

He's all about
the wordplay



Jason Mraz to pluck his
guitar and spit his rhymes at
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QUICK HITS

Deadline today to pay tuition bill to avoid \$50 late charge

Tuition bills must be paid in full today to avoid a \$50 late fee.

The fee will be assessed beginning Tuesday. To learn more about your account balance check online via Student Link at [www.http://ruby.ccit.arizona.edu/student_link/](http://ruby.ccit.arizona.edu/student_link/).

Partygoers urged by police to follow law or face charges

Police raided an apartment early Friday evening to take part in a simulated party bust, intended to show how to break up an underage drinking party safely and effectively while using the minimum amount of resources possible.

Thirty underage students simulated party behaviors police often encounter such as belligerence, fleeing from police and being passed out in an apartment at University House at Starr Pass, 2525 W. Anklam Road.

The event, which is collaborated by local law enforcement officials as part of a national conference on underage drinking, was organized to address how communities and law enforcement respond to and enforce underage drinking laws.

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Last chance: Recruitment for sororities ends Tuesday

Formal recruitment for Pan-hellenic sororities is in process and will come to a close tomorrow when potential new members are given bids.

The process of recruitment began Aug. 18 with an orientation for 800 registered potential new members and in the following days, the women visited each chapter to learn about each individual house and meet the members, said Gary Ballinger, greek life coordinator.

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Sexual assault probe closed

Lack of evidence cited in case where 2 student athletes were questioned

By Holly Wells
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Authorities closed an investigation involving a UA student who said she was sexually assaulted at a campus fraternity house last spring, according to a police report released Thursday. The student alleged in April she

was sexually assaulted in a community shower at a party at the Sigma Pi fraternity house, 1525 E. Drachman St., but decided June 15 she no longer wanted to press charges, reports stated.

The Pima County Attorney's office determined Thursday there was insufficient evidence to support charges against the two students questioned,

whose names have been withheld by the University of Arizona Police Department, reports stated.

According to the report, the two students were members of a UA men's athletic team.

Joe DiVita, Sigma Pi Fraternity president, told the Wildcat last spring that the individuals being investigated were not members of the fraternity or of the UA greek system.

Sergeant Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman, said further details on the two men will not be released

since no charges have been brought against them.

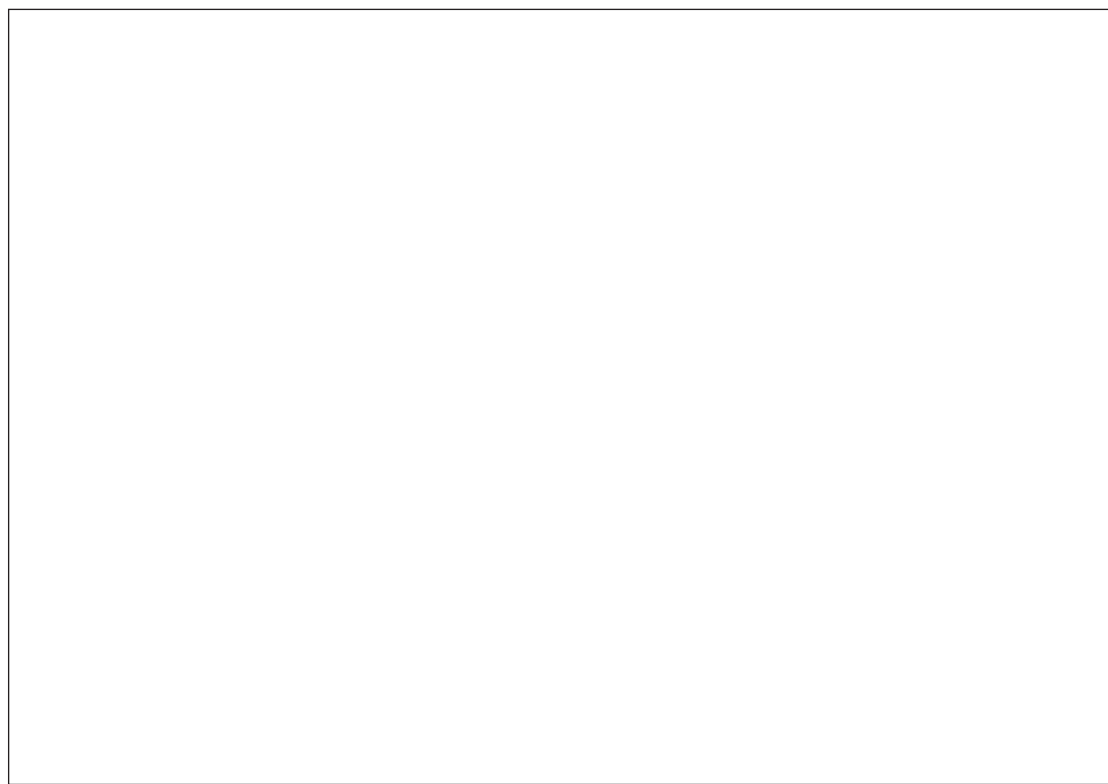
"We don't want any undue bad publicity if the evidence and the facts in the case aren't proven or sufficient enough to bring charges," Mejia said.

Because sexual assault is a very serious accusation, Mejia said it is the responsibility of police to protect the identity of the individuals because they have not been charged

"When you're taking someone's

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BEARING DOWN



Chris Coduto/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Sophomore cornerback Antoine Cason signs posters during Saturday's Fan Appreciation Day. Fans got to meet players before they took to the field for a final preseason scrimmage. For more information on the scrimmage, see page 31.

Financial aid sends out \$45M in funds

By Anthony D. Ávila
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Although some students still need their financial aid to buy books or pay for tuition, the Office of Student Financial Aid has reached all of its distribution goals for the first time since implementing a new computer system.

Nearly \$50 million in aid has been disbursed within the last 10 days and the distributing process began a day earlier than last year, said John Nametz, Office of Student Financial Aid director.

The office distributed \$45.6 million by Wednesday of last week in its third year of using the Matrix computer program, which disburses the funds to students electronically, Nametz said.

Last year, the majority of funds were also distributed on time with \$40.3 million posted after one day, but in 2003 there were setbacks because of initial problems with the computer system, according to Wildcat articles.

"This is the first time since we've gone into this new system that we've made all our disbursement goals for the fall semester," Nametz said. "We're in better shape than we were last year. I'm just really pleased."

This is the first year aid was sent out over the weekend a week before classes began. Because of the haste in distributing aid, the office has been receiving fewer phone calls and e-mails, and there have been fewer people waiting in the lobby than usual, Nametz said.

Despite most goals being met, some students haven't received their aid because of reasons ranging from paperwork delays to simply filing

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Students wait-listed as housing shortage returns

By Mika Mandelbaum
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With about 6,000 students living on campus this year, residence halls are packed with no vacancies, forcing several new students to share rooms with resident assistants or make alternative, off-campus arrangements.

"Living on campus has just become much more popular," said Jim Van Arsdel, residence life director. "This year we had so many students to accommodate."

Last year, the residence halls opened with a few vacancies, but this year more than 200 students were put on a waiting list for on-campus housing. About half of the male students on the list were eventually assigned housing, but residence life was not able to work down the women's

list at all, Van Arsdel said.

Those students were told to make alternate housing arrangements.

"We started turning people away by mid summer," he said.

In past years, residence life put students in hotels and converted some study lounges into temporary housing to try to accommodate everyone.

"We were really damaging their freshman experience," said President Peter Likins, as he helped freshman students move into their rooms Thursday morning.

Helping freshmen move in is an annual tradition Likins brought to UA from his previous position as president of Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

"It makes (the students) realize that it's a top-to-bottom, welcoming kind of place when they see the president sweating in a T-shirt," Likins said.

This year, however, Van Arsdel said neither hotels nor study lounges were considered as ways to solve the housing shortage.

As a result, there are some students who are assigned to temporary spaces in rooms with resident assistants, who typically live alone.

So far, all but one of the female resident assistants in Arizona-Sonora residence hall, 940 E. Fifth St., have been assigned freshman roommates.

"I don't mind having a roommate at all. None of us do, but I feel sorry for the students," said Lana Abu-Shaheen, a management information systems senior and resident assistant for Arizona-Sonora. "They just have to understand that it's a temporary thing, two weeks at most."

This is Abu-Shaheen's second

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Cassandra Tomlin/Arizona Daily Wildcat
UA President Peter Likins helps a freshman move into Coronado Residence Hall Thursday morning. Every residence hall on campus is full to capacity this year.