Restaurant gunman, victim may be friends

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A UA student who went to high school with the man who fired shots last week has said that the gunman and the victim were friends.

Jacqueline Ochoa, who is a senior at the University of Arizona and a member of the fraternity at which the shooting took place, was reported to have been in contact with the gunman in the days leading up to the shooting.

The two were close friends and had spent time together in the past.

The shooting left two people injured and caused widespread concern.

Ex-student arrested at RNC

Charges 'most serious' yet levied against any convention protestor

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A former UA student is being held on $200,000 bail in New York City following a fight that erupted Sunday between police and protesters at the site of the Republican National Convention.

Yusuke Banjo, 21, is charged with assault in the first degree, assault on a police officer, reckless endangerment, riot in the first degree, resisting arrest, and hindering police investigation.

Banjo, a student at Arizona State University, was arrested after he allegedly punched a police officer during a protest outside the convention site.

Banjo completed his spring 2004 semester at the University of Arizona and then transferred to Arizona State University, where he was also a member of the Daily Wildcat staff during his freshman and sophomore years.

An estimated 250,000 protesters were in the streets of New York on Sunday, the day before the RNC started.

Most of the charges leveled against the approximately 500 RNC protesters arrested, those against Banjo are "the most serious," said Barbara Thompson, spokesperson for the Manhattan District Attorney's office.

Although Banjo is charged with assault, Thompson said further charges will be filed if it is determined that Banjo participated in any violent behavior.

Additionally, Thompson said police officers had to clear the streets of protesters in order to prevent any further violence.

Students with balances will be dropped Friday

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Students who still owe outstanding balances for classes will automatically be subject to cancellation of some or all of those classes starting Friday.

The Registrar's Office will notify those students and will start canceling registration for those who still owe money for classes they are enrolled in.

The tuition deadline for fall classes was Aug. 21, the first day of class.

The UA official policy states if a student does not plan to attend a class, the student must drop or withdraw from the course prior to the first day of class, or face possible fees or late charges.

Students who do not complete their classes will be dropped from the course, and the last class registered for will be dropped.

Frat offers reward for vandal info

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A reward is being offered to anyone with information about reported vandalism to the Sigma Pi house, formerly the Pi Kappa Alpha or PiKE house.

The local house corporation, which is made up of local and national PiKE alumni and students, has not yet responded to the reports.

Eric Willy, executive director of the Pi Kappa Alpha National Headquarters, said it is unusual for a local house corporation to offer a reward.

"It's the first time I can recall this happening, but vandalism has never been such an issue," he said.

Vandalism incidents have included "PiKE" spray-painted on the outside walls, paint balls being thrown at the house, and items stolen.

Sergeant Eugene Mejia, UAHD spokesperson, said some of the incidents seem to point to former PiKE members who he said might be feeling resentful over losing their house.

According to Mejia and police records, there have been at least nine reports filed involving Sigma Pi members since April.

According to reports, a beer bottle was thrown through a bathroom window around 3 a.m. Sunday at the Sigma Pi house.

Sigma Pi members suspected former PiKE members, but had no proof, reports stated.

At least four officers were injured, and Sigma Pi members said they had been sitting on the corner of the Sigma Pi house.

Police were able to track down the former PiKE members who told officers they had been sitting on the corner of the Sigma Pi house.

"They came out and became confrontational," one of the former PiKE members said.

Men members admitted to pushing a Sigma Pi member. The Sigma Pi member said he did not want to press charges.

The four former PiKE members told police they had not been the ones vandalizing the Sigma Pi house and didn't know who was doing it, reports stated.