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ASUA primaries begin today

By Natasha Bhuyan
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The ASUA primary elections begin today, and come Friday, two presidential candidates will be eliminated from the race.

Alistair Chapman, Brian Raphael, Amanda Meaker and Josh Shapiro are running for ASUA president, but only two can move on to the general

elections, March 3 and 4. The student body president is chief executive officer, chief financial officer and representative for UA students.

Melanie Rainer, ASUA executive vice president, said it is important that students vote in the primaries.

"Usually, only a small percentage of students vote, and

they are electing people to represent the entire student body," she said.

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No one will be eliminated in the race for executive vice president and administrative vice president as there are only two candidates running for each position.

ASUA Sens. Blake Buchanan and Sara Birnbaum

are competing for executive vice president, while Jordan Miller, Freshman Class Council director, and Clint Walls, former vice president of public relations for the Interfraternity Council, are running for administrative vice president.

Since only 20 students are running for senate, all will advance to the general

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Regents: Speak for yourself on tuition

'Choreographed efforts' at tuition hearings frustrate some regents

By Jeff Sklar
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The Arizona Board of Regents president has some advice for students planning to address the board at its tuition hearing tonight: Speak for yourselves.

Board President Chris Herstam said he's been frustrated in the past by what he perceives as "choreographed efforts" by student leaders to pack the hearings with people furthering identical interests.

And he's hoping they'll stop.

Such a strategy is counterproductive, Herstam said. He's more persuaded by students speaking on their own behalf based on personal experience.

"I am hoping that a more diversified group of students participates in the upcoming tuition hearing," Herstam said.

The hearing, which will take place from 5 to 7 tonight, is the only opportunity for students to speak directly to the regents about proposed tuition hikes.

Associated Students of the University of Arizona President J.P. Benedict said he hasn't asked his lobbyists to speak out on behalf of their proposal, which would raise resident tuition by \$400, as opposed to the \$490 under President Peter Likins' plan.

Both plans also call for nonresident tuition to rise by \$700.

Rather than try to overwhelm regents with a

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THE MAYER IS IN THE HOUSE



John Mayer rocked a full Tucson Convention Center last night as part of his 2004 tour that kicked off earlier this month. Maroon 5 opened for Mayer, playing hits from its newest CD Songs About Jane. See page 16 for a review of the concert. For more photos from the concert, see wildcat.arizona.edu.

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Nude visitor prompts UAPD to guard philosophy class

By Holly Wells
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Earlier this semester, a former student decided to attend Keith Lehrer's lecture sans clothes, wearing only his tennis shoes.

Former UA student Matthew Kramer, who had an American flag decal on his chest, claimed his actions were to protect the country.

As a result of Kramer's full disclosure, a UAPD officer now sits outside of Room 306 in the César E. Chávez building every Monday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The seminar was taught in the Social Sciences building until Kramer showed up nude.

Lehrer, a philosophy professor, said Kramer was expelled last year for sending out obscene e-mails to faculty mem-

bers. But even after he was expelled, he continued to send inappropriate e-mails to UA faculty and approach professors and female teaching assistants, making obscene comments.

"He's crazy; he's obviously demented," Lehrer said.

Cole Mitchell, a philosophy graduate student taking Lehrer's seminar, said the day Kramer walked into the classroom naked everyone was surprised. Mitchell said Kramer remained in the classroom for about 15 minutes before police arrived.

Mitchell said he didn't feel threatened by Kramer.

"At first we didn't know what had happened, but it was obvious that he didn't have any weapons," said Mitchell, "It soon became a source of amusement."

Lehrer said some students dropped the seminar after the incident.

Since then, the class has been moved and an officer has sat outside the door ensuring that Kramer, who is not allowed on campus, does not try to come back.

"It's an unusual case; Kramer has repeatedly not adhered to orders to stay off of campus," said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, spokesman for UAPD.

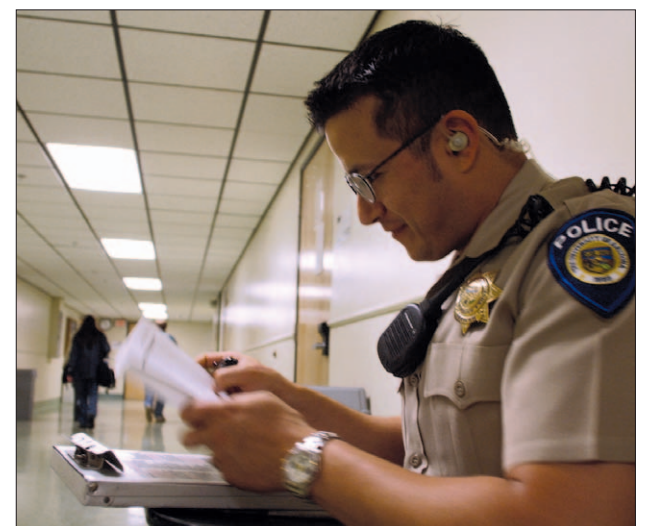
Mejia said the philosophy department asked for the officer as a precaution since Kramer continued to be disruptive on campus.

Mejia said he did not think Kramer was violent because the incident was disruptive and not threatening.

But Lehrer said he felt there was a small chance that Kramer could become violent.

"It's probably a one in 10 chance of him being violent, but he was certainly

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UAPD Officer Andrew Valenzuela sits outside Room 306 in the César E. Chávez building Monday afternoon. Since a man streaked through professor Keith Lehrer's classroom, Lehrer has requested an officer sit outside in case the offender decides to return.

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