

UA can't lure top math theorist

By Jessica Lee
STAFF WRITER

The department of mathematics received a blow this week when it failed to recruit a world-famous mathematician, officials said.

Karl Rubin, a top number theorist at Stanford University, declined an offer to relocate to the UA.

"He was on the market to move from Stanford. He considered us very seriously," said Nicholas Ercolani, the head of the mathematics department. "The negotiations went long, but he declined our offer."

Rubin declined to comment on why he turned down the UA because he is still negotiating with other universities.

Ercolani said Rubin, who is considered a leader in his field, would have brought prestige and research dollars to the UA.

"Karl would have brought a lot to the research program intellectually. He would have also brought a lot financially, though," said Doug Ulmer, associate head of the math graduate program and professor.

Over the last 15 years, the National Science Foundation has awarded Rubin and his research team more than \$800,000 in grants. A \$234,474 grant, which expires in 2005, could have transferred to the UA.

See MATH/10

CHAPMAN 58.5% • SHAPIRO 41.4%



Alistair Chapman embraces a supporter after he was elected as ASUA president last night at the Kiva room in the Student Union Memorial Center. The ASUA election had Chapman as the winner over Josh Shapiro with 58.5 percent of the votes cast.

Chapman elected president of ASUA

Shapiro to appeal loss to ASUA Supreme Court

By Dana Crudo & Natasha Bhuyan
STAFF WRITERS

Alistair Chapman won the ASUA presidential election, defeating Josh Shapiro with 58.5 percent of the votes.

Just a few hours before the election results were announced, Shapiro, who received 41.4 percent of the votes, filed an appeal with the ASUA Supreme Court, saying elections commissioner Dan Suh violated the elections code.

Shapiro said Suh attended Chapman's post-primary campaign party and failed to write up Chapman supporters who campaigned within 75 feet of a voting station.

In addition, Tuesday's ASUA presidential debate organized by Suh was biased, as three of the four panelists openly endorsed Chapman before the debate, or were affiliated with organizations that had endorsed Chapman, Shapiro said.

Greg Billings, president of the University Activities Board, and Melanie Rainer, executive vice president for ASUA, openly endorsed Chapman.

Jeff Sklar, a senior writer for the *Arizona Daily Wildcat*, also sat on the panel. The

See ELECTIONS/10

UAPD calls on students to be safe drivers

By Holly Wells
STAFF WRITER

With spring break fast approaching, students' minds might already be turning to beaches and booze. But UAPD officials warn that when driving around campus in the week ahead, students should keep their minds on the road.

Just last month, a UA student killed a motorcyclist after he failed to yield while making a left turn.

Although no criminal charges were filed against Sean Coll, a journalism senior, he received two civil citations for being in an accident causing death while making a left turn and failing to yield while making a left turn.

Coll refused to comment on the accident.

Percentage-wise, people between the ages of 18 and 24 are involved with more accidents than any other age group.

According to the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Crash Facts for

See DRIVING/16

Students prescribed Vicodin for colds

Campus Health says prescriptions routine

By Sarah Stanton
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Katy Hartley, a pre-business sophomore, went to Campus Health Service last year with a sore throat.

Hartley expected the Campus Health doctor to give her a strep throat test and possibly antibiotics.

Instead, she was sent home with a bottle of Vicodin, a strong opiate painkiller.

"I was really surprised; I totally expected antibiotics, and all I got was Vicodin," said Hartley, who had an allergic reaction to the drugs. "It seems really weird to me; I don't know why they are treating sore throats by prescribing these medications."

Hartley said several other students she knows have also been prescribed Vicodin for sore throats at Campus Health, and they are concerned because of a recent rise in prescription drug abuse.

"I decided to wait it out, but things like this really make me think twice

about going to Campus Health," she said.

According to the 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, the second-most popular category of drug use, after marijuana, is the nonmedical use of prescription drugs like Vicodin and OxyContin.

One UA student who wanted to remain anonymous said she has developed a dependency on prescription drugs, specifically OxyContin. While Campus Health did not cause her addiction, she said Campus Health prescribed drugs to her prior to her addiction.

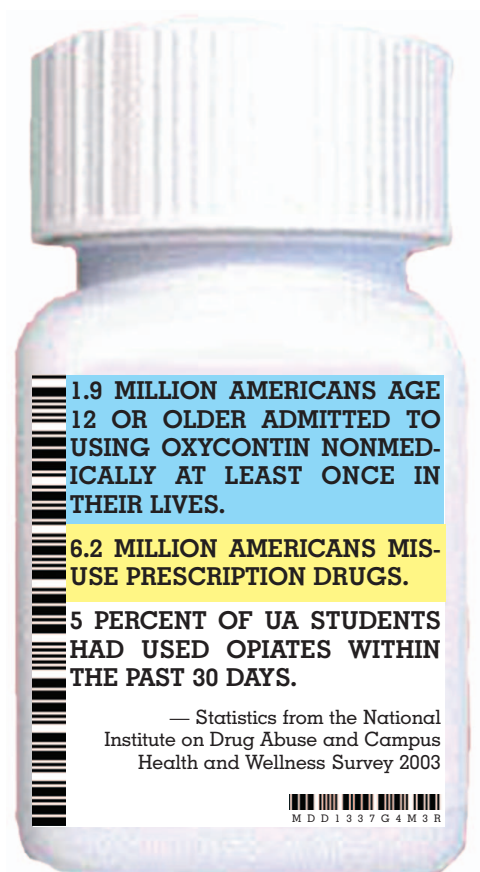
The 20-year-old attends a methadone clinic daily to fight her addiction.

In the clinic, the student is given drugs to help fight withdrawal symptoms as a result of being addicted to opiates.

Around 1.9 million people in the United States age 12 or older have used OxyContin nonmedically at least once in their lives, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Employees at Campus Health said it is routine to prescribe Vicodin and other

See DRUGS/16



Students volunteer to teach English

PAGE 3

Coaches Women's hoops heads to Pac-10 tourney
debate tourney system

PAGE 11



Men's hoops prepare for ASU

PAGE 11