UA early polling site busy on day 1

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The early polling site on campus, which has nine voting booths, opened at 8 a.m. and had a steady flow of people throughout the day, with lines extending out the door after the lunch hour.

Allister Chapman, Associated Student of the University of Arizona president, said by 4:12 p.m. yesterday, 30 people had voted. Chapman said he expects the number of voters to continue to increase throughout the week.

"Students are preoccupied, so a lot will probably wait until Thursday or Friday to vote," he said.

He said he thinks the early polling site will increase the number of student voters.

Chapman, who did not vote today but said he would vote by the end of the week, said when he voted four years ago he had to wait in line for four hours before casting his ballot. He said no student has that much time.

"Students are busy; they’re going to see POLLING

UA cleared of blame in garage assault

By Mirra Taj
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A Pima County judge yesterday ended a trial involving a political sciences junior who was sexually assaulted on campus, ruling in favor of the Arizona Board of Regents despite the fact that the court was expected to issue a verdict.

The student filed a lawsuit against the board earlier this month, alleging the UA wasn’t taking necessary precautions to protect her from being sexually assaulted by a man living in the dormitory in the Park Avenue Garage in 2002.

In April 2002, the student was pushed into her car while she was getting out of it to go to the library. After a man tried to assault her, she ran off.

The incident was the sixth sexual assault to happen on campus in a week.

Pima County Superior Court Judge Richard Fields wrote in his ruling that the student didn’t meet the burden of proof, and granted the defendants’ motion for judgment as a matter of law, effectively overriding the jury’s expected decision.

The jury had been hearing the plaintiff’s arguments in the case, and was expected to reach a decision tomorrow.

"When the matter comes to one of pure speculation and conjecture or the probabilities are at best evenly balanced, it becomes the duty

Error causes grad assistants grief

By Jesse Lewis
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Some graduate assistants will have to come up with an extra $475 in tuition before finals even though they thought they were all paid up.

About 160 graduate assistants who received too much aid and money from the UA Graduate College now owe the excess back, but they say they only learned of the situation last week.

Graduate assistants who are taking six units, the least amount of credits possible, are entitled to a $40.15 per credit remission, which reduces their tuition by $79. Assistants taking seven or more units receive 60 percent or $1,274, said Dorin Voorhees, assistant dean of the Graduate College.

But when the Graduate College discovered the errors, the grad assistants were told to pay the amount back.

Of the 3,000 graduate assistants on campus, approximately 160 are taking six units and received more money than they should have.

The Graduate College is now asking for the extra $475 back.

See DEPRESSION

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CAPS helps UA students cope with depression

By Lisa Rich
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It’s no abnormal for a student to feel depressed for the first time while at college, considering the first signs of depression most often occur in people who are in their mid-20s, said Marisa Binder, director of UA Counseling and Psychological Services.

Since the psychological thriller is not uncommon among college students, Binder said the UA has been increasing its efforts in treating depression during the past six years.

The number of UA students diagnosed with depression is unknown, because it can appear in individuals sporadically or might not require psychotherapy or medication, Binder said.

"However, depression is an overwhelming majority of what we see here, and not all depression is the same," Binder said. "It’s important to look at the fact that depression is viewed as a variety of symptoms. It doesn’t emphasize in detail what someone is feeling or thinking."