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## VJ DAY AT THE UA



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Nursing sophomore Sarah Sevi auditions yesterday in front of Old Main to be the newest VJ for mtvU, MTV's channel dedicated to and broadcast on college campuses nationwide.

## UA Faculty Senate upset over sudden budget cuts

By Joe Ferguson  
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Several faculty members criticized UA administrators for lack of notice regarding the 2 percent across-the-board budget cuts during yesterday's Faculty Senate meeting.

The Committee of Eleven, a group of elected faculty members, released a three-page report in July 2004 outlining its concerns about the budget cuts.

The Committee of Eleven speaks for the general faculty and its main purpose is to look at problems concerning the faculty and the university.

J.D. Garcia, chairman for the Committee of Eleven, said while the cuts were devastating, the committee wants to ensure there would be no more "June surprises." The cuts were announced last June, and affected all academic and non-academic university departments and programs.

"Our primary concern was for the president and the provost to set up mechanisms so it will not re-occur," Garcia said.

Garcia, a physics professor, said his department will need to trim \$73,000 from its budget to comply with the 2 percent cuts.

"Were I to do the easy thing, 10 graduate teaching assistants would be removed," Garcia said.

Garcia said without those teaching assistants, 30 physics lab classes would be cancelled.

"Half the people waiting to take physics labs would have been turned away," he said.

Garcia said the physics department has not made any decisions on how to deal with the budget cuts.

"If we were told in March, it would have been much easier," Garcia said. "It is important to set up mechanisms to protect us from these surprises."

Garcia said the committee received a written response to

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## Class tracks black candidates

By Jesse Lewis  
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Students in an African American Studies class are throwing an election night party to analyze the results of the elections involving 48 African American national congressional candidates.

The African American Politics class, AFAS 255, has been researching the 48 African American congressional candidates, and predicting their chances to win in

the various elections for the bulk of the semester, said Wendy Theodore, the professor of the class.

The class will hold a party tonight at the Martin Luther King Center, 1322 E. First St., from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The party is open to the public.

The 40 students in the class have prepared prediction posters with information about the candidates and why they may win or lose, as well as information on money issues and how African Americans may have voted.

"We definitely have a lot of eyes and ears out there for these people that are running and don't really get noticed," said Kelvin Jones, preceptor for the class.

They will monitor election results as they come in on three TVs and will analyze the results as they come in.

The students that have been studying the candidates are well informed on the elections and will be on hand to discuss results with anyone who attends, Theodore said.

"They are experts now on

their particular candidates," Theodore said.

The party is funded by a \$297 university grant to encourage faculty and students to interact outside the classroom.

"It reduces stigmas and increases students' feelings of acceptance, encouraging students to go to graduate school," Theodore said.

The four class preceptors planned the party and they

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## Non-voting students cite lack of faith in presidential candidates

By Kylee Dawson  
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Some UA students are not voting today because they do not believe either presidential candidate can implement positive change for the United States.

William Dixon, professor and head of the political science department, said the early deadline for voter registration, being too busy, and being misinformed about voting are three major reasons some students might not vote.

"Typically there are barriers, and the barriers to voting are usually more severe to young people than they are for others," Dixon said.

When the local FOX News channel reported that it was illegal for out of state college students to register in Tucson, several students were not informed that this report was untrue and did not register to vote,

Dixon said.

Shannon Garitty, a pre-physiological sciences junior, said he is not voting today because he doesn't believe his vote will make a difference in the outcome of the election.

"I'd feel like I'm choosing between the lesser of two evils," Garitty said. "I don't have much faith in our political structure."

Garitty, 24, said he was raised by politically active Democratic parents, but is not registered to vote because he is not interested in politics.

"There's a sense in which your vote doesn't really count very much in these states where the race is already settled," Dixon said. "I could go vote for John Kerry and I'm pretty sure that he's not going to win Arizona. So that's one of the things that many people believe is a problem with the electoral college system."

Even though Democratic candidate Al Gore won the popular vote in the

2000 election, George W. Bush won the presidency and, therefore, Garitty said he doesn't believe the popular vote matters.

"It is certainly true that there's relatively a little probability that a single individual's vote will determine the outcome of an election," Dixon said. "If that's the only reason you have to vote, it would be a disappointing experience."

Philosophy doctorate student Chris Brown, 38, is from South Hampton, England, but has lived in the United States since 1981 and is a permanent resident.

Brown chose not to become a U.S. citizen because he does not believe the democratic voting system is useful because people should vote on policies rather than people.

"The only reason I would want citizenship is to vote, but I just don't

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Chris Brown, a philosophy graduate student and teaching assistant, sits on the steps of the Social Sciences building yesterday. Despite having lived in the United States since he was a teenager, Brown — a British citizen — has chosen not to participate in the American political process.