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## Student body primaries kick off

By Rebekah Kleinman  
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Student primary elections begin today, but only the offices of president and administrative vice president are contested.

Freshman Class Council Director J.P. Benedict, Administrative Vice President Jered Mansell and Senator Travis Pritchett are all on the ticket for president. Two will survive and move onto the general election next week.

The student body president acts as chief executive officer, chief financial officer and chief spokesperson for the students.

"The most important role of the student body president is advocating for students and relaying to state, administration and faculty," Benedict said.

Mansell also acknowledged the president's role as a mouthpiece for the student body, recognizing the president as "a representative to the students."

"We need to make sure ASUA

knows what students want and need," Pritchett said.

The administrative vice president oversees about 15 programs and services, including the Women's Resource Center and SafeRide.

Former assistant elections commissioner Talianna Kattan and senators Victoria Ruan and Dan Suh are hopefuls in that race. Two will remain after the primary ends tomorrow evening.

Senator Scott Cheney and lobbyist Melanie Rainer will go head to

head for executive vice president, but the primary will act only as a poll for that race.

The same goes for the senate, where 20 students are seeking to grab 10 seats after next week's general election. Last year was the first year that elections were held online only, though all races were uncontested in the primary.

In previous years, voter turnout has been lower than anticipated, which Elections Commissioner Jason Korner attributes mostly to student's lack of knowledge about

campaign issues and candidates. Last year, only 2,995 students voted in the primary election.

"Turnout does matter," he said. "But I don't think that getting 50 percent to vote should be the focus. Getting 10 percent of intelligent voters is more important."

A presidential debate will take place Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Ventana Room of the Student Union Memorial Center.

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## Former VP will aid in elections

Last minute appointment eases burden of elections commissioner

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Student senators appointed Chief of Staff Sam Chang to the position of assistant elections commissioner Friday, only three days before the primary elections.

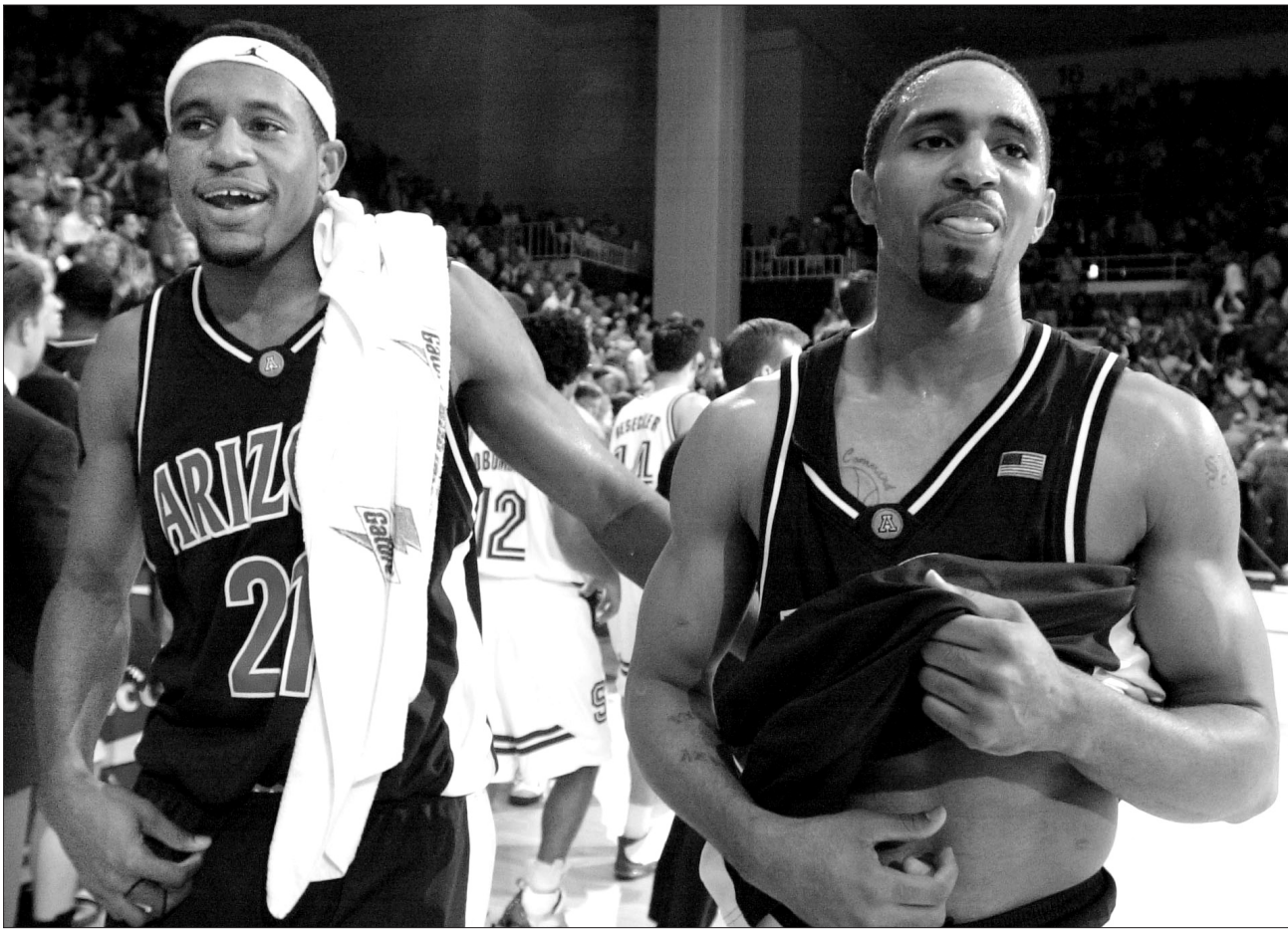
Student Body President Doug Hartz proposed the appointment of Chang to handle simple election issues, including poster appropriateness and filing complaints, in order to provide Elections Commissioner Jason Korner with more time to be as "fully accessible as he'd like to be."

The proposition did not come without questions and disapproval, however, from some senators.

Senators Will Harris and Victoria Ruan both opposed the appointment, and Travis Pritchett abstained from voting.

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## LEADERS OF THE PAC



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Arizona guards Hassan Adams (left) and Salim Stoudamire celebrate after defeating Stanford on the road, 72-69, to win the Pacific-10 Conference regular season basketball title on Saturday.

## Leadership conference draws 700

By Bob Purvis  
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While some college students spent their Friday night finding ways to keep their minds off of school, more than 700 students packed the Levine Ballroom in the Student Union Memorial Center to kick off the 10th annual Arizona Collegiate Leadership Conference.

Students from 21 institutions, including all three state universities, made this year's conference the largest to date.

Student organizers Samantha Zipp and Kimmey Hardisty said they began planning the conference in the wake

of Sept. 11.

"From that crisis really phenomenal people came about, and we wanted to capture that in the conference," Hardisty said.

The two-day conference featured key-note speaker Naomi Wolfe, a *New York Times* best selling author of "The Beauty Myth" and Al Gore's former fashion consultant, who called upon students to focus on being the ethical leaders of the future.

"Look around: The 700 of you form a network tonight and this is the way you can become an incredible force," Wolfe said.

"So many of you look around at the role models held up by culture, and so many of you don't like what you see,"

Wolfe said. "You can take the skills you learn here this weekend and change and even save the world."

Conference organizers and UA officials said that it is more important than ever for young people to learn to lead.

"This is the kind of thing that puts our students on a trajectory to success later in life," said Conference Advisor Heather Gasser.

The conference, which was sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, offered more than 40 leadership-building courses divided into four different tracks: multiculturalism and diversity,

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Author and social activist Naomi Wolfe speaks to a group of students at the Arizona leadership conference on Saturday in the Student Union Memorial Center.

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