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Jury begins deliberations in serial rape trial

By Joe Ferguson
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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 34 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 girl 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 Mussman calling Mary Walkinshaw to the stand for cross-examination. Walkinshaw, a former criminalist from the Tucson Police Department, handled several of the DNA analyses for the Selby investigation.

Mussman asked Walkinshaw about several minor mistakes he found in paperwork she submitted for the DNA reports.

In one report, Mussman 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.

Mussman then asked if the former criminalist might have made other mistakes.

Walkinshaw defended 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," Walkinshaw said.

Walkinshaw 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 Food and Spirits early yesterday morning.

The cause of the fire at 509 N. Fourth Ave. is unknown, fire officials said.

At 1:50 a.m. Randy Lopez, manager of Plush nightclub across from Firefly on East Sixth Street, went to take out the trash behind his building and saw flames billowing 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 Bett'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 none of the adjacent buildings were harmed, 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 ironically having fire sprinklers installed at Plush yesterday afternoon.

Marci Conklin, owner of the Chocolate Iguana across from FireFly on, said she didn't know the owners personally, but said they came into her shop often.

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

MAJOR HELP



Undeclared freshman Katie Pozyski talks with Danielle Berrien, academic adviser for the College of Education, about majoring in education yesterday at the Meet Your Major Fair in the Student Union Memorial Center Grand Ballroom.

Family studies and consumer sciences junior Kathryn Weber discusses plans for the Tucson Meet Yourself festival last night. Weber is part of a UA folklore class which will be giving a presentation on the history and traditions of the university.



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 31-year history the UA will contribute a presentation.

The English class, Introduction to Folklore, will feature presentations on Greek Life, The How and Why of Almost Everything at the UA and some

of the UA's best ghost stories.

James "Big Jim" Griffith, a retired folklorist and 19-year 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.

Griffith 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 Blute
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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 how her political experience at the UA helped jumpstart her political career.

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

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