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QUICK HITS

Shuttling services available for city elections

Students unable to get to the polling stations today to vote in the Tucson city elections can get a ride from ASUA all day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ASUA SafeRide vans and cars will be readily available all day next to the fountain by Old Main to take students to any polling station and precinct in the city.

The best way for students to get informed on the candidates and issues they will be voting on is to do research themselves. Plans for printed out information, however, will be provided to students to get them as informed as possible on these issues even if these students live in Tucson nine out of 12 months of the year, said ASUA Sen. Matthew Boepple.

So far, Boepple has reached out to various political clubs on campus by handing out handbills and posting messages on their mailing lists to get as many students out to the polling stations as possible today.

—Zach Colick

Former Poet Laureate Pinsky to visit UA today

A former U.S. poet laureate plans to give a lecture and a book signing this afternoon, sources said.

Robert Pinsky will present his lecture, "Sadness and Exaltation," today at 4 p.m. in the Student Union Memorial Center North Ballroom.

The lecture is free and open to the public. A book signing will take place from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the UofA Bookstore.

Pinsky is the author of six books, including "Sounds of Poetry" and "The Figured Wheel." He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, created the Favorite Poem Project and was a guest star on "The Simpsons."

—Nick Smith

Feminists advocate self-love



Communication sophomore Tiffany Tedesco, a member of the Network of Feminist Student Activists, raffles vibrators donated by Fascinations on the UA Mall yesterday afternoon. The money raised in the raffle will go toward a showing of 'The Vagina Monologues' at the UA in February.

Vibrators, lubricant help women get comfortable with their bodies

By Ariel Serafin

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Members of the UA Network of Feminist Student Activists raffled off vibrators and gave out personal lubricant in the name of women's safety yesterday.

In celebration of "Love Your Body Day," feminist members had a booth on the UA Mall and sold raffle tickets for two "high-end" vibrators donated to the event by Fascinations, a local adult novelty shop.

The student feminists told passers-by that the \$2 raffle tickets were a good deal for a chance to win one of two vibrators valued at either \$70 or \$140.

Items like water bottles and henna tattoos were also sold and Astroglide lubricant, cookies and information sheets on issues like AIDS and eating disorders were given away for free.

More than \$200 was raised at the event, which was sponsored in part by the National Organization for Women and the Younger Women's Task Force. The money will be used to fund this year's production of "The Vagina Monologues," said group member and sociology senior Amy Russell.

Proceeds from "The Vagina Monologues" will be donated to the UA OASIS Program for Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence, Russell said.

More than 40 raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win one of the vibrators, and Russell said the turnout for the event was good, although the booth received mixed reactions from passers-by.

"Some people are a little offended, certainly," Russell said. "Some are a little shy about taking the Astroglide."

Although Love Your Body Day is celebrated nationally, the UA feminist members decided to have a smaller scale version at the UA and decided to take a different spin on it.

Tiffany Tedesco, a pre-communication sophomore, said distributing the lubricant and raffling off vibrators was a way of teaching women to "literally" love their bodies.

"I think women at this campus especially are afraid to express their sexuality," Tedesco said.

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Hookup hotspot: UA ranked No. 6 in national poll

By Danielle Rideau
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Based on a new survey conducted by a men's cologne company, UA students have one of the best college towns in the country for hooking up.

The results of the "Best College Towns for Hooking Up in America," study by Axe body spray and the Sperling's Best Places company, were released last week and Tucson ranks No. 6 because of its warm, sunny weather, percentage of singles, and number of venues like bars and coffee shops per capita.

The survey included a list of 33 criteria that foster a good place to hookup, according to a press release.

Some of the criteria include number of student hookup partners, male-to-female ratio and sexually transmitted disease rates compiled from information provided by organizations like the Census Bureau and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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ASA backs lower text prices

Faculty asked to report textbooks to bookstore earlier

By Zach Colick
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The Arizona Students' Association is taking a closer look at new and used textbook editions to see how book prices can be lowered in relation to the rising costs of education.

ASA is supporting the effort to lower publishing textbook prices with the consideration that students pay an average of \$900 per year on course materials, or 26 percent of the cost of tuition at the average four-year university, said Drew Record, ASA director.

The lack of used textbooks available every semester is a problem, and ASA argues that publishers constantly produce unnecessary new editions of textbooks



From left: ASA directors Christopher Dang, Sam Chang, Fernando Ascencio and Andrew Record stand in front of textbooks yesterday in the UofA Bookstore.

every 3 1/2 years, whereas the model seven-year cycle, Record said.

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