

Grad Student Rescued From Mine Shaft

A 27-year-old University of Arizona graduate student was rescued last night about five hours after he fell into a 40-foot abandoned mine shaft near Wasson Peak in the Tucson Mountains.

Weston Wilson, 2250 E. Silver St., was taken to Tucson Medical Center with a fractured leg, dislocated hip and two broken legs.

Sgt. Ted Brandes of the Pima County Search and Rescue Squad said that Wilson, his wife and four of their friends were hiking in the area about 2 p.m. and found the cave entrance. They told Brandes they went inside to explore the cave. Just inside the entrance, Wilson fell into the shaft.

Others in the group went to a nearby Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum ranger station where they notified Ranger Leslie Campbell, who in turn called the Search and Rescue Squad.

Dr. Christopher J. Heller and two members of the rescue squad, Jim Harsha and Dave Furry, were lowered into the shaft. Heller applied splints to Wilson who was then put on a stretcher and hoisted to the surface.

Helicopters from Davis-Monthan AFB flew Wilson to TMC where he was listed in satisfactory condition last night.

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