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Sgt. Lowry instructs political science sophomore Jessica Zazick on how to rappel herself down the Koffler building yesterday afternoon. Although many Army cadets were required to rappel down the building for training, Zazick was doing it for class credit.

Comedian show still a goal for ASUA

By Jennifer Amsler
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Chances of finding a high-profile comedian to perform this semester are slim, with student leaders running into obstacles, including scheduling conflicts.

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona wanted a comedian to entertain students, which they originally intended to happen sometime this week, but student leaders are having difficulty securing talent to perform this semester.

Fernando Ascencio, the ASUA Speakers' Board director, said they are still pursuing some of the nation's top comedians for a comedy show before the semester ends but "the possibility keeps decreasing."

Ascencio said with only 2 1/2 months left of the semester, ASUA is in a time crunch to find a comedian who will sell tickets and appeal to students.

ASUA's top comedian choices, Robin Williams and Dave Chappelle, are both busy with other projects, and their time is too limited to come to the UA this semester, Ascencio said.

Chappelle is busy filming for "Chappelle's Show" but is a possibility for entertainment in the fall, Ascencio said.

He said he was close to securing a deal with Chappelle, but the two dates he had available fell on spring break and Spring Fling, making a visit impossible.

Williams is busy with an animated film and had no availability that coincided with the university's schedule, Ascencio said.

Ascencio said ASUA worked diligently to secure an act for the comedian show but negotiations took longer than expected.

"The entertainments industry is constantly changing," he said. "We feel confident we can find a date with some-



Jerry Seinfeld



Robin Williams

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UA could get \$4 million for nursing

By Andrea Kelly
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PHOENIX — In an attempt to reduce the statewide nursing shortage, legislators are asking for \$4 million annually for the next five years to supplement nursing education programs throughout the state.

A bill based on the recommendations of an Arizona Board of Regents Health Science Input Group would expand nursing programs at universities and community colleges, with the goal of doubling the number of nursing graduates annually by 2010.

The money would be used to fund more faculty positions so more stu-

dents could complete the programs each year.

In 2003, 756 qualified students who applied to nursing schools throughout the state were turned down because there simply was not enough room for them in the universities and community colleges, said Connie Harmsen, chief executive officer of Banner Estrella Medical Center in Phoenix.

Harmsen said the shortage of nurses is due to the rapidly growing Arizona population and the capacity of the nursing programs.

She said about 1,000 students graduate from nursing programs each year, and Arizona is 48th in the

country of per-capita nurses, or the number of nurses compared to the state population.

In 2000, the state health care system needed 17 percent more nurses to meet demands, Harmsen said. If nursing education continues as is, by 2010 the number could escalate to 25 percent short of the number of nurses hospitals need and can afford to hire, she said.

Kristen Boilini, of the Arizona Community Colleges Association, said the board's Health Science Input Group figured out that faculty funding would help double the number of

Students unaware of ASUA election campaign

By Anthony D. Ávila
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Election officials wanted candidates to change the face of campus once campaigning began, but with the first week almost over, there's no makeover in sight.

Associated Students of the University of Arizona campaigns for president, vice president and senate positions began Monday and will continue until March 1 when primaries begin.

Adam Falck, ASUA election commissioner, said he was disappointed in how little campaigning there was.

"I was on the Mall today and it felt like there wasn't even (an election) going on," said Falck, a molecular and cellular biology senior.

However, campaigning will probably become more visible by next week, Falck said.

Falck and ASUA President Alistair Chapman worked for months on the elections code to make sure campaigning would run as smoothly as possible.

Thus far there have been five official complaints and two or three campaign violations. Some of the complaints involved problems with posters, but Falck would not comment on the nature of the other vio-

lations.

Dedicated candidates awoke early Monday morning to post flyers on bulletin boards, some as early as 4 a.m.

Nathan Bell, ASUA senator, said he was on campus stapling posters in the early hours.

After preparing since December, Bell and his campaign team spent three hours Monday morning putting up posters.

Candidates can find themselves spending 10 hours a day working on their campaign, said Bell, a computer science senior.

"It's exhausting," Bell said.

Ryan Erickson, a delegate for senator, said he ran into Bell at 7:30 a.m. Monday and realized most of the bulletin boards were already full.

Erickson, a public administration junior, said he did not mind getting a late start,

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