Jury begins deliberations in serial rape trial

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The jury began deliberations late yesterday afternoon in the trial of James Allen Selby, a man suspected of attacking and raping several women near the UA. The jury is considering 54 counts against Selby. If convicted, he is likely to spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Charges against Selby, 37, include first degree murder, rape, kidnapping and burglary. Selby is accused of attacking five women and a 13-year-old child in Tucson between October 2001 and May 2002, one of whom was a UA student.

The trial began yesterday with Pima County Assistant Public Defender Michael Massman calling Mary Walkinsworth to the stand for cross-examination. Walkerinworth, a former criminalist from the Tucson Police Department, handled several of the DNA analyses for the Selby investigation.

Massman asked Walkinsworth about several minor mistakes he found in paperwork she submitted for the DNA reports. In one report, Massman pressed the criminalist to justify the date of the report. In another report, he asked whether a DNA sample had been cleaned three or five times.

Massman then asked if the former criminalist might have made other mistakes. Walkinsworth described her work, saying the errors were minor and not deliberate, adding she corrected the mistakes on the paperwork by writing over the mistakes.

"I'm highly criticized for being anal retentive," Walkinworth said.

Walkinworth was followed by Nora Rankin, a senior TPD criminalist, on the witness stand.

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Firefly on Fourth flaming

Popular restaurant gutted by fire early Wednesday morning

By Jesse Lewis
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A fire destroyed the second floor of the North Fourth Avenue restaurant Firefly's Food and Spirits early yesterday morning.

The cause of the fire at 309 N. Fourth Ave. is unknown, fire officials said.

At 1:50 a.m. Randy Lopez, manager of Firefly's nightclub across from Firefly's on East Sixth Street, went to take out the trash behind his building and saw flames following from Firefly's roof and second story windows.

Lopez said he called the fire department.

Fire officials responded immediately and put out the two-alarm fire, which broke out windows on the building's top floor, causing $200,000 worth of damage, said Randy Ogden, deputy chief of Tucson Fire Department.

Firefly is between Dairy Queen and Bert's Printing Company on North Fourth Avenue.

There was no one in or around the building when the fire started, Ogden said.

Most of the damage was contained to the second floor and some of the adjacent buildings were burned, he said.

The development services department of the City of Tucson deemed the building unsafe to occupy.

Lopez said he thought he was the first to report the fire and was initially having fire sprinklers installed at 3:30 a.m.

Marcie Crock, owner of the Chocolate Lounge across from Firefly's, said she didn't know the owners personally, but said they came into her shop often.

Crock said she was surprised to see the damage yesterday morning.

Major help

Unidentified freshman Kate Forczyk talks with Danielle Berrien, academic advisor for the College of Education, about majoring in education yesterday at the Meet Your Major Fair in the Student Union Memorial Center Grand Ballroom.

Folklore class first in Tucson festival

By Jesse Lewis
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A UA folklore class will give a presentation about UA history and traditions at this weekend's annual Tucson Meet Yourself festival downtown.

It is the first time in the festival's 23-year history that the UA will contribute a presentation.

The English class Introduction to Folklore will feature presentations on Creek Life, The How and Why of Almost Everything at the UA and some of the UA's best ghost stories.

James "Big Jim" Griffin, a retired folklorist and UA employee, co-founded the Tucson Meet Yourself festival with his wife and another woman in 1974 to unite and display the many cultures of Tucson.

Griffin received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the UA.

In the past, the festival featured music, games, dances and foods from different Tucson cultures.

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Campaign aide talks about UA political start

By Alexandria Elite
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A former UA student and coordinated campaign director for the Kerry presidential campaign spoke to about 50 UA students and staff yesterday about her political career at the UA helped jump start her political career.

Andy, a former Associated Students at the University of Arizona elections commissioner, discussed the benefits and drawbacks of a