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Student Elections 2003

Polls open today and tomorrow

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ASUA's general election began this morning, and until tomorrow evening, students will have a chance to decide who will lead their student government next year.

Voting students will choose the 2003-2004 student body president, administrative vice president, executive vice president and senators.

In the primary elections on March 3 and 4, presidential candidates J.P. Benedict and Jered Mansell beat out Travis Pritchett with 77.67 percent of the vote between the two. Administrative vice presidential candidates Victoria Ruan and Daniel Suh captured a collective 74.35 percent of the vote, preventing Talianna Kattan from advancing to the general election.

Scott Chenery and Melanie Rainer are vying for the executive vice presidential position. They earned 53.67 and 46.33 percent of the vote in the primary, respectively.

There are also 19 senator hopefuls trying to win one of the 10 seats by tomorrow night.

Not only will voters in this election determine next year's student leaders, but they will also have a chance to decide the fate of the KAMP student radio by voting on its \$1 fee referendum.

KAMP directors said that the station may not survive if the referendum is not approved.

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Workshop analyzes equality of UA faculty

By Cara O'Connor
STAFF WRITER

More than 150 faculty members and administrators met last week to learn about forms of subtle discrimination and to examine policies and informal practices that may contribute to discrimination on campus.

The Conference on Subtle Discrimination, held Thursday and Friday, addressed everyday discriminatory behaviors that are often expressed inadvertently. Such behaviors include language, rhetoric and stereotyping as well as eye contact differences and frequency of interruptions, said guest speaker Cathy Trower, a senior research analyst at Harvard University.

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KAMP fee on ballot today

Radio directors worry about station's future if \$1 fee fails

By Stephanie Schwartz
STAFF WRITER

The \$1 KAMP student radio referendum, which could determine the fate of the program, will be on students' online ballots today and tomorrow in the 2003 Associated Students of the University of Arizona

general election.

KAMP directors have said that if students vote to discontinue the fee, which has been added to students' tuition for the past five years, it could jeopardize the station.

"I don't know if we can continue to operate without (the fee)," said Brian Van Buren, general manager of KAMP Student Radio. "We've completely changed the way we operate in the years since we have had the money."

KAMP has used the student activity fee to broadcast its programs over the Internet

and in residence halls, obtain an AM frequency and expand all areas of the radio station.

KAMP might also be able to soon secure a low-powered FM station, said KAMP advisor Mike Camarillo. However, the station must have at least \$50,000 to pay for the dial number plus additional money for attorney fees and for the antenna.

If approved, the referendum could help provide those funds.

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TABLE TENNIS CHAMP

Student set for international meet

By Tessa Hill
STAFF WRITER

While pursuing his master's degree at the UA, Islam Ganal Abdel-Razek has managed to master something else: table tennis.

Abdel-Razek, a public health master's student, will represent Arizona, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming at this month's Association of College Unions International's International Table Tennis Tournament in Philadelphia.

Abdel-Razek, 31, has been playing table tennis since he was 13 years old.

He was first introduced to the sport while living in Saudi Arabia; however he could not play competitively because of his Egyptian heritage. Instead, a Saudi Arabian team member took the time to mentor him.

"I remember watching them play; it seemed like magic," Abdel-Razek said about his initial attraction to the sport.

"Keeping control of the ball ... the rhythm is amazing," he added.

Abdel-Razek didn't begin playing professionally until this year.

He entered the UA's ACUI table tennis tournament, unaware that if he won he would advance to the regional tournament.

"I won and then a guy told me I qualified to go to Utah," he said.

In February, Abdel-Razek defeated top players from five states in the ACUI Regional Table Tennis Tournament in Ogden, Utah.

"I was lucky. That's it," said Abdel-Razek, who added that he was afraid of many players at the regional level because they were known purely by ethnicity to be good table tennis players.

His first-place ranking at the regional competition qualified him for the three-day International Tournament March 28 — 30 at the University of Pennsylvania. At the tournament, Abdel-Razek will face the top players from the 16 other regional tournaments.

Abdel-Razek now budgets his time between studying and practicing in the game room at the Student Union Memorial Center.

He has beefed up his practice time to two hours per day, four days per week, and he feels confident about his strategies.

"Every game is different, but I try to discover the weaknesses of my opponent ... then use it," he said.

If players at the upcoming tournament are like those Abdel-Razek faced at the



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Islam Ganal Abdel-Razek a public health graduate student, lets a serve fly yesterday in Wilbur's Underground at the Student Union Memorial Center.

regional tournament, he said he is confident he will walk away a champion.

Friend and practice opponent Mohammed Hassan said that Abdel-Razek is a smart player.

"He presses the weakness of his opponent; that's what makes him so good," Hassan said.

Abdel-Razek said he hopes the trip to Philadelphia will not be as grueling as his trip to Utah, when he rode a bus for 16 hours and then had to play table tennis for 10.

Although he does not anticipate the attendance of any fans from the UA at the tournament, he does hope to visit with some friends from the Washington, D.C. area, take in some local Philadelphia sights, and of course, win.

"My favorite thing is to win," Abdel-Razek said.

Hassan said he had no doubts that his friend would do just that.

"I have faith in him, I think he'll get first place."