Laptops stolen from physics TAs

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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 to the office to safeguard it, but brought it back to his office the next day to grade homework and enter grades, he said. Yuan and his roommate left the office at 4:30 p.m., and returned at 5:30 p.m. to find the laptop and grade book missing.

Yuan said he had been the only person in the office at the time of the theft.

A physics graduate student, Delphine Perrodin, also had her laptop stolen. Perrodin said she locked the door before leaving the office.

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

“The door has been locked; someone must have a 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 their assignments,” he said.

CUTS FOR CANCER

Hair stylist Molly Daidley cuts off 10 inches of interdisciplinary studies junior Stephanie Maze’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

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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. “We were threatened by the Taliban.”

Liwal said he knows the Taliban cut off the hands of disobevers 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 University of Arizona, 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 university. 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 Scholarship 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 U/A Afghanistan students were awarded the fellowship because of their work in Afghanistan. The scholars are encouraged to return and invest in their community.

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