador of South Korea, will be the opening speaker for the symposium. He will speak in Giffels

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Auditorium in Old Main on April 4.

According to a press release, Han was appointed ambassador in April 1993 by Kim Young Sam, president of South Korea. Han is a former Senior Fulbright Scholar in economics at Harvard. He also served as Korea's Minister of Trade and Industry.

Several UA professors are participating in the sessions.

Three UA professors will make presentations at the symposium. Don Voth, professor of agricultural economics and rural sociology, will discuss South Vietnam on April 5 in the Arkansas Union Ballroom. John Crone, professor of landscape architecture, will talk about Bali on April 6 in the ballroom. Purvis will discuss Vietnam and the United States.

Randall B. Woods, UA professor of history, will moderate a panel discussion of North Korea on April 5. Donald R. Kelley, UA professor of political science, will moderate a discussion of China on April 6.

Other speakers include Bruce Cumings, professor of East Asian and international history at the

University of Chicago, who will discuss the surveillance of the North Korean nuclear program. Cumings will speak on April 5 in the Arkansas Union Theatre.

Wu Wei Zhang, a former Chinese diplomat, will address relations between the United States and China on April 6.

Purvis said the University is "lucky to have some of the leading authorities in the world" to discuss East Asian matters.

All sessions are free and open to the public. Additional speakers and panelists will be announced.

The Fulbright Institute Symposium is partially supported by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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developed in June 1987 to commemorate many San Franciscans who died of the disease. Panels from neighboring cities were added to the Quilt. Today, the Quilt includes almost 24,000 individual panels and spans nearly 10 football fields.

Pete Pederson, a member of

Parents and Friends of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People, said the quilts in the ballroom represented people who came from the surrounding region.

Donations bins were set up in the ballroom and various merchandise was sold. The names on each panel were read every hour during the display times.

The Names Project Foundation presented the display.

Election

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by the Traveler staff could have been handled better.

"When we have just one paper, I'd like to see endorsements handled differently," Hogue said.

Williams said his personal touch to campaigning and one-on-one contact with students made the difference in his victory.

He said he was disappointed by the voter turnout.

"I was hoping we could get more people out, get more involved," Williams.

Williams plans to start to work immediately on a possible off-campus computer lab and getting a questionnaire in the Traveler.

Harrison could not be reached for comment at press time.

Campus Crime Report *-compiled by Michelle Bradford*

Rape Arrest

University police have arrested a fourth suspect in connection with the recent alleged rapes of a 13-year-old Fayetteville female.

Howard Jackson, a 21-year-old black student from Little Rock, was arrested on March 17 and charged with one count of rape and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Three other UA males have already been arrested for their alleged involvement in the rapes that occurred on March 11th and 12th in Yocum Hall. Fayetteville police have also arrested two sus-

pects allegedly involved in a third rape of the same female at a Fayetteville motel on March 13.

University Police are not expecting further arrests, but their investigation is continuing.

Theft of Property

A student reported the theft of her blue 1987 Ford Escort from Lot 56 on March 21. The car,

valued at \$4,535, was unsecured at the time, and the keys were in the glove box.

Police recovered the undamaged vehicle several hours later on Main Street.

Indecent Exposure

A female student observed an unknown white male exposing himself in Lot 30 on March 28.

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