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## Early polling site at UA OK'd

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After months of negotiations, ASUA's request for an early polling site on campus has been approved and will be the capstone of their effort to promote civic engagement.

The polling site, which

will accommodate everyone living in Pima County, regardless of district, will be in the conference room on the third floor of the UofA Bookstore in the Student Union Memorial Center.

Anyone registered to vote in Pima County will be able to vote at the site, regardless of district, because staff will have all

district's ballots on hand, said Alistair Chapman, Associated Students of the University of Arizona president.

The site will be open for voting one week before the Nov. 2 general election.

Students and community members can vote in the ASUA office the week of Oct. 25 to 29 between 8 a.m.

and 5 p.m., said F. Ann Rodriguez, Pima County Recorder, in a press release issued Friday.

The conference room, which opens to a large waiting area, will be a convenient and accessible spot to usher people through to vote, Chapman said.

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## Regents eliminate humanities program

### Humanities, Liberal Arts programs cut under Likins' Focused Excellence plan

By Lisa Rich  
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TEMPE — The humanities program and Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree was officially eliminated from UA curriculum last Friday.

The Arizona Board of Regents approved the elimination proposed by UA President Pete Likins in 2003.

George Davis, UA provost, said the humanities program had merely become an "outliner program" because it was intended to serve students in University College whose majors were undeclared.

Since the initial proposal for elimination in 2003, students have no longer been able to enroll in the program. Davis said in January 2003, 17 students remained in the program, and 13 have since changed majors. The remaining four students will be the last students to graduate with the BLA, with approval from Richard Poss, director of the humanities program.

Davis said evaluating and relocating 13 humanities program faculty was one of administration's top priorities, eventually resulting in three members choosing to leave the university and one being dismissed.

"This is a situation where faculty is transferred, if possible. It makes sense to have faculty in true academic departments," Davis said.

Davis said eight faculty members were transferred to departments that coincided with their academic interests.

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## ROCK 'N' ROLL ALL DAY



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Arizona para-athlete Tyler Byers treks alongside fellow racers yesterday during the annual Jim Click Run & Roll. The event is a fundraiser that benefits the Disability Resource Center's athletic program. See story, page 3.

## Billionaires for Bush 'support' 'W' in Tucson

By Kylee Dawson  
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As part of a nationwide tour of swing states, members of the satirical political group Billionaires for Bush, arrived in Tucson today and will campaign on the UA Mall tomorrow.

As part of the "Get on the Limo" Swing State Tour, members of Billionaires for Bush dress as billionaires, go by pseudonyms and show their disapproval for President George W. Bush by pretending to support his policies, which they say favor the wealthy.

Billionaires for Bush "is a do-it-yourself street theater and media campaign that uses humor to flush out the truth about the Bush administration's disastrous economic policies," said Claire Houston, public relations

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## UA to purchase La Aldea housing

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TEMPE — Arizona Board of Regents approved the UA's request to sell up to \$21.9 million in bonds Friday to purchase La Aldea, a graduate student housing complex privately owned by Ambling Companies.

With funding from the System Revenue Bonds, La Aldea, located on North Euclid Avenue, could soon operate under UA's Residence Life management, said Joel Valdez, senior vice president of business affairs at the UA.

La Aldea — a \$21 million apartment-style complex that can house up to 325 students in single, double and

quadruple rooms — opened in the fall of 2003 to replace Christopher City, UA's former graduate student housing.

UA President Peter Likins said the UA originally entered into an agreement with Ambling Companies for entrepreneurial and financial reasons. While the UA leased the La Aldea property, Ambling was to operate the facilities until prepayment of bonds, approximately 10 years.

Since then, Likins said the UA has learned the drawbacks of a private company managing student needs.

Due to poor marketing, Ambling was unable to fill La Aldea with graduate

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Political science freshman Jenna Greenzang studies outside the La Aldea graduate housing complex yesterday afternoon. The UA will buy out the \$21.9 million complex from its private owners due to their inability to effectively manage students' needs.

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