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Students ready to wrestle for seats

Not going to class the first day could cost students their seat

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Getting courses isn't difficult to quite the degree UA administrators in the spring had predicted it would be, but students squeezing

into a newly gained seat at this point in the semester will find the fit a tight one.

One hundred and twenty-eight classes were cancelled in February as a result of budget cuts, leaving deans and department heads to wonder where they were going to put large undergraduate classes who had packed the classroom in the current year.

Administrators worked through the summer to reallocate money to

open up 2,000 additional seats in fall classes, said Rick Kroc, director of assessment and enrollment research.

"This summer we restored classes that we feared would be lost to budget cuts, specifically math, English composition, Spanish, general education classes and upper division classes required for majors," said Randy Richardson, vice-president of undergraduate education.

In fact, five more sections of Spanish 102 were opened this year and, overall, the Spanish and Portuguese department gained seven classes, said Malcolm Compitello, head of the department of Spanish and Portuguese.

But the Office of Curriculum and Registration posted a notice on the UA Web stating that those who do not attend their first class in chemistry, English composition, mathematics or foreign language

may be automatically dropped from the enrollment sheet.

Many students, particularly some science majors, have felt the effects of the budget cuts on the availability of classes required for their majors.

As of yesterday, 14 out of 24 sections of chemistry 103A had been cancelled.

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James Allen Selby
ACCUSED RAPIST

If you have information regarding the suspect's whereabouts please call the Tucson Police Department tip-line at 791-4939, or 88-CRIME.

Manhunt on for alleged serial rapist

Detectives link James Allen Selby's DNA to five local sex crimes, plus ten other assaults

BY DAVID HALPERIN
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A warrant issued for a man suspected in several campus area sex crimes has left UA students and the campus community with heightened concerns for safety as police engage in a multi-state manhunt.

The Tucson Police Department charged 35-year-old James Allen Selby on Aug. 16 in connection with four campus area assaults beginning last October. The charges include attempted murder, three counts of sexual assault, one count of aggravated assault and one count of kidnapping.

Selby was seen in Tucson on Aug. 16 and is considered "very dangerous," said Lt. Brett Klein, sex crimes section commander for the Tucson Police Department.

Flyers of Selby are now located in residence halls, garages and local bars asking the public to assist in his apprehension.

He is 5-foot-9 inches tall, 180 pounds, has brown hair, blue eyes, and a tattoo on his upper right arm of a skull with a cowboy hat and handkerchief. He is believed to be driving a 1985 tan Chrysler New Yorker.

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Dean pulls Delta Chi recognition

BY CYNDY COLE
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Dean of Students Melissa Vito stripped UA recognition from Delta Chi fraternity in May for numerous hazing activities reported last August and September. The violations included paddling, furnishing of alcohol to underage students, "Roman Chair" calisthenics — in which pledges were made to squat in the position of chairs for extended periods of time — and yelling at and ridiculing pledges.

With loss of UA recognition, Delta Chi cannot participate in homecoming or recruitment during rush and cannot cosponsor activities like Spring Fling until at least 2004. The fraternity is no longer listed among fraternities on UA Web sites or recruitment literature and can-

not participate in awards ceremonies, Vito said.

"We really have a zero-tolerance policy for organizations that haze," Vito said. "It puts students at risk physically and emotionally. In this particular case, non-recognition was what we had to do."

An act that contributes to substantial risk of potential physical injury, mental harm or degradation, or causes physical injury, harm or degradation is considered hazing under the university's hazing policy. The policy was strengthened under a state law making hazing illegal, which was passed last year.

Delta Chi fraternity had its own hazing officer of sorts, Vito said.

Delta Chi owns its house, which UA cannot close, though associate dean Veda Kowalski pushed to remove the house's

recognition for five years, said Delta Chi president Sean Harding.

Harding declined to comment on the dean of students' report about the hazing activities that had reportedly taken place in August and September 2001.

Vito also suspended Pi Kappa Alpha last fall for reported fights involving members of the fraternity.

Anonymous complaints of Delta Chi hazing were investigated for two semesters before the recommendation to pull UA recognition was made, Kowalski said.

The fraternity lost its recognition and was declared inactive by its international chapter in 1994 for "safety violations."

Vito said the 1994-1995 violations also included hazing.

A female student reported that she was raped by a Delta

Chi member in the fraternity house in 1994. Another female student reported she was raped in by a Delta Chi member in 1991.

Between this August and last, the fraternity has cleaned house in a major way, throwing out 25 members who either did not complete an interview regarding hazing or did not want to be part of the change to stop hazing, said Michael Woolbright, president of the Tucson Delta Chi Alumni Board Inc. and international treasurer.

"We had a lot of bad apples in the house and we had to get rid of those guys," Harding said.

Some of the dismissed members repeatedly came home drunk and broke things, Harding said.

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180 dormitory spaces lie vacant

After last year's massive dorm shortage, a new four-semester housing cap plus lower-than-expected enrollment has left ResLife with a \$250,000 loss

BY KRISTINA DUNHAM
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Students moving into the dorms this year do not have to fight and claw their way for space, as many did last year.

There is extra space in the residence halls this fall — a little more than 300 vacancies — and Residence Life is losing revenue and inviting former residents previously turned away to reapply for housing.

A new policy took effect this year, limiting residence life spaces to freshmen and sophomores. Upperclassmen were not allowed to return to residence halls except for those who held resident assistant positions.

UA also plans to re-examine the four-semester housing limit, which student government has opposed since it was first proposed.

However, Jim Van Arsdel, director of Residence Life, said some of the vacancies — about 120 of which are temporary spaces like resident assistants' rooms — are not a problem, but are rather advantageous.

The vacancies, he said, permit more flexibility and enhance residence life's ability to accommodate students, as opposed to last fall when the residence halls were overcrowded enough that 200 freshmen had to move into study lounges and hotel rooms.

"The ability to have a little space here and there is very helpful," Van Arsdel said.

Residence Life had expected an incoming freshman class at least as large as last year's class of nearly 6,000, so housing officials turned down about 400 returning students this fall.

However, this year about 400 more students cancelled their housing reservations than last year, leaving more space than anticipated in the dorms.

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Journalism sophomore Jessica Fish and friend Jared Black, carry the last of her boxes into Yuma Hall on Friday afternoon. Residence Life officials turned down about 400 returning students this fall.

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