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SPIRIT OF THE GAME



Deborah Weis, a communication Ph.D. student, practices her forehand throw on Monday evening at Rincon Field. Weis plays for Scorch, the UA women's ultimate Frisbee team, who took ninth place in the Santa Barbara Invitational this weekend.

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TEAM 'SCORCHES' COMPETITION

By Alexandria Blute
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The UA's Scorch ultimate Frisbee team has proven that it is a force to be reckoned with.

After the group officially tossed its first disc in the fall of 2000, it won a bid to nationals in only its second year.

This past weekend at the Santa Barbara Invitational in Santa Barbara, Calif., the women played 4-3, winning the B division tournament

and securing a ninth place finish overall.

Despite the competitive nature of the game, the veteran members of the Scorch maintain that winning is not the most important reason they play.

Instead, they say "the spirit of the game" is what keeps them coming back to play ultimate Frisbee year after year.

"The spirit of the game," a phrase used mostly by hardened Frisbee gurus, reflects the sport's creation three decades ago as an

alternative to competitive sports and allows teams like the Scorch to play ultimate just for the fun of it.

Scorch treasurer Joelle Sarlls, a biomedical engineering graduate student, said ultimate games often have no referee. She said the spirit of the game allows the players to judge their own plays.

Sarlls said it is not uncommon to see players call a foul on themselves.

"You're supposed to be honest with your calls," she said.

And while team members acknowledge that proving themselves as a top-notch team is quite an accomplishment, the girls say their achievements have been a by-product of hard work and commitment.

"We have two mandatory practices plus added fitness workouts," said Scorch president and team captain Esther Kim.

"We don't want to force anyone," said Kim, a speech and hearing sciences

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Deadline extended for ASUA positions

ASUA hopes to recruit more senate candidates

By Natasha Bhuyan and Dana Crudo
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ASUA officials decided to extend last week's deadline for students to decide whether to run for office to Feb. 6 after only nine students put themselves on the ballot for 10 senator spots.

At last night's candidate meeting, Dan Suh, ASUA elections commissioner, said the candidate packets deadline for the March elections has been extended to Feb. 6 in order to recruit more candidates, primarily for the senate positions.

Originally the packets were due Jan. 23, but once the candidate list was released, officials realized more people were needed to run for the positions and decided to extend the deadline.

As of yesterday, there were only nine candidates for 10 available senate spots, two candidates for administrative vice president and one candidate for executive vice president. Last year, 19 people ran for the senate.

Suh said the decision was made in order to maintain a competitive election.

"It's the only fair option," he said. "We considered the write-in votes, but a deadline extension seemed best."

Students who already turned in their candidate packets by the original date expressed frustration with the decision.

"This is not fair," said Stephanie Hartz, a biochemistry and molecular biophysics sophomore and senate candidate. "We all made the deadline, and everyone had an equal chance at making that date."

Josh Shapiro, an economics junior and presidential candidate, said he understands the need for more student involvement, but says he had to frantically run around to make the original deadline.

"A deadline is a deadline," he said. "With the new candidates, there should be some discretion

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Likins asks Legislature for more help

By Bob Purvis
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PHOENIX — One year and \$440 million changed the tone but not the message as President Peter Likins asked legislators to help fight key problems, like faculty retention and enrollment growth, that threaten the UA.

Last year, Likins gave a scathing speech to the House Committee on Appropriations in which he lambasted them for two consecutive years of budget cuts and their plans to cut again.

Yesterday, Likins graciously thanked legislators for their \$440 million commitment to build new university research facilities and their ability to avoid cutting the 2004 budget, calling it a "turnaround year" at the UA.

"One year ago, I felt the extent of severe strain under the pressures of what seemed to be a

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Students prepare for Ariz. primary

By Tyler Carell
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With the New Hampshire primary over and the Arizona primary less than one week away,

UA students are gearing up to do last minute campaigning for their favorite candidates.

Nikki Naff, a molecular and cellular biology freshman, paced the UA Mall yesterday, passing out mints and the message of her candidate, Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich.

"We pass out mints because Kucinich is a breath of fresh air. I know

it's kind of corny, but it attracts people," she said.

Last night, Kucinich received 2 percent of the vote, up from zero percent in the Iowa caucuses.

"We will continue to campaign hard for the next set of primaries. We have seen very encouraging support from locals," Naff said.

Other students have also been hard at work, and they plan to continue going door to door to gain votes for their candidates.

Eliza Tebo, a history

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Kevin Chandler, a chemical engineering freshman, campaigns last night on behalf of Democratic presidential candidate Gen. Wesley Clark at his Tucson headquarters. Students campus-wide will be showing increased support for their candidates by maintaining a presence on the Mall, canvassing neighborhoods and making phone calls before the Arizona primary election next week.
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