UA can’t lure top math theorist

By Jessica Lee

The department of mathematics received a blow this week when it failed to lure 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.

“If you would have brought a lot to the research program intellectually. He would have also brought a lot financial,” 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 $900,000 in grants. A $234,474 grant, which expires in 2005, could have transferred to the UA.

Students prescribed Vicodin for colds

By Sarah Stanton

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 step 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 expected antibiotics, and all I got was Vicodin.

“it seems really expected antibiotics, and all I got was me. I don’t know why they are treating some threats with 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 U.S. is going through a prescription pill epidemic.

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5 PERCENT OF UA STUDENTS HAD USED OPIATES WITHIN THE PAST 30 DAYS.

According to the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Crash Facts for the past 30 days, 1.9 million Americans 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 painkillers for some conditions, despite growing concerns about addiction.

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

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

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Students volunteered to teach English

Coaches debate tourney system

Women’s hoops heads to Pac-10 tourney

Men’s hoops prepare for ASU

Chapman elected president of ASUA

Shapiro to appeal loss to ASUA Supreme Court

Allister 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 Sub violated the elections code.

Shapiro said Sub 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 Sub 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.

Cory 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 re-elect champ won with 58.5 percent of the votes cast.