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ASUA candidate agreement under fire

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An agreement that surfaced yesterday between ASUA presidential candidate Josh Shapiro and a former graduate student council president has come under fire from current and former student leaders.

The deal would guarantee one student lobbyist position for a graduate student and eliminate the Associated Students of the University of Arizona president's role as a representative of graduate students.

The ASUA elections commissioner, Dan Suh, and former ASUA presidents Doug Hartz, Cisco Aguilar and Ray Quintero said yesterday that they were concerned about the deal struck between Shapiro and Peter Morris, last year's president of the Graduate and Professional Student Council who graduated last year.

Suh said although the deal didn't violate the elections code, he said he was upset by it and would not condone it.

"It's a terrible thing," he said.

After realizing the promise was not consistent with ASUA bylaws, Shapiro took back the agreement and made a different promise.

"Since the graduate students aren't represented enough, if a graduate student applies and has a reasonable argument on why they should be in ASA, then I will appoint them," he said. "It gives a fair balance to whoever else

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PARAMEDICS 101



UA Extended University student Nicole Whittaker responds to a mock trauma in which instructor Chris Nealy portrays a victim of a furnace explosion during a training exercise at the Arizona Emergency Medicine Research Center, 1824 E. Elm St., yesterday. The simulation was part of the 10-month paramedic course provided through the distance-learning program.

Graduation ceremony moved to stadium

Possibility of Bush visit combines both ceremonies

By Jeff Sklar
SENIOR WRITER

Commencement will take place in a single ceremony at Arizona Stadium this year, the first time since the 1970s that the UA will hold graduation outside.

The event is normally split into two ceremonies in McKale Center, but was moved outside and consolidated in anticipation of a possible speech by President Bush.

Though officials still call a Bush acceptance unlikely, they moved the ceremony outside so that if he does attend, all the graduates will be able to hear his speech.

But they emphasized that even though they moved the ceremony, they haven't received any word from the White House on whether Bush will accept.

"We have no idea ... of what the president's response will be," said Edith Auslander, Likins' senior associate. Auslander echoed earlier statements from Likins in calling a Bush acceptance a "long shot."

The White House could respond to the request anytime, she said.

The stadium could accommodate about 50,000 people for a single ceremony. Between 11,000 and 14,000 typically attend the McKale ceremonies.

Graduates and their families should prepare for warm temperatures during the May 15 ceremony, said associate dean of students Alexis Hernandez, who chairs the commencement operations committee.

"There will be no shadow in the stadium," he said.

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Writer zooms in on gays in Holocaust

By Walter E. Staton
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Lev Raphael is the gay son of two Jewish Holocaust survivors, and he wants to bring more attention to the persecution of homosexuals in the Holocaust.

Raphael spoke to students and community members last night in the Catalina Room of the Student Union Memorial Center, focusing on the experience of gays and lesbians in the Holocaust.

His talk also previewed a traveling exhibit from the Holocaust Museum showcasing gays in the Holocaust. The exhibit will hit Tucson in mid-April.

He said many

Holocaust survivors keep silent about their experiences, especially gay and lesbian survivors.

"I always wondered what I could do as a writer," he said.

He said there are only a handful of books that deal with the issue and that there is little imaginative literature on the subject.

Raphael read a few pages of his latest book, "The German Money," before taking questions from the audience. The book's characters are three siblings, one who is bisexual, who are struggling with their Jewish identity and how to cope with their recently deceased mother.

Silence is the main theme of his writing, Raphael said. He targets the

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UA prof wants less grass, more birds

By Jessica Lee
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Desert landscaping could encroach on campus grass if a UA professor gets his way.

Michael Rosenzweig, an ecology and evolutionary biology professor, said the UA campus could become a more appetizing habitat for the local bird population if officials were to trade the grass for mesquite trees.

"It is unimaginable what this campus could be like," said Rosenzweig. "(The current landscape) was unbelievably badly done."

Due to drastic reductions in Sonoran Desert landscaping over the years, the campus no longer sees a variety of native birds, he said. Rather, house finches, doves and pigeons flood the campus.

"We already spend the money to develop; why not spend it wiser?" Rosenzweig said.

To bring back the native birds, Rosenzweig advocates a new type of ecology he calls "reconciliation ecology." Rather than protect undisturbed wild areas in national parks or wilderness



Michael Rosenzweig, an ecology and evolutionary biology professor, wants an increase in Sonoran Desert landscaping within the UA and Tucson to make a more favorable habitat for native birds.

areas, Rosenzweig insists that urban areas could do more to preserve plants and animals by leaving more open space.

The drive to return more local birds to campus would involve integrating the desert with the campus.

"When we look at the local land-

scape, the campus is different from the surrounding desert landscape. We aren't providing the habitat for the native desert species, (but) rather birds attracted by urban environment," said Mark Novak, a landscape architect within Campus Facilities and Planning.

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