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## PRIDE OF THE PRIDE



Robert Shinn, affectionately known as the "band kid" by the UA marching band, helps conduct the group at halftime of the football game on Oct. 23. Shinn has been a part of the Pride of Arizona Marching Band tradition for 11 years.

## 'Band kid' celebrates 11 years with marching band

By Lisa Rich  
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Affectionately known as the "band kid" by UA Pride of Arizona marching band members and staff, Tucson resident Robert Shinn celebrates his 27th birthday today.

Shinn's birthday also marks the anniversary of his involvement with the marching band that began at Homecoming 11 years ago, despite his being mentally chal-

lenged.

Since then, Shinn has helped conduct the band at every home football game and has attended almost every band rehearsal, which has become an activity he feels has been the most fun in his life.

At tomorrow's Homecoming game, he'll be standing on a podium in front of the marching band, sporting a UA T-shirt and mimicking the hand movements of Scott Matlick, music senior and Pride of Arizona drum major.

Although Shinn said learning how to conduct the band was easy, his mother, Debbie Shinn, said her son has faced tough obstacles from the moment he was born, and has been a living success story ever since.

His story begins in Silver City, N.M. In 1977, when Debbie Shinn found out she was pregnant. Once in the examining room, her doctor miscalculated the length of her

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## Election politics lead to tension, crime on campus

By Holly Wells  
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From protesters at the Michael Moore speech to pie throwers at the Ann Coulter speech, students say the election is causing political tensions between students and dividing the campus.

On Oct. 20, a student's window with a Kerry/Edwards poster in it was damaged at Sky View Apartments, 1050 E. Eighth St.

Silke Anderson, political science freshman, said she and her roommate were sleeping when they heard a loud crash at the window around 5:30 a.m.

According to police reports, it looked like someone had shot the window with a BB gun.

Anderson, who has been active in the UA Young Democrats, said she thinks someone must have been aiming at the Kerry/Edwards poster because none of the other windows in the apartment were damaged.

Anderson said she thinks the election is dividing students, especially the Young Democrats and the College Republicans.

"I've heard arguments on the Mall at lunch," she said, "but I think it's good to have constructive criticism."

Anderson said the Young Democrats have placed whatever anger they've been feeling into working harder to get John Kerry elected.

Anderson said after the election she thinks the campus will still be divided because whatever side loses will be very angry.

"If Bush won, I'd be angry, but what can you do about it?" she said.

Another student had her "Viva Bush" bumper sticker scratched out with a black permanent marker.

Elizabeth Clifton, history senior, said she parked her car in Tyndall garage, 880 E. Fourth St., on the morning of Oct. 20 and came back later that afternoon to find the damage to the sticker.

Clifton said she knows the damage was targeted at the Bush sticker because her other bumper stickers were left alone.

"The election has become such a heated issue that it seems that no one is talking the issues out or listening to other people's opinions," she said, "It's not uncommon to see fighting over which candidate is better for the position."

Clifton said she thinks the election has created more student tension than past elections. She said she thinks this is because of the problems of the last presidential election, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the Bush administration's foreign policies.

Clifton said she doubts campus will return to normal after the election.

"There will be recounts demanded by both national parties, and students on campus whose candidate did not win will more than likely not accept the results," she said.

Clifton said if Kerry won the election, she and her fiancé would become more politically active against him.

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## Watts out of hospital

By Holly Wells  
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Sheldon Watts, the UA redshirt football player shot in the arm and chest at a party earlier this month, was released from the hospital yesterday.

Watts, a pre-business freshman from Fresno, Texas, was first admitted into University Medical Center in critical condition on Oct. 10 after the shooting. He remained in critical condition until last week, when he was downgraded to fair condition.

Watts was shot at a house party near East Speedway Boulevard and South Wilcox Road. The shooting happened early in the morning after a confrontation broke out at the party, at which between 100 and 200 people attended, according to police.

Fabian Martin Flores was arrested

Oct. 21 in connection with Watts' shooting.

Flores, 21, has been charged with aggravated assault causing a serious physical injury and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was booked into Pima County Jail Oct. 21 and his bond is set at \$250,000.

Flores was arrested as a result of tips from the community, police said.

Sgt. Carlos Valdez, Tucson Police Department spokesman, said no new information has been released in the ongoing investigation.

Police said Watts was not involved in the confrontation that led to the shooting and was an innocent bystander.

Watts did not travel with the team that weekend because of his redshirt status. Three other redshirt football players were also at the party that night, but police have not released their names.

## Popular courses fill in minutes

By Natasha Bhuyan  
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Editor's note: This is the last in a three-part series on class registration.

As sophomores and freshmen prepare to register for courses in the next few weekends, many are building their schedule around core classes, but others have their sights set on popular UA classes, which are filling up quickly.

With high demand and limited availability, students are learning popular classes on campus disappear before they even have a chance to register.

Nikki Ing, an undeclared freshman, said the course she wants to get into is Music 109,

Rock and American Pop Music.

But Ing said the class, which explores the role of music in social interaction, has already filled with upperclassmen and athletes, who had priority registration a few weeks ago.

"I heard it's a lot of fun, but it's already full," Ing said. "All the athletes got in."

But in some instances, even upperclassmen have a difficult time landing a popular course.

Kathleen O'Neil, a doctoral student of philosophy and instructor for the sociology department, teaches Sociology 324, Sociology of Sexuality, which has 60 seats.

"This semester, there's only one section being offered, and it filled up before some of the seniors even had a chance to register," O'Neil said.

Students who wanted to get into the course were added by contacting the instructor but the class is full, O'Neil said.

O'Neil said the course examines current theoretical and empirical approaches to the sociological study of sexuality. Students sign up for the class because they believe the subject matter is interesting, O'Neil said.

Susan White, associate professor of English, said her English 400 course, Themes in Literature and Film, filled up in one day.

The topic of the course, which changes every semester, ranges from crime film and fiction to Alfred Hitchcock to melodrama and horror. This spring, the course will focus on Stanley

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