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Partly cloudy
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QUICK HITS

Democratic senate candidate to lead rally

The UA Young Democrats are bringing a senatorial candidate to campus today.

Jim Pederson, a democrat challenging incumbent Republican Sen. Jon Kyl in November's election, will lead a rally titled "Strengthening Arizona's Future."

The event begins at noon at the Rogers Plaza, north of the Student Union Memorial Center.

Last day to add using Drop/Add Form

Today is the last day for students with zero credits to add classes for credit with a Change of Schedule Form only.

Program to sift through trash during audit

Members of the Residence Life Environmental Stewardship program will rummage through the garbage today to evaluate the recycling habits of residence hall residents.

The group will begin its "waste audit" to determine how much trash members of one residence hall threw away over the weekend, that could have been recycled, at 11 a.m. on the grass area west of the residence halls along North Highland Avenue.

The event is part of the program's pre-Recycle Mania activities. Recycle Mania starts Jan. 29 and will continue for 10 weeks.

Kolbe speaks on HIV/AIDS during campus forum

Erasing the ignorance associated with HIV/AIDS was Rep. Jim Kolbe's focus when he addressed students, faculty and community members in a forum organized by UA students Saturday.

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Retention Shelton's first priority

Students question Shelton's past record, stance on diversity issues

By Lisa Rich
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Developing a stronger connection between faculty and students is crucial to boosting retention rates at the UA, said presidential candi-

date Robert Shelton during a public forum Friday.

Students repeatedly questioned how Shelton has previously worked to improve these rates, specifically in terms of graduate students and diversity statistics.

Given his past experience with

creating retention plans at other institutions, Shelton said there are several ways to raise numbers, but it starts with strong teacher-student dialogue.

At the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where he is the executive vice chancellor and provost, Shelton said adding more

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Tom Campbell takes the floor in the second round of open forums today



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CELEBRATING CHOICE



Raging Grannies Arlene Sikkink and Pat Birnie sing their own version of the national anthem while holding up coat hangers as symbols of alternative abortion yesterday evening on the UA Mall. The Students for Choice brought out the women in celebration of the 33rd anniversary of the supreme court case *Roe vs. Wade*, which allowed women to have autonomy over their reproductive systems and bodies.

Official: Student interest high in ASUA elections

By Zach Colick
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Next month's student government elections should attract as much student interest as in recent years, despite obstacles and controversies that have arisen in the organization recently, a student official said.

Jordan Miller, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona elections commissioner, said she didn't think that recent complaints filed by feuding ASUA officials and the student body president being on leave would deter students from running for political office.

Application packets containing a copy of the elections code and letters for petition have been available since Thursday in the ASUA offices, said Miller, a senior majoring in French and marketing.

Students can run for any of the executive positions: student body president, executive vice president, administrative vice president and senator.

Those running for president must obtain 500 signatures, vice president officers must get 400 signatures and senators need 300 signatures by student sponsors in order to be recognized for candidacy, Miller said.

Packets must be turned in

by Feb. 2. There was no official count on how many packets have been picked up as of yesterday afternoon, Miller said.

ASUA Treasurer Keven Barker, a finance senior who ran for executive vice president last year, said a role within ASUA has an impact on campus because it gives leadership opportunities to students to step up and assume the voice for others' needs.

He said a move for political office now can help for any future endeavors within the political landscape and "can be the spice to your college career."

For those students who may shy away from an executive position because they feel inexperienced or lack the creative mindset, Barker said not to look at the detailed position descriptions, but to rather think of ways to mold it to their own skills.

Sen. Rhonda Tubbs said senators starting off in ASUA don't know what to expect when they first start, but their position is unique because "the job changes every year, but you get the greatest learning experience."

Though it's not always the case, Barker said the characteristic required to be an effective leader within ASUA is to be a "people person."

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The Arizona Student Unions are proposing to enact a \$20 fee at the beginning of each semester. If the fee is passed by ASUA and GPSC, the fee will appear on the March 7 and 8 general elections.

\$20 student union fee proposed

Fee awaits Senate approval for ballot

By Wells Brambl
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The Arizona Student Unions are proposing to enact a one-time fee for UA undergraduates at the beginning of each semester in response to budget pressures.

Pending the referendum's approval by the Associated Students of the University of Arizona and the Graduate and Professional Student Council, UA students who vote in the general elections March 7 and March 8

will make the ultimate decision on whether undergrads will have to pay a \$20 fee beginning next semester.

A combination of the Student Union's debt, rising interest rates and the higher cost of employees' wages and health care, has left the Student Unions scrambling to make up the deficit, said Dan Adams, Arizona Student Unions director.

"Currently the unions operations are breaking even, but the dollars to keep services at a consistent level or to react to student requests for additional services are not available," Adams said.

The fee, if enacted, would generate more than \$1 million in additional revenue.

"I view the fee as a three-part solution,"

Adams said. "It will provide the money to assure we can take care of what we have; a second part will be dedicated to expanding the services we provide, and finally, the new dollars will allow us to revitalize the quantity and quality of the campus activity programs for students."

ASUA treasurer Keven Barker said the proposed fee would be great for students who use the student unions on a regular basis, but bad for those who rarely or never do.

If the referendum doesn't get approved for the ballot or if it is voted down during

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