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Restaurant gunman, victim may be friends

By Holly Wells
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A UA student who went to high school with the man who fired a shot at a restaurant early Saturday morning said yesterday that the gunman and the victim were friends.

Jacob Ochoa, liberal arts freshman, was arrested on two charges of aggravated assault after the shooting, and could face expulsion from the UA.

Officials say Ochoa did not live on campus and did not have a permit for the gun he had the night of the incident.

Ochoa shot Jordan Prather at No Anchovies, 870 E. University Blvd., Saturday after Ochoa was wrestled to the ground by two men whom he had accused of taking his seat.

Retail and consumer science sophomore Gina Giachetti said she went to Catalina Foothills High School with both Ochoa and Prather and was friends with them.

The two men who Ochoa first approached reportedly wrestled Ochoa to the ground after he became angry and lifted up his shirt to show them his handgun.

Prather was thought to have been helping hold Ochoa down and was shot during the scuffle.

Prather's injury was not life-threatening, said Tucson Police Department spokeswoman Michelle Pickrom.

Giachetti said Prather and Ochoa may have been at the restaurant together and thought the shooting was probably a weird coincidence.

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Ex-student arrested at RNC

Charges 'most serious'
yet levied against any
convention protester

By Mitra Taj
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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 near the site of the Republican National Convention.

Yusuke Banno, 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 riot resistance and obstruction.

Banno completed the spring 2004 semester at the UA as a political science junior before transferring to Prescott Community College. Banno 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.

Of all the charges leveled against the approximately 500 RNC protesters arrested, those against Banno are "the most serious," said Barbara Thompson, spokeswoman for the Manhattan District Attorney's office.

Though Banno isn't charged with arson, Thompson said Banno and others set fire to a giant papier-mâché dragon she said they were marching with on Sunday. When police officers threw smoke grenades and tried to arrest the arsonists, she said the group blocked police officers.

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A giant dragon figure burns on Seventh Avenue near Madison Square Garden during the anti-Bush march organized by United for Peace and Justice in New York Sunday, on the eve of the Republican National Convention. The march was rerouted because of the fire.

Students with balances will be dropped Friday

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

The Bursar's Office and the Registrar's Office will review a list of students Friday, 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. 23, 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.

Suelyn Hull, the bursar for the UA, said students will be able to make payments in the Bursar's Office until 5 p.m. Friday, and will be able to make payments later that day online to avoid cancellation of their courses.

"This will only cancel classes that correspond to fees that have not been paid," Hull said. "If only a portion of the tuition is owed, the last class registered for will be

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Frat offers reward for vandal info

By Holly Wells
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A \$500 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 which owns the house at 1525 E. Drachman St. is offering the reward.

Eric Wulf, executive director of the Pi Kappa Alpha Memorial 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, paintballs thrown at the house, and feces spread on the walls.

Sergeant Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman, said some

of the incidents seem to point to former PIKE members who he said might be feeling resentment 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.

A half hour later, Sigma Pi members filed a report saying they'd been harassed by four former PIKE members.

Police were able to track down the four former PIKE members who told officers they had been sitting on the corner by the Sigma Pi house when Sigma Pi members came out and became confrontational.

One of the former PIKE



FILE PHOTO/Arizona Daily Wildcat

A tree branch was thrown through a window at the Pi Kappa Alpha house, formerly known as the Pi Kappa Alpha or PIKE house, as seen in this file photo from June 2003. A reward is being offered for information regarding the vandalism.

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 did not know who was doing it, reports stated.

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