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Grad election results released

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Only 5 percent of the almost 9,000 UA graduate and professional students voted in last week’s Graduate and Professional Student Council elections.

The weeklong elections came to a close Friday evening, after being extended an extra day. The nine new members of the council have high hopes of initiating improvement within the graduate community.

The new council will get started with only 12 members, which is half the size of this year’s council. Openings for representatives remain in the colleges of fine arts, medicine, pharmacy, social and behavioral sciences and public health.

Much of the lack of representation from some colleges also contributed to the lack of voter turnout.

However, current GPSC President Pete Morris said he was impressed by the number of students in some colleges who took advantage of the online voting system.

Almost 10 percents of students in the Eller College of Business and Public Administration and the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences went to the polls, Morris said.

The institution of new officers comes after a year of extraordinary challenges. The 2002-2003 GPSC worked to protect graduate students from the effects of the largest tuition hike in Arizona state history.

“It’s been difficult this year,” Morris said. “There were very hard issues on the table.”

Among those issues were efforts to provide need-based financial aid and secure tuition remission for both teaching and research assistants.

Despite the hard times, this has been an exceptional year, Morris said.

Although he will not be rerunning for office, Morris does plan to stay involved

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Senate, House pass porn bill

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PHOENIX — Downloading diagrams of derrieres in the name of science is all right, but surfing the Net in search of smut should be grounds for a UA employee’s termination, state lawmakers say.

State lawmakers passed a bill Thursday that bans UA employees from purposely viewing, downloading, printing or saving material on university computers that is considered pornography, unless it is

research-related. In brief, the ban would apply to material that shows or simulates sexual intercourse of all kinds, oral sex, masturbation, nudity or sexually aroused genitalia.

But the measure will also create extra paperwork for UA administrators, who must come up with a way of getting clearance for professors and researchers who work with material that could be considered pornographic.

Under the new law, UA professors and researchers who use computers for work that involves things such as critiquing

nude paintings, printing diagrams of human reproductive systems for courses on human health or sexuality, or researching the causes of breast cancer will have to get clearance at President Pete Likins’ level to do their jobs when school starts next fall.

The bill passed the Senate 28-0, with two members not voting, and cleared the House. Now it will go to Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano, who will sign it into law, said her spokeswoman Kris Mayes.

For most employees, the anti-porn

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SWEET SPRING FLING



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Political science sophomore Amy Hermalik kisses Marcus Garrett, a political science senior, during Spring Fling Saturday afternoon while riding the Ferris wheel. The four-day event was held at Rillito Park in order to raise money for over 70 campus clubs and organizations.



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Kelland Thomas, assistant professor of music, plays with The Original Wildcat Jass Band Saturday night.

Assistant director jazzes up the band

By Adam Call
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Doug Tidaback has all that jazz.

In only his second year as the assistant to the director of jazz studies, he has already led students from the UA and Pima County to large competition wins and organized the UA Jazz-a-thon.

More than 500 students, parents, teachers and musicians met at Bear Down Gymnasium Saturday for the Jazz-a-thon where ensembles of jazz students from Tucson participated in the festival with teachers and professional musicians.

Tidaback directed and performed with many of the groups.

He also teaches at the UA and serves as the Music and Education Director of the Arizona Jazz Academy. The academy gives students in Pima County the opportunity to explore and grow in the world of jazz.

“Jazz stimulates the three major ways we learn — audio, visual and physical. It makes us more prime to learn,” he said.

On April 5, jazz ensembles from the Arizona Jazz Academy and the UA Jazz Band competed against 350 ensembles in the 31st Annual Fullerton College Jazz Festival in California. The UA Jazz Band, under Tidaback’s direction, beat out 14 other colleges for top honors in the University Big Band division.

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Conference focuses on Latina women

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A group of Latin American women gathered Saturday to discuss the “younger generation.”

Many of those women were UA students, looking to their predecessors for guidance.

The League of United Latin American Citizens held its annual National Women’s Conference, “Cultural Strengths and Leadership for the Younger Generation,” at Pima Community College.

More than 700 Arizonans are members of LULAC, and both of the state’s young adults

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