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MTV is casting couples for its documentary series about marriage. The couples must be getting married in January and be between the ages of 18 and 22 years old. The documentary will cover all the details of how the couple met, the proposal, and what the bride's dress looks like.

If you would like to be a part of the new documentary on MTV, send an e-mail to Stephanie Gholam at Stephanie@gholamproductions.com. The e-mail should include name, age, address, phone number, e-mail address and a digital picture of you and your fiancé.

**Research project studies habits of overweight children**  
The UA Department of Family and Community Medicine is conducting a research project for overweight children to learn how to improve eating habits and increase physical activity in their lives.

Directors of the project, which is called CHOICES, are looking for 40 children in third or fourth grade who are large for their age to be involved in a research project called CHOICES.

There will be 12 weekly afternoon or evening sessions for the children and their parents on physical activity and nutrition, including healthy snacks each session and prizes.

There is no cost for the participants. Parents of children 8 to 10 years old can contact the CHOICES project manager at (520) 307-3694.

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## Bernsen fires 5 ASUA officials

Both sides complain to Dean of Students

By Nick Smith  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Student body president Cade Bernsen fired five student officials Tuesday, including three Arizona Students' Association directors and two cabinet members, sources said.

Bernsen, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona president, sent dismissal letters and e-mails to

ASA directors Fernando Ascencio, Andrew Record and Christopher Dang, as well as Breanne Bushu, the cabinet coordinator, and Rebecca Rodl, the assistant elections commissioner.

Bernsen said he fired the directors because his lawyer, who researched the situation, told Bernsen that he had the right to fire them based on evidence Bernsen had collected against the students.

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Andrew Record, along with four others sitting on the ASUA board, received a dismissal letter on Tuesday from ASUA President Cade Bernsen.

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## PRACTICE MAKES BRILLIANT



Dance sophomore Devin Cash rehearses George Balanchine's 'Allegro Brillante' at the Stevie Eller Dance Theater yesterday. The piece will be performed Feb. 16-19 as part of the Looking Glass Series.

Jake Lacey/Arizona Daily Wildcat

## Senate meeting yields no date for impeachment trial

By Zack Colick  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Business continued as usual during the ASUA senatorial meeting last night, but no mention of Student Body President Cade Bernsen's possible impeachment from office took place.

There was no official timetable set last semester for when the trial was to take place against the student body president, and Bernsen's written and oral defense statements have not officially been heard by the ASUA senators, said Sen. Patrick Cook, a pre-education sophomore.

Cook said the impeachment trial could not be heard or discussed during a senate meeting without at least one senator already placing the item on the agenda.

Erin Hertzog, executive vice president, said the case hasn't been brought forward because final examinations were about to start and the ASUA Supreme Court must meet 10 days after an impeachment trial, leaving no time to meet because of the impending winter break.

Hertzog said she doesn't have voting power and wants to stay far away from the proceedings, calling it a conflict of interest.

"I'm letting the senators take

care of it," said Hertzog, a journalism junior.

While Cook and Sen. Heather Spicer said they wouldn't bring the item forward, Cook said he was "95 percent sure" someone would bring it forward for a vote at next week's meeting.

"It wasn't on the timetable simply because today was the first day of school and everybody was still getting back into the swing of things," Cook said.

### Miller tapped as new elections commissioner

Wanting to step up to a challenge and fill a position which had recently been vacated, a former ASUA marketing director became ASUA's second elections commissioner in December.

Jordan Miller, a senior majoring in marketing and French, will assume the role and become acting elections commissioner, whose duties involve overseeing campaigns, conducting general elections and special elections, and ensuring elections are fair.

Miller said she will be officially appointed elections commissioner during next week's senate meeting and said she feels qualified for the position because of the many different

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## White men dominating presidential pool

Demographics of candidates no shock to students, staff; more women wanted

By Nicole Santa Cruz  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

UA students and staff aren't shocked to see white men dominating the pool of potential presidential candidates, even though they would like to see more diversity.

Numbers released by the Arizona

Board of Regents in late December gave a demographic breakdown of prospects for the replacement for President Peter Likins.

Of the 94 applicants to the search committee, 82 percent are men and 18 percent are women. More than 90 percent are white.

Although students would like to see more diversity in the pool, students

such as Viani Lopez, a finance senior, are not surprised by the numbers.

"I would like to see more (minorities), but in the future it will be more possible," Lopez said. "(The numbers) don't really surprise me, to be honest."

Alma Lucia, a senior majoring in Spanish, said race and sex don't really matter as long as the most qualified person is hired for the position.

"I would prefer for it to be a minority, but I would rather have someone qualified," Lucia said.

Lucia said the word "minority"

means different things to different people, but she would like to see someone who speaks another language as UA president.

Chris Murphy, a mechanical engineering senior, would like to see more women in the running for the presidential position.

"It would be nice to see more female representation," Murphy said.

Murphy also said he thought the number of minorities in the pool was

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UA presidential candidates		
By gender		
Men	77	82%
Women	17	18%
By race		
White	85	90%
Minority	9	10%
By employment in higher education		
President/chancellor	23	24%
Chief academic officer	30	32%
Dean	26	28%
Other senior officers	15	16%
By geographical distribution		
Western U.S.	22	23%
Central U.S.	25	27%
Northeastern U.S.	35	37%
Southeastern U.S.	10	11%
Other	2	2%
Statistical profile of prospective candidates who had submitted a resume as of Dec. 20, 2005		



Political columnist Ann Coulter had pies thrown at her during an event at Centennial Hall in 2004. Williams Zachary Wolff pleaded guilty Monday to misdemeanor assault.

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# Former student enters plea in 2004 Coulter pie assault

By Holly Wells  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

One of two men accused of throwing cream pies at political columnist Ann Coulter during an event at Centennial Hall in 2004 pleaded guilty Monday to misdemeanor assault.

Williams Zachary Wolff, 25, was fined \$250, but the fine will be suspended as part of the plea agreement if he pays \$915 in restitution to the UA for damage caused to a backdrop screen during the incident, said Deputy Pima County Attorney Noah Van Amburg.

Wolff and Phillip Edgar Smith, a UA student at the time of the incident, were originally charged with assault, disorderly conduct and criminal damage after they threw tofu cream pies at Coulter as she spoke to about 2,400 people at Centennial Hall on Oct. 22, 2004. As part of the plea agreement, the disorderly conduct and criminal damage charges were dropped.

Portions of a pie struck Coulter on her face and dress, but the pies mainly hit a black muslin backdrop, causing \$1,830 in damage.

After throwing the pies, Smith and Wolff were detained by audience members and arrested by the University of Arizona Police Department.

Shortly after the incident, Wolff claimed he and Smith belonged to Al Pieda, which he described as a loose network of political activists. He said they were throwing the pies at Coulter's ideas and not at her.

Smith accepted the same plea agreement in November and will also pay \$915 to cover the damage to the backdrop screen, Van Amburg said.

Original charges against Wolff and Smith were dismissed March 18, 2005, after neither the arresting officer nor Coulter appeared to testify against them. UAPD and Coulter said they had not been properly notified by the Pima County Attorney's Office about the trial. The case was re-filed in April 2005.



Wolff

# UA, Sonoran cancer centers sign binational agreement

## Universities agree to future collaborations

By Ariel Serafin  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

The Arizona Cancer Center has joined forces with the University of Sonora for future cancer research and education projects marking the beginning of new opportunities for both institutions.

The institutions signed a nonbinding agreement to collaborate on future cancer research projects.

The program is intended to lead the University of Sonora in Mexico in the cancer research and educational programs, said Dr. Maria Elena Martínez, co-director of the Arizona Cancer Center's Cancer Prevention and Control Program.

The binational collaboration will create an opportunity for students to do research at the University of Sonora.

A group of UA students are in Sonora researching the potentially cancerous effects of long term arsenic exposure by interviewing families about their diets and lifestyles and testing urine and toenail samples.

Martínez was one of the eight members of the Arizona Cancer Center who visited Hermosillo, Sonora to establish the collaboration and attend the Sonora-Arizona Binational Meeting on Cancer Research between Dec. 5 and 6.

Martínez said the idea for the collaboration came about over the summer during a visit to Sonora. As she drove around looking at the hospitals, she decided that the country's infrastructure was fit to accommodate advanced research and education.

"I said, 'Wouldn't it be great to form a partnership?'" Martínez said.

Dr. Robin Harris, the principle investigator in a study on the possible connection between arsenic exposure and gastro-intestinal cancers in Sonora,

said the formal agreement is an extension of a previous collaboration between the Arizona Cancer Center and University of Sonora.

Harris said although the first research collaboration between the two institutions began almost two years ago, it was only in regards to arsenic exposure effects, rather than the entire scope of the cancer-related issue.

Martínez said a primary reason the collaboration was established was to help Sonora establish a cancer registry database similar to the one in Arizona. Without a registry that tracks cases, it is difficult to record cancer-related statistics such as increased prevalence or fatality rate, Martinez said.

The collaboration is also intended to help Sonora begin clinical trials of cancer drugs, which are virtually non-existent in Sonora, where national protocols tend to dictate available treatments.

However, Martínez said the agreement would benefit both parties involved.

Martínez said one of the most obvious benefits Arizona would receive from the collaboration would be the opportunity to explore cancer-related trends in the native country of many Arizonans.

"We have a large Hispanic population (in Arizona)," Martínez said. "Doing research in their country of origin helps our own population."

Harris agreed that the collaboration would give researchers and opportunity to look at cancer statistics and information with a regional perspective, rather than national.

"(Mexico and Arizona's) environments and histories are very similar," Harris said.

Martínez also said the agreement would provide Arizonan students with the rare and exciting opportunity to do medical research in another country.

Martínez said the agreement was made "non-binding" to simplify the collaboration.

"There are no legal issues and no lawyers involved," Martínez said.

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## BRIEFS

# New commissioner to be appointed next week

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roles she's taken on in ASUA during her four years in the organization.

"I've seen all sides of the elections process and am becoming familiar with the elections code and feel qualified to assume the responsibilities," Miller said. "It's logical for (ASUA) to have someone to step in and knows the ropes because it's an important position that helps direct the voice of the students."

Miller said she feels at ease and doesn't feel the pressure in taking over for former elections commissioner Tyler Carrell, as well as working alongside Student Body President Cade Bernsen.

"I know this job takes hard work and someone with incredible dedication, Miller said. "I'm really glad that I chose to take on the challenge."

As acting commissioner, Miller said she hasn't felt the brunt of the job yet, but admits she's busy putting together packets of information for students interested in running in the March general elections to become either a senator, the administrative vice president, executive vice president or the student body president.

"Now it's more or less organizational work," Miller said. "The stressful time comes in March."

## SEARCH

# Most resumes already collected

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low, considering the UA's diverse student population and different ethnic and religious groups on campus.

Kendal White, acting director of African-American student affairs, was surprised with the demographic breakdown for the search.

"The lack of female candidates is surprising, but not the lack of minorities," White said.

White said she has heard a desire among her female colleagues for a future female UA president, but she also said she would want someone who is qualified for the position, mentioning Likins as an

**The lack of female candidates is surprising, but not the lack of minorities ... It's unfortunate there aren't more women.**

— Kendal White,  
African-American student  
affairs interim director

example.

"Even though Likins was a white male, he was very dynamic, and has a lot of women surrounding him," White said. "It's unfortunate

that there aren't more women."

Fred Boice, chair of the search committee, said he was very pleased with the number and quality of applications, but acknowledged the desire for a greater spread of minorities and female applicants.

"As years go by, we are seeing more minorities and women make their way into administrative and executive positions," Boice said.

There isn't a chance of the pool changing much after this point because the committee has already gathered many of the resumes, Boice said.

## FIRINGS

# Bernsen to take 5-day leave of absence

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The officials who were fired cried foul at their sudden dismissal and said they each filed a complaint to the Dean of Student's Office stating that the dismissals were retaliatory and baseless.

"We do feel this is a reactionary act," said Ascencio, a political science senior.

Bernsen said he in turn filed complaints to the dean of students about the five appointed officials as well as two senators.

Bernsen said the fired employees were instrumental in "spreading lies" concerning the sexual harassment complaints made against him to the Dean of Students office in November. Bernsen has denied the charges.

"It was never about seeking justice," Bernsen said. "They wanted to publicly humiliate me to a point

where I would resign or be impeached real swiftly."

Melissa Vito, the dean of students, said she could not verify whether complaints had been filed this week by either party, citing federal privacy laws. But the office will investigate the validity of any charges that may have been made, she said.

"One of the staff who works in Judicial Affairs in the office will handle the investigation," Vito said. "The length of time that a case can take varies depending upon the complexity of the investigation, the number of witnesses, availability of witnesses, etc."

Bernsen said he plans to leave office for five days as part of an agreement he made with the Dean of Students office.

ASUA adviser Jim Drnek said

students being fired is uncommon but not unheard of. The ASUA constitution does not have provisions that cover student dismissals, he said.

The students fired said in their defense they had done their jobs as well as they could have and were unaware of any grievances.

"I was confused because we hadn't gotten any prior notice of any of this before," Bushu said. "I've always done my job to the best of my ability. (I've) only been told (by Cade) how good of a job I've done. I've never gotten a negative report."

Dang said the letters were entirely unexpected and believed they were unwarranted.

"We've been on our game and on the ball," he said.

Record said the firings came at a

bad time because the Arizona Board of Regents tuition setting session is approaching.

"By getting rid of us so close to tuition setting, it really puts the students at a disadvantage," Record said. "It's a very dangerous time to be getting rid of those who know what's going on."

ASA serves as an independent lobbying advocate for university students, according to the ASUA Web site.

Record thought the dismissals were less about job performance and more about speculation.

"It feels like the firings were completely based on propositions of conspiracy, which are non-existent," Record said.

Student Regent Ben Graff said the firings might mean a weakened ASA stance on tuition.

"I work closely with the ASA team on each campus about student concerns," he said. "My main concern will be if there is a strong ASA team

on campus."

Matt Boepple, an ASUA senator and political science sophomore, said the firings were unfounded.

"I think our directors were doing their jobs," he said.

If the firings are proven to be a result of retaliation, they would be against the UA Code of Conduct and Bernsen would be subject to university disciplinary procedures, according to the UA Web site.

Bernsen hopes the complaints will get sorted and the positions filled in a timely manner.

"I believe in the end, the truth will come out and justice will be served," he said. "We're going to put some good people in those positions and the senate will be involved in the interview process."

Bernsen said he would also invite the executive and administrative vice presidents to sit in on the interview process.

Anthony D. Ávila contributed to this report.

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## Engineering prof dies

By Devin Walker  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Many UA students and faculty are mourning the death of an electrical and computer engineering professor who taught at the UA for more than 20 years.

John Luther Prince III died of heart failure Dec. 16 in Tucson. Prince began his tenure at the UA in 1983 as a professor of electrical and computer engineering.

He most often taught courses on electronic packaging and circuit design at the UA, as well, he was also the department's director of the center for electronic packaging research, an organization that builds high speed, reliable and quality computer chips.

"Dr. Prince's death is a huge loss for the department," said Jerzy Rozenblit, UA electrical and computer engineering department head. "On a more personal level, he was a charismatic guy that mentored many junior faculty members who are now researchers in their own right."

According to his students, Prince had a talent of applying humor within his academics to

make his classes more active and allow an easier understanding.

"He can explain things very well from the very origin and let us understand them easily and grasp the new concept firmly," said past student Xing Wang, a Ph.D. student majoring in electrical engineering with an interconnect simulation focus. "He put focus on important knowledge and made his class concise and valuable."

According to Wang, Prince's classes, although often times strictly taught, were always very well-coming and well-structured.

"He is a person with tremendous integrity and will not compromise in academics," Wang said. "But he is very kind to us students. He encouraged me before our presentations and would say 'nice job' afterward."

Prince was the principal investigator of the Semiconductor Research Corporation, an association of the world's top research management universities, at the UA since 1984.

In 1991-1992 he became Acting Director of packaging services at SRC while continuing to bring substantial funding to the research program.



John Prince

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