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SOUTHWEST SLIP 'N' SLIDE

Rainfall floods UA; drainage a concern

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Less than a half-inch of rain fell yesterday, but it was enough to create mini rivers and lakes on campus, annoying students with wet feet and soaked pants.

"Look at my pants; drainage isn't working," said Erika Trigoso, a geography graduate student who was riding her bike around campus yesterday.

Grant McCormick, a campus planner who has been working on storm water drainage projects for the past 10 years, said two immediate projects addressing the problem are in the works.

Two different areas of campus under construction will escape flooding problems with the aid of detention basins — sunken areas of land where collected water is absorbed and slowly bled out into the street.

These areas include the Arizona Health Sciences Center, where three buildings are being constructed, and the Highland District, where two new residence halls will open next year.

"It's one of those things that we're slowly chipping away at," McCormick said. "We're in a tight

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UA Mall-goers dodge the rain yesterday as Tucson and the rest of southern Arizona was drenched by the late February showers. Below-normal temperatures are expected to continue throughout the week, with up to a foot of snow on Mount Lemmon.

Women's lacrosse caught hazing

Team put on probation for banana 'blow job'

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The women's lacrosse team was charged with hazing after a team member reported she had to act out a blow job on a banana.

Veda Kowalski, associate dean of students, said a member of the team reported that she thought she had been hazed one month ago, after she was told to demonstrate a blow job on a banana, drink even though she was underage, and eat pudding from its container on the ground.

The five new team members who were hazed by returning members also had to run a relay race and dance.

The team has been put on probation for one calendar year. Members must complete 100 hours of community service, and create an anti-hazing project they will present to the Dean of Students Office.

Although they cannot participate in social activities for club sports, they can practice and compete as of today.

While the team was awaiting its sanction, it was suspended from all privileges, including anything affiliated with the school — more specifically, use of all university fields. Today will be the first practice for the team in a month.

Last year, the Dean of Students Office cracked

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Students say safety a concern in UA library

By Holly Wells
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On Jan. 28, Megan Miller was assaulted by another student while she was studying on the fourth floor of the Main Library.

Miller, a senior majoring in Spanish, said the student, whom she didn't know, grabbed her by the wrists and told Miller he loved her. He had assaulted another female student a few minutes before he went after Miller. The student was arrested and charged with assault in both cases.

Miller said she never felt unsafe in the library until now, and she thinks more should be done to protect students.

"There's no control system over who comes in and out of the library," she said.

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300 fewer international students attending UA as U.S. restricts visas

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Thant Sin Min tried three times to study at the UA, but each time that the UA accepted him, the United States did not.

It wasn't until his third attempt to get a visa from the U.S. consulate in Burma that Min, a mechanical engineering sophomore, succeeded.

Visa restrictions imposed by the Department of Homeland Security have dramatically impacted the number of international students studying in the United States, said Kirk Simmons, executive director of international affairs.

Last fall, UA had more than 2,900 international students. This spring, the

number has dropped by 300, Simmons said. Spring enrollment is usually down by 100 to 150 students, but this semester's large drop has raised some eyebrows.

"I've been in the business for 30 years. This is the most dramatic down I've ever seen," Simmons said.

The main reasons for the drop in international students include stricter visa procedures after Sept. 11, 2001, and increased competition from universities in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom, Simmons said.

When Min searched for a university, he applied to schools in the United States, Canada and Japan, but kept his eye on Arizona.

"I really wanted to come to the United States," he said.

He first applied for his visa before Sept. 11. The consulate turned him down, saying he didn't have the financial means to study in America although he had a full scholarship, Min said.

The consulate also told him he needed a U.S. bank account.

"It was impossible for my family to get a U.S. bank account," he said. "It's unbelievable they would require that."

After the Sept. 11 attacks, Min said the interviews got harder. The consulate saw 15 people per day, and only one got a visa, Min said.

The drop in enrollment has also hurt the UA and the Tucson community financially.

An international student

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