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Second chance for Pike in 2005

By Cara O'Connor
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The outcome of Pi Kappa Alpha's final appeal has left fraternity members with a reason to celebrate.

Vice President for Campus Life Sandra Taylor made the decision based on findings made by the University Hearing Board, composed of faculty, students and staff, to which Pi Kappa Alpha (Pike) made its last plea.

Because of Taylor's decision, the fraternity will be eligible to reapply for recognition in fall 2004 — a year earlier than Dean of Students Veda Kowalski's original disciplinary measure allowed.

The fraternity will be eligible for expansion, or acceptance by the university, in January 2005.

The hearing board recommended that

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U.S. troops kill 7 Iraqi civilians

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEAR KARBALA, Iraq — U.S. troops shot and killed at least seven Iraqi civilians — some of them children — in a vehicle at checkpoint yesterday in southern Iraq when the driver did not stop as ordered, U.S. Central Command said.

The soldiers involved were from the 3rd Infantry Division, the same unit that lost four soldiers Saturday at another checkpoint when an Iraqi soldier dressed as a civilian detonated a car bomb.

Yesterday, the vehicle approached the U.S. Army checkpoint at about 4:30 p.m. Soldiers motioned for the driver to stop but were ignored, the Central Command said. They fired warning shots, which also were ignored, the U.S. military said.

Troops then shot into the vehicle's engine, but the driver continued toward the checkpoint. As a last resort, the military statement said, soldiers fired into the passenger compartment.

Two other civilians were wounded at the checkpoint on a highway near Karbala, according to a Pentagon official and Central Command. The military is

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PULLING FORWARD



SAUL LOEB/Arizona Daily Wildcat
Second year Army ROTC Cadet James Ventre, a finance junior, makes his way down a rope leading away from a high platform on an obstacle course Saturday afternoon at Fort Huachuca.

Building trust

ROTC cadets focus on teamwork, leadership, strength

By Saul Loeb
PHOTO EDITOR

FORT HUACHUCA — Bilal Chaudhry needed to see firsthand what the big deal was.

His younger brother, a student at the Virginia Military Institute, had told Chaudhry that the military way of life helped him develop his individuality.

In fact, he often talked about it; he talked so much about it that Chaudhry just had to experience it for himself.

After a semester in Army ROTC courses, he said he has begun to understand what his brother was talking about.

"In classes, everything is very individual. Out here, it's about teamwork, it's about trust," he said.

The Army ROTC pushes group performance over the individual, resulting in a very cohesive group of people, the

computer science junior said.

"I had a lot of preconceptions, and I wanted to see what it was actually like," Chaudhry said. "It's been a lot of fun."

To stress teamwork and the importance of trust, UA Army ROTC took 100 first and second year military science students last weekend to the Fort Huachuca army post, near Sierra Vista, southeast of Tucson, for skills training framed in a social experience.

"We wanted them to have some military training and to have some fun at the same time," said Maj. C. Stewart Slatton II, an enrollment advisor with the U.S. Army. "That was our goal."

There, they participated in activities such as obstacle and confidence courses, repelling and accuracy tests at

Foreign students affected by war

By Tessa Hill
STAFF WRITER

When the war in Iraq began during spring break, many international students who had traveled back home for the week said they faced an extremely difficult decision: whether or not to return to a country at war.

Ivan Amavizca, a Center for English as a Second Language student who spent spring break at home in Mexico with his family, said he thought long and hard about whether or not to come back to the U.S.

"I was a little afraid, but I had to compromise," Amavizca said. "My friends and family kept asking me about it; they were very concerned."

Amavizca said that although he was initially wary of his decision to return to the U.S., now that he is here, he feels completely safe.

With last week's arrival of 26 new CESL students, CESL officials said they anticipate a few students will feel unsure about their safety.

CESL works with 85 students, from 25 different countries, each of whom is enrolled in non-credit English language courses. Despite the successful return of all current students, in the last year CESL officials said program applicants have decreased by 30 percent.

The CESL program is vulnerable to geopolitical concerns, meaning officials are particularly worried about the current war in Iraq, according to CESL

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GLOBAL GROWTH

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