

## Going Geocaching

Students use GPS units to hide, find objects on campus

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When darkness hides corners of campus in shadows, people creep around the UA with only one goal: to find hidden treasures.

People using nothing but intuition and satellite data find these treasures, or "caches," using Global Positioning System coordinates on their hand-held GPS units.

A GPS unit, about the size of a cell phone, pinpoints a location using a worldwide radio-navigation system that collects data from satellites and their ground stations.

Called "geocaching," the activity involves hiding containers and posting its GPS coordinates at geocaching.com.

Others then log onto the Web site, get the cache coordinates, and enter them into a GPS unit. If they're lucky, there might also be a clue posted on the site.

"It's like an international scavenger hunt with everyone and anyone. But, it's still nerdy," said Jenny Bentley, an art education senior who geocaches with her self-declared nerdy boyfriend.

The term "geocaching" is derived from the "geo" in geography and "caching" for the activity of hiding or finding a cache.

The caches can be as small as a film container and as large as a chest or bucket. The size depends on where it needs to be hidden; urban caches are generally smaller, so they are not seen

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Political science senior Chuck Coolidge demonstrates his "geocaching" skills on campus yesterday as he looks under a bench. Coolidge is one of the many Tucsonians who participate in the little-known hobby that involves tracking down hidden treasures based on GPS coordinates.

## Candidates for ASUA president square off

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An ASUA outsider and an ASUA student lobbyist squared off at the presidential debate yesterday, each saying his distinct background makes him the best man for the job.

Presidential candidates Alistair Chapman, a student lobbyist, and Josh Shapiro, vice president of Delta Tau Delta, argued over their differences on issues such as the internal structure of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona and the distribution of men's basketball tickets.

Chapman and Shapiro hope to win a majority of the votes cast in this year's ASUA elections, which kick off today.

Chapman said his four years of ASUA experience would allow him to work on feasible goals, adding he would not have to face a lengthy learning curve if he took office.

But Shapiro said the strength of his vision for positive change to ASUA is more significant than his experience in ASUA, adding that ASUA needs to do a better job of reaching out to the general student body.

To accomplish this, Shapiro said he would expand the ASUA Senate to 18 members, with one representing each college on campus so more students could have their voices heard.

Chapman criticized the idea and said the structure limits the possibility of collaboration among senators.

Instead, Chapman proposed creating a "house of representatives," with unpaid students elected by specific colleges.

When asked how he would attract enough students for the unpaid positions, Chapman said he would increase marketing.

Chapman and Shapiro also disagreed on the

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## Campus-area rapist appears in Tucson court

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An accused serial rapist made his first appearance before a Tucson court yesterday, facing charges for sexual assaults committed around the UA in 2001 and 2002.

James Allen Selby was charged last year with four campus-area rapes, along with more than 25 other crimes ranging from attempted murder to kidnapping.

Selby, who was appointed a public defender, did not speak throughout the proceedings.

Fred Roach, deputy Pima County attorney, asked the court to set bail at \$2 million.

Selby was convicted of sexual assault in Colorado last September. After a nationwide manhunt, Selby was caught when he gave his

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## Parking tickets help pay for new garages

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Andrew Grimes received a parking ticket for taking up two spaces last semester, and afterwards, he had the same question that runs through the minds of many students.

"What the hell do they do with my money?" asked Grimes, an undeclared freshman. "They're trying to get money whenever they can."

Gary Thomson, associate director for Parking and Transportation Services, said the department does not make a profit from parking tickets and parking permits because all the money that comes in pays for garages, new Zone 1 lots and services such as CatTran.

PTS is an auxiliary service,

meaning it receives no money from the state or from tuition.

Instead, it pays a service fee to administrators for overhead costs such as payroll.

"The revenue we generate from things such as parking and garage permits and visitor parking goes to new parking lots, paying off debts of existing parking garages, salaries and shuttles," Thomson said. "We are not here to make a profit. If we should have a surplus, we pay for new garages or the debts."

CatTran, the Daytime Disability Cart Service, and the Motorist Assistance Program are all services provided to students with the help of funds generated by parking tickets and parking



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An illegally parked car sits on North Tyndall Avenue in mid-February after being booted by Parking and Transportation Services. PTS' revenue from parking tickets helps pay for new garages.

permits, Thomson said.

"The revenue we generate goes back to free services on campus for all students," he said.

The PTS budget of \$10 mil-

lion per year is split up into many different categories that show exactly where students' money is going.

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