

Laptops stolen from physics TAs

By Holly Wells
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At least six laptops have been stolen from the graduate teaching assistants' offices in the Physics and Atmospheric Sciences building within the last two weeks.

Sheng Yuan, a physics teaching assistant, said his laptop was stolen on March 18, just one week after someone stole another laptop from the same room.

After that laptop was

stolen, Yuan took his computer home to safeguard it, but brought it back to the office to grade homework and enter grades, he said.

Yuan said he then left to go eat at the Student Union Memorial Center and was sure he locked the door.

"After being gone one hour, I came back and (found) my laptop stolen too," he said.

Yuan said he had been the only person in the office and the building had been nearly empty at the time because of spring break.

Delphine Perrodin, a physics graduate student, also had her laptop stolen over spring break.

Perrodin said she remembers locking the door before leaving the office.

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If you have any information about the stolen laptops, call UAPD at 621-8273

Yuan and Perrodin both said they believe the thefts were committed by someone who works in the building.

"All of the doors have been locked; someone must have a master key because they've been able to get into several offices," Perrodin said.

Yuan said his computer contained student grades, since he is a TA this semester.

"Some of the grades I had recorded on paper, but I had to ask students to bring in

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Sabino Canyon reopens tomorrow

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department is winding down its efforts to capture mountain lions in Sabino Canyon, and the popular national recreation area will reopen tomorrow on a trial basis, officials said.

The canyon will be open to the public from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, but visitors will only be allowed on its two paved roads for now. Dogs, bicycles and feeding wildlife will be barred.

The agency had been trying to capture the cats in the recreation area because it believed the animals could be a threat to people. The recreation area has been closed for three weeks.

Instead of trying to capture them, Game and Fish now will focus its efforts in neighborhoods around Sabino Canyon, with two Game and Fish officers responding to and verifying possible lion sightings, regional supervisor Gerry Perry said yesterday.

"The actions taken here were justified. We attempted to get this over as quickly as possible, and we are at this point scaling down because we have a lessened concern for Sabino Canyon," Perry said.

With low humidity and temperatures climbing, he added, "using the (tracking) dogs right now is not productive."

He said the tracking dogs would not be brought back "unless we have something that's verified that we feel we need to do."

Perry said he hopes Arizona lawmakers will enact legislation to prohibit people from feeding animals that mountain lions prey on.

"I'm hopeful there will be some ordinances or legislation passed that will prohibit it, because that's clearly what's causing the problem," he said.

Feeding prey species such as javelinas draws them into neighborhoods, and predators, including mountain lions, can follow them, inevitably creating the potential for more interaction with humans, Perry said. There

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CUTS FOR CANCER



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Hairstylist Molly Dudley cuts off 10 inches of interdisciplinary studies junior Stephanie Mazer's hair for Locks for Love yesterday afternoon on the UA Mall. Locks for Love encourages people to donate their hair to make wigs for children who have cancer.

Afghan Fulbright scholars study at UA, ready for homeland to rebuild

By Natasha Bhuyan
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A. Ghafoor Liwal feared for his life in Afghanistan.

In 1999, the Taliban threatened Liwal, a journalist, and his news agency while he was researching a human rights group, because Taliban members were angered by the work the group was doing.

"The human rights issue was a hard issue because of all the violence," Liwal said.

Liwal said he knew the Taliban cut

off the hands of disobeyers and beat them. Concerned for his life, Liwal moved from Kabul to Pakistan, and then relocated to the United States.

Now more than two years after the Taliban's defeat, Liwal, a Humphrey Scholar, is studying at the UA, hoping to bring the United States' free press back to his homeland.

Liwal is one of six Humphrey Scholars from Afghanistan who are studying English at the UA for six months.

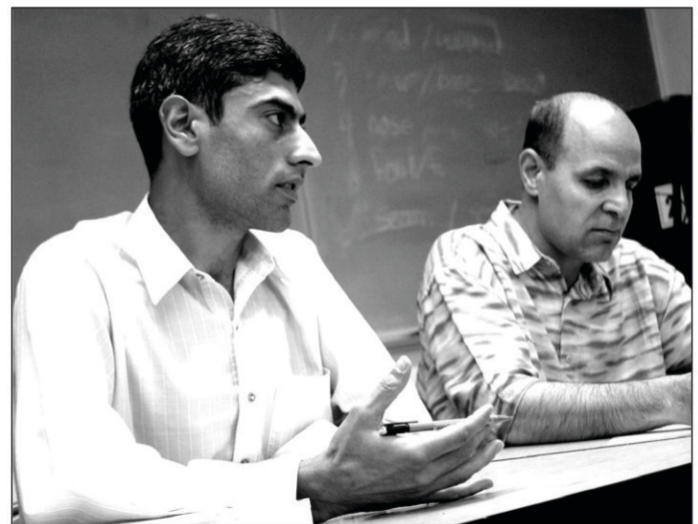
The students all said they came to America to increase their knowledge of subjects such as economics, foreign

affairs and computer literacy in order to contribute to the development of Afghanistan.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, part of the Fulbright Scholar Program, brings international professionals to the United States. According to the Institute of International Education Web site, the fellowship establishes relationships with people of other countries to exchange knowledge.

The UA Afghan students were awarded the fellowship because of

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EVAN CARAVELLI/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Farid Ahmad, a program coordinator for agricultural groups in Afghanistan, explains what living conditions were like in Afghanistan during Taliban rule. He and five other Afghani citizens earned Fulbright fellowships to pursue their studies in American universities, including the UA's Center for English as a Second Language.

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