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QUICK HITS

Gunman sought in slaying of 2 Glendale Wal-Mart workers

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Two Wal-Mart employees who were gathering shopping carts were shot to death yesterday in the parking lot of one of the retail stores in suburban Phoenix.

The shootings occurred in the middle of the parking lot, about 75 yards from the store entrance. A body could be seen in one of the corrals used for collecting carts.

Police spokesman Mike Pena said authorities were searching for the gunman. He said there were several witnesses to the shootings but would not identify them. There was no immediate word on what might have motivated the attacks.

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Graduate College looks to update online application

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Rec Center plans scrapped, students must vote on fee

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2 jailed in campus explosion

No injuries in blast near Honors College; suspects not UA students

By Seth Mauzy
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

An explosive detonated near the Honors College yesterday disrupted foot traffic on campus but caused no injuries, police said.

Two 18-year-old men, Francisco

Joel Torres and Yoel S. Cabalero, both of Tucson, were later arrested in connection with the explosion.

Police said the men were in a car between the College of Music and the Honors College, 1017 N. Vine Ave., about 12:30 p.m. when an explosive device was thrown

from the moving vehicle, said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, University of Arizona Police Department spokesman.

It appears the explosion was a random act with no specific target, Mejia said.

"There were no students in the immediate vicinity of the explosion," Mejia said.

The size and nature of the explosive is not being released, but students in the area described



Joel Torres



Yoel S. Cabalero

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GOING GREEK



Kappa Alpha Theta seniors Britt Smith, left, and Lara Roberson showcase their greek pride on Bid Day by running from the Student Union Memorial Center up to Mountain Avenue yesterday afternoon. Bid Day marks the annual selection of the sorority pledge class that will be initiated and inducted later in the semester.

UApresents curtain lifts on \$800K of unpaid bills

By Mitra Taj
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Another poor theater season at Centennial Hall has added \$300,000 to UApresents' three-year-old deficit, making it tougher for the theater organization to start repaying the university the \$800,000 it now owes.

Since ticket sales began flagging in fiscal year 2001-2002, UApresents has cut its performance schedule and budget in half, eliminated half of its employee positions and developed a more business-oriented approach to picking its shows.

"Our season is half the size it used to be, and we're working with half the staff and half the resources," said William Seberger, UApresents spokesman. "That's a big change because last year we had 101 performance nights, and this year it's going to be 61."

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Admin inundated with course change requests

By Troy J. Acevedo

ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

During the first two days of classes, thousands of students have picked up drop/add forms in an effort to change their course schedules.

This troublesome and hectic time has caused frustrations for both students and university officials, as students struggle to get classes they need.

"Drop/add is the big ticket this week," said Celeste Pard-ee, a curriculum associate in the Registrar's Office. "So far, it has been a constant flow of traffic."

By 11 a.m. on the first day of class, more than 1,700 students visited the help desk outside of the Administration building. On the second day of classes, 2,900 students sought help by 3 p.m.

Different methods of registration have caused mixed feelings among students because of priority registration schedules, department scheduling and lack of seats for certain classes.

"The Web registration system with the restricted hours of operation and scheduling windows really isn't that good," said Sarah Low, a music freshman. "The online system really needs to be more organized."

Brittany Donovan, a pre-nursing sophomore, said the registration process and the lack of class availability frustrates her.

"Courses are really tough to get into if you don't register early," Donovan said. "You have some students that can't get into any of the classes that they need."

Administrators say they

have been working to correct the issue of getting students the classes they need.

New freshman enrollment is up by 314 students over last year when original projections anticipated 100, which attributes to limited class availability, according to information obtained from Rick Kroc, the assistant vice president for enrollment management.

Also affecting class availability is the total university enrollment.

Students are admitted until the last orientation session before the start of the fall semester, which has produced the highest head count in history, totaling more than 36,000 students on the main campus according to Jerrold Hogle, vice provost for instruction.

The increase in new students thus created a need for additional classes, available seats in

classes and thus more funding, Hogle said.

"President Likins authorized an additional \$85,000 for classes, and I, in turn, sent that money to the colleges," Hogle said. "The president has also asked that additional tuition funds received go towards meeting class needs first."

The waiting list process is another complication, which at this time has no formal process dictated by the university.

Plans currently exist to implement a formal, more precise computerized waiting list through the registration system instead of the course-by-course method currently used by some instructors, Hogle said.

"We are doing our best to track high-demand classes in order to have the ability to provide more seats in these courses," Hogle said.



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A student waits in line at the Registrar's Office Monday. More than 4,000 students were changing their schedules during the first two days of class.

SAFETY ALERT



Tucson Police Sgt. Ron Zimmerling talks with reporters outside Coronado Residence Hall Thursday afternoon about a renewed partnership between the University of Arizona and Tucson police departments to reduce the crime rates around the UA.

Chris Coduto/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Police give out whistles, urge caution and crime prevention

By Holly Wells
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

The University of Arizona Police Department and the Tucson Police Department have renewed their partnership to help keep UA students from being victims of crime.

There are several ways students can prevent crime, said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman.

"Both groups are committed to preventing crime and to making students aware of the dangers on and around campus," Mejia said.

"We feel our students are very safe and want to keep it that way."

One of UAPD's efforts to prevent crime on campus is the Whistle Stop program, which was established three years ago.

The whistle can be used as a tool to summon help when a crime is taking place, Mejia said.

Students often don't use common sense when it comes to preventing crime because they get lost in the hustle and bustle of school, Mejia said. The whistle will serve as a reminder to exercise common safety practices, Mejia said.

The whistle also has contact

numbers of police agencies and the SafeRide assistance program.

UAPD Chief Anthony Daykin said with the whistle TPD and UAPD will be able to bring about greater awareness.

The whistle will be distributed to all residence halls. It was also passed out at freshman orientations, fraternity and sorority housing, and is available at both UAPD and TPD.

Daykin said the community has had a positive response to the

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Rain damages buildings, halts Mall activities

By Evan Pellegrino &
Anthony D. Ávila
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

A surge of moisture that came up from Mexico late Monday night was the cause of yesterday's rain, causing water damage to some buildings and putting a damper on some campus events.

Pamela Elslager from the National Weather Service said the rainfall this year in Tucson is above the average city levels. The amount of rainfall for the monsoon season is also "above normal for this time of the season."

The amount of rainfall in the past two weeks has caused Facilities Management major problems, said Chris Kopach, Facilities Management associate director.

Kopach said the water has permeated multiple buildings through both roof leaks and flooding and the department has spent the last two weeks replacing dry-wall, carpet and paint in numerous buildings, including the Park Student Union and McKale Center.

Facilities Management was at McKale yesterday at 4 a.m. pumping out water that was surrounding the building.

Yesterday's rain also caused a roof leak in the Engineering building, where eight ceiling tiles were damaged. McClelland Hall also had a "leak-center" but was in the process of being repaired midday yesterday, Kopach said.

In addition to water damage, the rain also disrupted the Associated Students of the University

of Arizona event "Senate on the Mall."

Senators were planning to have a table on the UA Mall Monday through today to give out drinks and survey students about their preferences of ASUA, but were told they could not set up yesterday because of the rain, said ASUA Sen. Matthew Boepple.

Assuming there is good weather, senators will be surveying students today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Student Union Memorial Center and tomorrow near the fountain to the west of Old Main, Boepple said.

"We extended it through Thursday because we got rained out," Boepple said. "We're going to be out there for three days no matter what."

The rain was not a bummer for students like Laura Diebold, a photography freshman.

"I love it," Diebold said. "Any bit of wetness or coolness is nice."

Greg Beck, an East Asian studies senior, was not as excited about the rain because he was woken up by the thunder at "5:30 in the morning!"

"It's annoying," Beck said. "I needed to wear a jacket and use an umbrella. It's a grave inconvenience."

Elslager said students should know that rainfall is typical during the monsoon season, and that doesn't mean the storms necessarily just happen at night. The monsoon season will officially end Sept. 30.

Referendum must be passed for current Rec fees to continue

By Zach Colick
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

After proposing a bigger expansion to the Student Recreation Center last semester, administrators at the Rec Center have modified their plan.

Instead of a fee that would ask students to pay an extra \$34 in yearly tuition, the new plan will call for continuing the current \$25 semester Rec Center fee to help pay for a new 32,000-square-foot weight room and leisure pool if students approve a referendum in October, said Juliette Moore, director of campus recreation.

Moore said an annual increase of more than 6,900 students using the Rec Center since 1994 has caused headaches for students who complain about lines to get into the

weight room and the need for more workout machines.

Last semester, the Rec Center proposed a fee for future students attending the UA from 2009 through 2011 to dish out an extra \$34 in yearly tuition to fund a \$35 million expansion project. The increase would have raised the Rec Center's student yearly fee from \$50 to \$84 a year.

In May, Moore said she had talks with the Associated Students of the University of Arizona, vice president of Campus Life Sandra Taylor and President Peter Likins, and determined students shouldn't have to be burdened by inflated fees, making the \$25 semester fee reasonable for both students and campus administration.

As of now, students will continue paying a \$25 semester fee for admittance into the Rec Center through 2010. That fee will disappear

in 2011 unless students vote in October to continue paying the fee to pay off the bonds for the proposed expansion.

"It's up to the students," Moore said. "We're not asking for any additional money."

With the hopes of continuing the current \$25 semester fee, Moore said the Rec Center must first get the approval of a space committee in mid-September to determine whether the proposed expansion can happen, and then get the permission from the Arizona Board of Regents in October to allow for a student referendum.

Given money pressures on students, Taylor said the cost of education is tough, and adding more fees for students doesn't seem like a fair thing to do at this point. She said sticking to the current fee is "reasonable."

"I think it's a compromise," Taylor said.

"(But) we won't be able to do what we set out to do. Students see this as a decent alternative."

If passed, the expansion wouldn't be completed until 2009, with building and planning taking three years.

Paul Thorn, the Graduate Professional Student Council vice president for external affairs, said he's heard from graduate students, who comprise about 21 percent of the UA, who said they wouldn't have a problem paying a fee they already pay for.

Thorn said he's talked with graduate students who felt uncomfortable paying the larger sum fee that was proposed in the spring, adding that students should go to the Rec Center at different times if they encounter a long waiting time.

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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT NOTES

Tuition remission, child care on graduate council agenda

By Djamila Grossman
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

The Graduate and Professional Student Council maintained its goal at last night's meeting to tackle health insurance problems, fight for tuition remission and stand up for a child-friendly campus.

Other plans include increasing funds for a graduate students' career building, involvement in hiring a new UA president and hosting the traditional student showcase during homecoming weekend, GPSC leadership said.

GPSC President Elaine Ulrich said she is looking forward to her responsibilities and she is striving to make the GPSC a better-known organization on campus.

"We want to make this university a place where graduate students can succeed and maybe even enjoy it," Ulrich said. "They will be dedicated alumni who later on give back to the university."

One of the major goals is to keep pushing tuition remission plans in the right direction, Ulrich said.

The current remission rate for teaching assistants is 70 percent and is supposed to hit

80 percent next fall.

"We need to continue to have progress towards a hundred percent," Ulrich said. "Everything is going up: housing, tuition, living costs in general. We have to help out those students if only through tuition remission."

Administrative Director and former GPSC President Amanda Brobbel said she "struck a deal" with President Peter Likins last year to increase tuition remission by 10 percent each year, even though he planned to stem the project.

"This is really important because it makes us a lot more competitive with our peer institutions because our peers are already doing this," Brobbel said. "This is very common among institutions that we compete with."

Ulrich said she plans to tackle the problem through work in the finance committee and the strategic planning and budget advisory committee. She also holds private meetings with Likins, Provost George Davis and Leslie Tolbert, vice president for research.

Another issue is health insurance coverage, which proved to be a top priority for graduate students in a survey conducted last year by the GPSC, Ulrich

said.

Complaints about insufficient coverage will be tackled by yet another survey and negotiations with executive director of campus health Harry McDermott, Ulrich said.

The GPSC will also look at peer institutions and examine their health insurance options.

The contract with United Healthcare will expire next fall, and the Arizona Board of Regents will renegotiate the contract or switch contractors, Ulrich said. The change would apply to all three Arizona universities.

"So when the negotiations come up we can bring these things to the table and make sure the students are better served in the future," Ulrich said.

During her term of presidency, Brobbel said she worked to improve the situation for student-parents and their children on campus, which included advocating mainly for small things such as changing stations, breastfeeding rooms and high chairs in the Student Union Memorial Center, she said.

In close cooperation with the Child Safe Committee, consisting among others of the Commission on the Status of Women,

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College to refine grad electronic applications

By Djamila Grossman
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

While the graduate college is still celebrating its April launch of the online application process, plans for a better version are waiting in the wings.

The first measure to draw potential graduate students online has proven successful, organizers said. They receive 15 to 25 applications each day, with numbers picking up daily.

"We are extremely pleased to finally have an online application process for graduate students. It is much easier and much more efficient," said Maria Velez, associate dean of the Graduate College, who was one of the main advocates to support the new system.

The fast and paperless way is especially convenient for international students, who are now recognized by the college immediately, Velez said.

"Students are so busy in their lives today, and we do anything to facilitate that process (of applying)," Velez said.

But the ultimate goal for a new version is to ease efforts by combining applications for the graduate college and the department in favor. Unlike the current process, where future students have to apply at both places separately, there would be only one submission.

"Our first application that's out there right now is pretty basic," said Dave Soroka, information technology and computing support manager for the Graduate College. "The next one is going to be bigger because it provides more functionality for the students and us."

As someone being responsible for the development of the project, Soroka said he finds it to be "kind of a hassle" to apply separately to the Graduate College and the department, which might ask the applicant a lot of the same questions.

Other plans for the new version shoot for a completely paperless process, so transcripts and other documentation do not have to be sent in by mail, a method many other universities are already using, Soroka said.

"It has taken off pretty well since April," Soroka said. "We're still heavily using paper, but I expect by probably next year 80 to 85 percent of the students will apply online."

Soroka said he's been planning an online application for a long time, and last November the Graduate College finally had the resources to hire two new staff members to help out with the process.

"It was a significant thing and it allowed us to do a lot of different projects and now we're making very good progress," Soroka said.

The online application is based

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Questions and Answers on Academic Advising

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- Finalize your schedule
 - Do you have all the classes you need? If you want to add a class, you can do so on WebReg through Friday. If the class is full, you can try adding the class with a Change of Schedule form—the form and instructions are online at the Office of the Registrar's website.
 - Did you complete any transfer coursework over the summer or receive scores from AP exams? If so, make sure that the official transcript and/or score report is sent to UA as soon as possible so the coursework/exam can be evaluated. Even if the transcript hasn't yet arrived, it would be a good idea to speak with your academic advisor to make sure the credit you'll receive won't be duplicating credit for a class you've enrolled in this semester.
- Check deadlines

There are many important dates and deadlines regarding class registration, payment of tuition, and late fees. Did you know that your classes will be cancelled if registration fees aren't paid by September 2nd? You can find this information and more by clicking on "Dates and Deadlines" at the top of the Schedule of Classes web page.
- Confirm Financial Aid requirements
 - If you receive federal financial aid, it is very important that you are enrolled in the number of units you declared on your FAFSA. If those numbers don't match, your aid will not be distributed. If you have any questions about your financial aid, visit a counselor in Administration 208 or email askaid@email.arizona.edu
- Get involved!
 - The UA has a wonderful week of activities and events planned for all students...everything from music on the mall to an ice cream bash. It's all for you! Check out the full listing of Wildcat Welcome events here: <http://www.union.arizona.edu/welcome/schedule05.php>
 - One of the Wildcat Welcome events is a Student Involvement Fair on the mall. Did you know that the UA has approximately 500 clubs and organizations on campus? Learn more about the many different opportunities to meet others with similar interests and have fun. To see a list of all clubs and organizations on campus, visit the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership web site.

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SAFETY

Police: Easy to prevent crime

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Whistle Stop program so far. Safety tips are especially relevant for students now because traditionally people experiencing independent living for the first time are more vulnerable to being victimized, Mejia said.

TPD Chief Richard Miranda said as part of the partnership, he is re-establishing the Crime Prevention Unit, which will address the crime prevention needs of the community by educating citizens on crime tips.

TPD will first focus on crime prevention in areas with high populations of students, they will then branch out into the Tucson community.

Miranda said statistics show an increase in sexually related offenses, alcohol related offenses and property crimes in relation to the return of students for the fall semester.

The two agencies will keep track of these crime trends so they can better prevent them, Miranda said.

The most common crimes on campus are property crimes, including bike theft, backpack theft and car theft, Mejia said.

Theft crimes usually occur because a student is not paying attention to or has not properly secured their

belongings, he said. Even though violent crimes are rare on campus, Mejia said there is a potential for these crimes to occur because of the size of the UA campus.

Mejia said students can prevent crimes by locking all doors and windows, being alert, utilizing SafeRide and by walking in groups at night.

Students should also leave places they don't feel comfortable in since these can often lead to dangerous situations.

Students and staff should not hesitate to call 911 if something on campus doesn't seem right, Mejia said.

Pepper spray is sold at the UofA Bookstore and other areas around campus, but may not always be effective, Mejia said.

Some pepper sprays are not effective on some people, especially if the person it is used on is drunk or on drugs, Mejia said.

"With any device you have to know how to use it and when to use it," Mejia said. "You don't want to engage a person, and should know when to back off."

"It is a tool, but if someone doesn't know how to use it or is not alert, that tool becomes useless," Mejia said.

REC

Fee would pay off bond debt

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He also said a lot of graduate students would speak out against fees they know they wouldn't have any direct use from because of graduate students' nature to be more academic and isolated from the rest of campus.

Moore said the fee would help pay off the bond money owed to the building for the next 30 years.

"It's our hope to get everything passed ... so we can move ahead to the design and architecture phase," Moore said. "Once we get the OK from all parties involved, we'll get new bonds to pay

for the expansion. We still have a lot of hoops to go through, but it's my hope students will pass this."

Other proposed amenities for the addition include a new sand volleyball court, basketball court, climbing wall and grilling area. Moore said administrative offices would be moved downstairs.

If there is still money left over from the project, Moore said there would also be plans to renovate the current weight room into a usable space.

"The Rec Center, as it stands now, doesn't serve the demand of students at this time," Taylor said. "And a proposal to expand for the future would help ease these problems."

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Campus club helps students with children balance school

By Nick Smith
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

A boost in membership, hosting more social events and becoming more of a presence on campus are all goals the BabyCats are trying to meet this year.

BabyCats is a club devoted to student-parents, which provides an outlet for social interaction, resources and support groups for its 100-plus active members, said Heather Gasser, the club adviser.

Launched in May 2003, BabyCats caters mainly to undergraduate parents. A second group, BabyCats Too, was created as a version for graduate students.

One of BabyCats' goals this semester is to work with both the Associated Students of the University of Arizona and the Graduate Professional Student Council to create a family lunch where parents and children alike can meet and interact, said club president Dorana Lopez.

Lopez, an economics and Latin American studies senior, has a 4-year-old son as well as a job in the Woman's Studies Office. She said it is often difficult for student-parents to meet others in a similar situation, but

hosting an event would offer them a bigger support network.

In addition to hosting more social events, Lopez said the club is aiming to increase its membership.

"The UA definitely could be more child friendly," Gasser said. "This is a step in the right direction."

Cynthia Carter, a computer engineering senior, said she found out about BabyCats through the Commuter Affairs Office.

"This club saved my life," said Carter, who is a club member.

Before joining the group, both Carter and her husband had a difficult time trying to balance school and raising their 1-year-old daughter. The resources offered by the BabyCats were fundamental to maintain this balance.

The social network through the club has also been helpful, Carter said.

"I've went to the groups and met moms and had all this wonderful companionship and friendship and mentoring," she said.

Carter said the club is also aiming to increase BabyCats' presence on campus via expanded facilities.

One resource available to the BabyCats and any other student-parent is the Kidz Korner, located in the

Student Commuter Lounge on the fourth floor of the Student Union Memorial Center.

"I'm hoping that they will expand the Kidz Korner that's in the Commuter Lounge so it easier to have our kids on campus, its easier for us to nurse kids on campus," Carter said.

The Kidz Korner, which opened in January, provides a safe place for parents to let their child play while they study nearby. The area is free of charge and open for anyone to use.

"It's not child care, not a place to drop your kid off, but a safe place," Gasser said.

One group affiliated with the club is the BabyCats Babysitters. The babysitters are enrolled UA students who are available to watch a parent's child on campus, usually when they are in class.

The average price of hiring a BabyCats Babysitter is \$5 per hour, according to the club's Web site.

Students interested can sign up for the BabyCats Listserv by sending a blank e-mail to listserv@listserv.arizona.edu with "SUBSCRIBE babycats (YOUR NAME)" in the body of the message.

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Mad cow fears prompt Wisconsin beef recall

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WASHINGTON — Beef banned under mad cow disease rules was shipped to wholesalers in a half-dozen states and is now being recalled by a Wisconsin beef plant.

The 1,856 pounds of beef included meat from a Canadian cow that inspectors in Canada determined was eligible for shipment to the United States. A Canadian audit two weeks later found, however that the cow was too old to be allowed entry to the U.S.

"There is a minimal chance, given the age of the animal and the health of the animal, that there was any risk whatsoever" to people, Steven Cohen, spokesman for the Agriculture Department's Food Safety and Inspection Service, said Monday.

The U.S. restricts shipments to

younger animals because infection levels from mad cow disease are believed to rise with age. The cut-off is 30 months of age.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is investigating and has suspended the veterinarian who certified the cow, said Francine Lord, import-export manager for the agency's animal health division. She said the agency finished its audit last week and notified U.S. officials Thursday. The Agriculture Department said Canadian officials verified the cow's age on Friday.

The cow in question was 31 months old. Two other Canadian cows less than 30 months old were processed with the older cow, and USDA recalled meat from all three animals as a precaution.

Green Bay Dressed Beef of Green Bay, Wis., processed the cow on Aug. 4 and distributed the meat to wholesalers in Pennsylvania,

Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The department and the company are trying to find out how much beef wound up in retail stores, Cohen said.

The department issued code numbers for recalled cases of beef sent to distributors, but it was unknown whether beef that reached the retail level would have carried the same numbers.

Consumer groups have criticized the government for not revealing the names of retail stores involved in food recalls.

"When it comes to a case like this, the retailer is never disclosed — how are you ever going to know whether your chuck roast was involved in this recall or not?" asked Jean Halloran, director of food policy initiatives at Consumers Union. "The consumer has absolutely no way of knowing."

The recall is for cuts of meat that

could contain backbone because the cow's backbone was not removed. Those cuts include neck bone, short loin and bone-in chuck.

The U.S. requires the removal of backbone and nerve parts — which can carry mad cow disease — when older cows are slaughtered. The at-risk tissues are removed from cows older than 30 months.

U.S. and Canadian officials said the cow in question wasn't the only problem in a shipment of 35 cows from Ontario: Also in that shipment were eight pregnant cows, which the U.S. also prohibits. The cows were processed for distribution but their calves were destroyed, the Agriculture Department said.

Those cows are part of the Canadian investigation, Lord said.

The U.S. closed its borders to Canadian cattle in May 2003,

when Canada discovered its first case of mad cow disease. The government allowed Canadian imports to resume last July after a court battle with a group of western ranchers suing to keep the border closed.

Canada subsequently found two more cases of mad cow disease. The U.S. also found two cases, one in a cow that had been imported from Canada.

Since the border reopened, 40,390 Canadian cows have crossed the border.

Mad cow disease is the common name for a brain-wasting ailment called bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. In humans, eating meat contaminated with BSE has been linked to about 150 deaths from a rare but fatal degenerative disease called variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Ambassador: No cover up in case of shot Brazilian

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Brazil's ambassador said yesterday he has no reason to believe at this point that British police tried to cover-up the circumstances of the fatal police shooting of a Brazilian mistaken for a terrorist in London's subway.

The statement by Ambassador Manoel Gomes Pereira came as Britain's police promised to deliver a report by the end of the year on the slaying of electrician Jean Charles de Menezes — and as two senior Brazilian officials in London continued with their own

inquiry.

The Brazilian investigation has only added to pressure on police amid claims that a series of errors led to the misidentification of Menezes and allegations of a cover-up. Scrutiny has increased with revelations contradicting initial police statements, along with media reports suggesting police might have erased vital closed-circuit TV footage.

Undercover police shot Menezes seven times in the head and once in the shoulder after following him onto an Underground train on July 22, the day after four failed bomb attacks on London's transit system. Two weeks earlier, four suspected suicide bombers killed

52 commuters in similar attacks.

New information has contradicted initial police statements that Menezes was wearing a bulky coat despite warm weather and that he ran from officers who tailed him to the train station. Police also face criticism that they initially resisted an independent investigation, something the force denies.

Scotland Yard and the police watchdog, the Independent Police Complaints Commission, refused to comment yesterday on reports that police said tapes from closed-circuit TV cameras in the subway system were blank while Underground workers say they weren't.

Such tapes could provide key evidence of Menezes' behavior inside the subway station and the actions of officers following him.

London's Evening Standard had suggested that police might have erased the tapes. But the Guardian newspaper yesterday, citing sources close to the Menezes family, dismissed those reports, saying useful material was found on the tapes.

When asked about the possibilities of a police cover-up, Brazilian Ambassador Manoel Gomes Pereira told reporters: "No, at this point, no. ... At the moment, we don't have any reason whatsoever to assume that."

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GRADS GPSC wants \$300K more

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Brobbel said she obtained a \$20,000 fund from the sale of Christopher City, a former piece of UA land providing family and graduate student housing and a day care.

It is now Ulrich's task to find a space for the planned breastfeeding room and promote it, Brobbel said.

"I worked all year for the creation of the funding, got the funding, but couldn't take it to the next level," Brobbel said. "We're trying to go one step at a time and meet the basic needs first."

The GPSC receives funding from the office of the vice president for Campus Life (in parts through residence life and the bookstores) and the Graduate College. They also have fundraising efforts for the annual student showcase mainly from departments and colleges, said GPSC External Affairs Vice President Paul Thorn.

There is \$170,000 in GPSC accounts, but the goal is to accumulate \$200,000 for the next fiscal year through major fundraisers, Thorn said.

The budget is not yet determined. Last year's total budget was \$162,000.

The GPSC was established in 1991 to foster the dialogue between graduate students and the university leadership and to give a cumulative voice to graduate and professional student's concerns.

In its history the GPSC joined the ASUA, but bonds were dissolved a couple of years later because of diverging priorities, Thorn said.

BLAST

Detonation suspects taken to Pima County Jail

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the blast as "deafening."

"I was walking over to Harvill, and I heard a loud noise," said Alexa Zerwas, an accounting freshman who was waiting to get her car out of the crime scene. "It sounded like a rifle shot right behind me."

No students were hurt in the blast and no property was damaged.

Joey Topmiller, a musical theatre junior, was an eyewitness at the scene.

Topmiller told officers an explosive was ejected from a silver Nissan Altima, which drove away casually after the explosive was thrown.

"The witness described a silver vehicle with two occupants driving through the alleyway and provided a license plate number," Mejia said.

Officers taped off the area behind the Music building, which is adjacent to the Manzanita-Mojave Residence Hall, preventing some students from having access to their cars and bicycles until the area could be cleared. Access to adjacent buildings was not affected by the investigation.

Bomb technicians from the Tucson Police Department helped gather evidence that led them to a residence on the South Side.

Police set up surveillance there and followed an occupant of the residence to another location.

Torres and Caballero were detained



Josh Fields/Arizona Daily Wildcat
University of Arizona Police Department crime prevention officer Chris Scheopner takes a statement from a witness outside of Manzanita-Mojave Residence Hall yesterday afternoon. Officers reported to the residence hall after they received a call about a loud boom and a suspicious package in the alley.

when they were seen in the suspect vehicle. The two are not UA students, Mejia said.

Both men were booked into Pima County Jail, and each was charged with one count of misconduct involving weapons and one count of depositing explosives, which are Class 4 felonies.

Torres was also charged with four counts of misconduct involving weapons

after a search of his home turned up more explosives.

Mejia said although no one was hurt the investigation will be taken seriously.

"We're having experts in explosives investigate this," Mejia said. "It's a serious matter, especially in this day and time."

— Cassie Tomlin contributed to this report.

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DEBT Donations ease money woes

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Late last fall, Seberger said UApresents projected losing \$1.4 million by the end of the year. But an unexpectedly profitable spring semester reduced that potential loss to \$300,000.

The university has allowed UApresents, a department of the university, to float its deficit using the university's working capital.

UApresents remains optimistic about the season ahead, said Seberger, who expects the organization to start \$100,000 annual repayments to the university next year.

To meet that goal, the organization has taken a more cautious approach when selecting performances for the season.

"We have to feel now that every show can pay for itself," said Seberger, who is a former *Arizona Daily Wildcat* employee. "And if we think it won't, we either won't go for it or make sure we have a donation set up to pay for it."

While university budget director Richard Roberts said university administration doesn't dictate which shows are chosen for the performance season, he said he has coached UApresents management in a "philosophy of business model."

"For years and years the model was one of an assumption that the Broadway shows would make money, and the smaller shows would lose money and the medium shows would break even," Roberts said. "But Broadway is not covering costs like it used to."

Roberts said UApresents management has done a good job of stabilizing its deficit following the flop of the fall musical "Hairspray," which cost UApresents \$225,000. "They've trimmed down and thought seriously about who they book," Roberts said. "There are only three Broadway shows this season and there are usually six. We hope the ones

UAPRESENTS LOSSES AND DEFICITS		
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05-06	\$301,000	\$807,000

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02-03		\$7.6 million
03-04		\$7.1 million
04-05		\$5 million
05-06		projected \$4.5 million

that remain make money."

Seberger said being cautious has been paying off.

UApresents has already sold about 40 percent of its goal for tickets, compared to 25-30 percent at this same time last year, Seberger said.

Seberger said some scheduled shows are close to being sold out, including the Chinese acrobat and martial arts group Chi, jazz trumpeter Arturo Sandoval and the Spanish guitarists the Romero Quartet.

To reduce dependency on ticket sales, which now make up about 60 to 70 percent of UApresents revenues, the organization is hoping to secure more donations and sponsorships.

The fundraising arm of the UA and UApresents have set a goal of raising \$1 million this year. Last year the development director brought in \$650,000 — \$50,000 of which came in the form of a challenge grant from an anonymous donor.

Seberger said the Garth Fagan modern dance show is expected to lose money for UApresents, but \$15,000 secured through a combination of donations and endowments made it possible to book them for January.

Seberger said modern dance and classical music performances are the most expensive and least profitable shows UApresents brings to Tucson.

"Presenting fine arts is difficult because on the one hand you want to provide interesting and fun entertainment with redeeming artistic value, and on the other hand you have to make money," Seberger said.

Roberts said finding a permanent executive director, which UApresents left unfilled for 16 months when former executive director Ken Foster left in 2003, will help guide the organization out of the red.

"An interim director isn't going to feel as comfortable making long term plans and goals," Roberts said.

Natalie Bohnet, former interim director of UApresents, was appointed executive director April 4 and makes \$115,000 per year.

Seberger said if all goes according to plan, UApresents will be free of its deficit by fiscal year 2008-2009.

"But admittedly we're very nervous. We've had a difficult couple of years," Seberger said. "But it's a healthy nervousness."

Associate professor of dance James Clouser, who said he attends all the dance performances UApresents hosts, said he worries about how the company will balance its need to entertain and make money with its need to expose the university community to financially riskier artistic performances.

"Just because you can bring 100 people in with 'Mamma Mia' doesn't mean you don't want to offer people the chance to see the Piccolo di Milan," Clouser said.

He called the selection of dance shows this season "meager" compared to the past five years, when the seasons were "amazingly good and amazingly broad."

"But unfortunately the audience didn't respond to it," Clouser said.

ONLINE College tries not to lag behind on technology

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on Cosmos, an online information system the university purchased about five or six years ago from Systems and Computer Technology, Soroka said.

The next version does not have a deadline but Soroka said they plan to meet with the anthropology, psychology, business and chemistry departments to find out what each prefers regarding applications.

Safety is one of the major issues Soroka said he is concerned about.

Besides safety features already built into the application by SCT, the credit card information is handled by Bank of America, which has a contract with the UA, Soroka said.

"This is about as safe as you can practically get," Soroka said.

Nicole Anderson, a third-year psychology graduate student, said even though she did not apply online she thinks online applications add to the appeal of universities because it makes them look more technologically advanced.

Elaine Ulrich, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Council, said online applications are important because graduate students are increasingly aware of how well a university is technically equipped to handle their demands.

"Accessibility to higher education is something the university should always be striving to do," Ulrich said. "If you fall behind technology issues, especially with graduate students, it's going to make people perceive you as not being a place where they would want to go."

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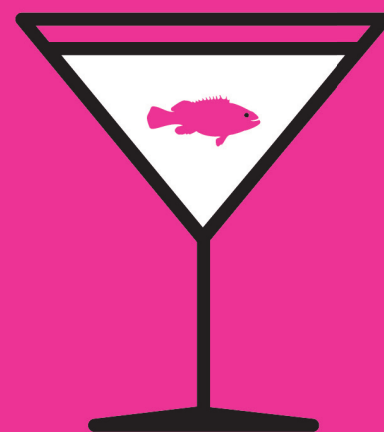
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