Fraternity admits to bench theft
By Ty Young

Police are investigating the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity after four pledges admitted to stealing benches and a table — university property — early Wednesday morning, police reports stated.

After the stolen items were found at the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity house, 1510 N. Vine Ave., the pledges told police that they stole the metal picnic table and benches from the UA Pharmacy building, 1703 E. Mabel St., and metal picnic table and benches from the UA Radiation Control Office, 1640 N. Vine St.

An employee from the Radiation Control Office notified police at 12:30 p.m. after he noticed the picnic table was missing from an engine shop.

Police also found cut marks in a cable lock that police believe were made by thieves.

Police reported that the students tried to file a report with the Dean of Students Office, which can then impose sanctions on the students, if necessary.

The policy’s approval comes only a week after the one-year anniversary of the shootings at the College of Nursing, in which a disgruntled student shot and killed three professors. The student, Robert S. Flores Jr., had been disruptive in class and exhibited threatening behavior toward teachers.

More serious offenses may lead to formal complaints being filed with the Dean of Students Office, which can then impose sanctions on the students, if necessary.

Students to vote today in elections
By Greg Holt

City-wide elections are being held today and ASUA is encouraging students to cast their votes.

A shuttle service, organized by ASUA, will be transporting students to voting locations.

“This is a chance for students to get their voice heard,” said Cara Harris, ASUA senator and shuttle coordinator. “We’re just trying to get students more involved.”

Voters will decide today if they want to keep Republican Bob Wilds as mayor or replace him with either Democrat and UA professor Tom Volgy or Libertarian Kimberly Swanson.

Also on the ballot today are propositions 200 and 201, a transportation initiative that could, if passed, improve Tucson’s light rail system and install a light rail train in central Tucson.

Two passenger vans will pick up students at the turnaround in front of the UA’s Bookstore and will operate between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The shuttle service will transport students to their designated voting locations, as long as these locations are within the boundaries of River Road to the North, 22nd Street to the South, Craycroft Road to the East and Silverbell Road to the West.

“We’re also trying to get people into voting mode for the upcoming presidential elections,” Harris said.

Voter registration will also be available for those students who show up to vote but have not yet registered.

“We have the registration out for those who want to vote but can’t,” Harris said. “There’s a competition between UA, ASU and NAU to see who can get more students registered before the end of the year.”

The shuttle service is paid for through the ASUA senate budget, and is also available to faculty, staff and any members of the community needing a ride to the polls, Harris said.