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 driver of the Mitsubishi, Deseree Velasco, 26, was cited for driving under the influence. She and her two passengers were all wearing seatbelts and suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

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UA may land nation’s largest private library

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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 international- ly recognized as one of the largest and most unique collections 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 Donenwethen, dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Carla Staffle, 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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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 prac-tice continues.

The Dean of Students’ office has not had any reports of hazing this year, said associate dean Vida Kovacik.

“I think it still goes on, and it will until someone gets caught,” Harding said. “That’s what hap-pened to us.”

But there was no haz-ing 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 usu-ally part of a ritual,” said Adam Brotman, a pre-business freshman and pledge from Alpha Epsilon Phi.

Brotman gave a specif-ic example of a fraternity

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