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## Parts of campus shut down by outage

By Kristina Dunham & Devin Simmons  
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A power outage on campus interrupted classes and work for hundreds on the UA campus yesterday afternoon.

The outage, which began at about 2:15 p.m., spread from the Integrated Learning Center to the Life Sciences South building, and included the Student Union Memorial Center and Campus Health Center, among other buildings.

John Brown, spokesman for Tucson Electric Power Co., said the outage resulted from a communication failure between the university's system and TEP.

"There are communication links that allow TEP's electric systems to talk to UA's electric systems," Brown said. "The cause of the failure is unknown."

An investigation is underway, however, to determine whether service work performed on campus yesterday by the company that connects the two systems had anything to do with the power failure, Brown said.

"It's likely that it's not a coincidence," Brown said, but added, "It's hard to know."

When the lights went out, many students

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## UA ribbon controversy heats up

By Rebekah Kleinman & Aaron Mackey  
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When the College Republicans put up yellow ribbons last week to show support for U.S. troops abroad, they didn't anticipate having to monitor the UA Mall with video cameras.

The group hung 200 ribbons Thursday night, only a few days after 150 ribbons were removed from the Mall. According to Pete Seat, the club's president, members of the club patrolled the area throughout the night, with one member setting up a Web cam.

Seat said the camera recorded two unidentified females taking the ribbons down in front

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## Childcare lacking at UA

Graduate Student Council  
seeking to remedy problem

By Shelley Shelton  
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University childcare resources are in high demand and short supply, according to the results of a survey that will be announced today in a press conference.

The Graduate Student Dependent and Child Care Survey revealed that 23 per-

cent of UA's 8,000 graduate students have dependents less than 18 years old, while 22 percent of those surveyed indicated they plan to have their first or an additional child while still in school. Furthermore, one-fourth of those surveyed had incomes below the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

"To know that one quarter of our graduate students live below the poverty line is particularly disturbing because poverty has a negative impact on health and well-being," said Jennifer Runquist, the nursing doctoral student who conducted the

survey.

The Graduate and Professional Student Council, the Graduate College and the Office of Student Financial Aid sponsored the undertaking. No similar data is available regarding the undergraduate population, according to the Office of Student Financial Aid and the Dean of Students Office.

"Being on the Graduate Student Council, I felt I had an obligation to my constituents," Runquist said, adding that

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## BATTLING THE HEAT



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Chris Clingensmith, a molecular and cellular biology sophomore, prepares for the imminent hot weather of spring by stocking water bottles in the U-mart last week. Students are encouraged to drink up to eight glasses of water per day as the weather heats up.

## Students need to stay hydrated

Experts advise students to avoid dehydration, skin cancer by drinking plenty of water, wearing sunscreen

By Tessa Hill  
STAFF WRITER

With summer almost here, students are ditching their winter wardrobes and heading outside. But for many, the great outdoors might not be so great.

In Tucson's desert climate, the temperature can easily reach 90 degrees in the spring months, but with the lack of humidity it is often difficult to feel the heat's intensity, which can cause dehydration and severe sunburns.

"The problem with our heat is that, with as dry as it is, you don't perceive the heat," said Dr. Gale Begemann, nutrition counselor at Campus Health. She went on to say that most people who are not from desert climates often don't recognize the extremity of the heat.

"Water is our main cooling mechanism, so it is important that we stay hydrated," she added.

Begemann said that because thirst lags behind dehydration, when people begin to feel thirsty, their body is already 1 to 2 percent below the body's hydration level. This decrease can cause the

beginning symptoms of dehydration.

"Grogginess, irritability, lethargy and a feeling of heaviness are the first signs," Begemann said, adding that the quickest way to recover from a dehydration spell is to drink cool, not ice cold, beverages because they are the most palatable.

On average, Begemann recommends drinking eight glasses of water per day to maintain a consistent level of hydration. But those who are very active, especially outdoors, should drink more.

If someone is not getting enough fluids, there are several ways to determine dehydration.

Checking urine color and clarity is the

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