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2 students killed in Saturday car crash

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Two UA students, at least one of whom was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, were killed in a car accident early Saturday morning.

Alcohol and speed were factors in the crash, police reported.

The students, one of whom has been identified by police as Erik S. Baumgartner, a 21-year-old economics junior from Lakeside Calif., were both pronounced dead at

University Medical Center Saturday.

Police will not release the name of the other occupant of the Mercedes until his family is notified. He was 25 and a resident of Tucson.

The white 1998 Mercedes SUV that Baumgartner and the other student were traveling in flipped and rolled over at North Greasewood Road, between West Broadway Boulevard and West Anklam Road at about 3 a.m. on Saturday.

The Mercedes was traveling south on North

Greasewood Road at 80 miles per hour when it swerved into a silver 2002 Mitsubishi SUV that was heading north, according to Tucson Police Department reports.

The vehicle Baumgartner was traveling in swerved onto an embankment and flipped over.

The driver of the Mitsubishi, Desiree Velasco, 26, was cited for driving under the influence. She and her two passengers were all wearing seatbelts and suf-

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UA may land nation's largest private library

BY SARAH NIXON
Staff Writer

The personal library of the late Heiko Oberman, a former Regents' professor of history, will be donated to the UA Special Collections Library, if UA can raise \$2 million to sustain a faculty position for the Late Medieval and Reformation Studies Division that Oberman founded.

The collection, worth approximately \$1.2 million, is comprised of over 10,000 15th-Century volumes relating to the medieval and reformation period, most of which are one-

of-a-kind works.

Until his death in 2001, Oberman was renowned as one of the world's foremost experts on the Protestant Reformation.

His library is internationally recognized as one of the largest and most unique compilations in existence.

"Harvard University offered to purchase the library years ago," said Susan Karant-Nunn, director of the Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies. "I believe Professor Oberman thought UA needed the

books more."

A meeting to launch fundraising for the Heiko A. Oberman Chair was held at the UA Special Collections Library Sunday afternoon.

Speakers included Ed Donnerstein, dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Carla Stoffle, dean of the University Libraries and Toetie Oberman, Heiko Oberman's widow.

The UA has set a \$2 million minimum to substantially endow a faculty chair, mean-

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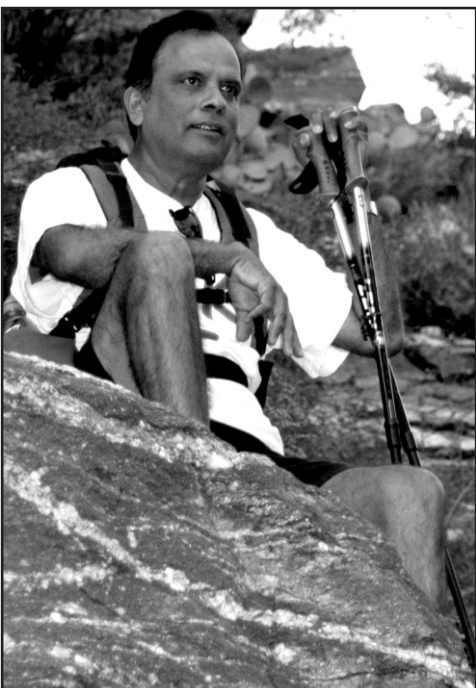
Getting air time



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Freshman forward Andre Iguodala excites over 11,000 fans at McKale Center Friday night with one of his title-winning dunks at "Midnight Madness." Iguodala was one of the Wildcats' freshmen who impressed fans on the team's first night of practice.

To the mountaintop and back



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Ray Umashankar has returned to Tucson from Africa, where he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in the name of his son, Naren, who took his own life.

BY JESSE GREENSPAN
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A UA assistant dean conquered Africa's highest peak in an effort to raise money for a scholarship honoring his late son.

Ray Umashankar, assistant dean of industrial relations for the College of Engineering and Mines, returned last week from his climb to the 19,340 foot summit of Kilimanjaro.

The climb was in the name of his son, Naren, who took his own life more than a decade ago.

Umashankar began his climb on Sept. 23, and the whole trek took six days.

"To me it was so magical," he said. "When you enjoy it so much you don't feel the tiredness or the pain."

Although Mount Kilimanjaro is not known as a difficult climb, Umashankar stressed that this stereotype is somewhat unfounded.

"Because it's not a technical

climb, people may say, 'Oh, I'll just take a few days and try this,'" Umashankar said. "Many of them don't make it to the top. It's shocking to see people being evacuated and being affected by the high altitude."

Although Umashankar's group made it to the summit without incident, many other travelers to Mount Kilimanjaro, located in the northeastern corner of Tanzania, were not so lucky.

A group starting the climb a week before Umashankar ran into terrible weather, and three porters ended up freezing to death near the top of the mountain.

Because of this, Umashankar ended up donating most of his old equipment to the porters after he had finished his climb.

"The news that three porters died on the mountain, that haunted me a lot," Umashankar said. "It does happen, but when it happens

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Some say hazing continues despite no recent reports

BY DEVIN SIMMONS
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There were no reports of hazing on the university campus so far this semester as of the end of last week, though some members of the Greek community said the practice continues.

The Dean of Students' office has not had any reports of hazing this year, said associate dean Veda Kowalski.

Sean Harding, Delta Chi president, said hazing continues within the greek system.

"I think it still goes on, and it will until someone gets caught," Harding said. "That's what happened to us."

But there was no hazing at Delta Chi this year, Harding said.

"My fraternity does not haze, but of course it does go on on campus. It is a traditional thing usually, part of a ritual," said Adam Brotman, a pre-business freshmen and pledge from Alpha Epsilon Phi.

Brotman gave a specific example of a fraternity

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