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Methamphetamine impact discussion topic at TCC

The Greater Tucson Leadership group plans to present a luncheon today at the Tucson Convention Center addressing the problem of methamphetamine in the Tucson community.

A panel of five representatives from the Meth Free Alliance will be on hand to discuss the issue and to encourage action in the community to fight the abuse of the drug.

The discussion is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 for the general public or \$25 for students. Tickets can be purchased at www.tucsonleadership.org.

The luncheon is organized and hosted by Greater Tucson Leadership, a local nonprofit group that works to foster and support quality leadership in the Tucson region through educational programs and community events that inform and motivate action.

Last day for GPSC polling

Today is the last day for graduate and professional students to fill out a poll about graduate student representation on campus.

The Graduate and Professional Student Council will use the results to measure graduate student opinion and concern regarding how they are represented.

Those interested can go to a polling station from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside of the Canyon Bistro Café at the Student Union Memorial Center.

The language of the two poll questions and additional information are available at http://www.gpsc.arizona.edu/grad_rep_vote.php

Free skin cancer screening

Students can get a free skin cancer screening today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nurse practitioners and a dermatologist plan to be available for brief screening for students, faculty and staff on the third floor of the Campus Health Service, Room D304.

Poster session today

Students in chemistry 104b plan to present the results of their semester research projects in a poster session today. The posters will be on display on the South Patio of the Henry Koffler building from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Privacy law limits ASUA inquiry

Investigation of complaints will remain protected

By Mika Mandelbaum
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Despite President Cade Bernsen's status as an elected official, the investigation of the sexual harassment allegations against him will remain confidential because of student privacy

Bernsen absent from regents meeting

ASUA President Cade Bernsen was not present at yesterday's Arizona Board of Regents meeting, an impeachable offense according to the ASUA constitution.

Attending the regents meeting

laws, officials said.

Usually, information about elected officials is public record, but because Bernsen is a student, formal complaints about him are protected by the

falls under the powers and duties of the president outlined by the Associated Students of the University of Arizona constitution.

"The student body president will

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Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a federal statute that requires information directly related to a student and maintained by an educational agency be kept private, said university

attorney Steve Adamczyk.

When the Dean of Students Office receives a complaint about a specific student, it is considered part of that person's record, and the only way information about it can be released is with that student's written consent or with an exception in the FERPA law, Adamczyk said.

"I don't think anyone believes this is what Congress had in mind when it enacted the law," said Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press

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'BRING THEM HOME'



Taylor House/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Rep. Raúl Grijalva speaks to local news media last night in the Social Sciences building before his talk about his opposition to the war in Iraq. Grijalva reaffirmed his opposition to President Bush's invasion of Iraq and called for immediate troop withdrawal.

Grijalva supports U.S. withdrawal from Iraq

By Zach Colick
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Whether the Bush administration manipulated facts given to the American public regarding the Iraq war was the topic of discussion last night when a state representative spoke about withdrawing from the region.

Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva, D-Ariz., said he thinks the American public continues to be compounded and disturbed by the indecisiveness of when President Bush will choose to withdraw troops from Iraq in a discussion titled "The Iraq War: Reality Not Politics."

Grijalva, who has opposed the war from the beginning, said to

a crowd of more than 150 people that Bush must provide troops with an orderly, safe and quick withdrawal from Iraq, and hopes steps can be taken by the middle of this month with no more than a 120-day withdrawal period.

"Our men and women have been serving with honor, valor and courage,

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Bernsen's former top aide resigns from ASUA

Ex-chief of staff was in charge of elections

By Nick Smith
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Student Government Elections Commissioner Tyler Carrell resigned from his position late Wednesday night after three weeks in office.

This marks the second resignation this semester for Carrell, who stepped down from his position as chief of staff for Associated Students of the University of Arizona President Cade Bernsen on Nov. 9.



Tyler Carrell

Carrell, a finance junior, was originally appointed to that position but resigned in order to fill the position of elections commissioner.

The elections commissioner's duties involve overseeing campaigns, conducting general elections and special elections, and ensuring elections are fair.

Three weeks ago, Carrell said he understood the importance of the elections commissioner position because it helps direct the voice of the students.

"I'm very familiar with the elections code and feel qualified and aspire to assume the responsibilities," Carrell said in a Nov. 14 *Arizona Daily Wildcat*.

At the time, Bernsen said ASUA needed the most competent and experienced person for the job.

"Tyler is that person, and he knows the inner workings of ASUA and would be a perfect fit for the very hectic position. He's sacrificing for us and is filling the gap," Bernsen said in a Nov. 14 *Wildcat*.

Carrell, who lives with Bernsen, said his resignation has nothing to do with the recent sexual harassment allegations against Bernsen and said he needed more time to focus on his studies.

NCAA sets new grad rate standards

Athletes' grades could affect postseason

By Laura Ory and Nick Smith
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Student-athletes will face tough consequences on the playing field next year if they neglect their class work, said NCAA officials.

Myles Brand, NCAA president, described to the Arizona Board of Regents yesterday about the new eligibility requirements of NCAA student-athletes, part of the association's academic reform efforts that began last year.

Under the new rules, teams will be

required to achieve a score of 925 on their Academic Progress Rate, a real-time assessment of a team's academic performance, which correlates to an expected team graduation rate of roughly 50 percent, Brand said.

Although student-athletes tend to graduate at higher rates than the general student body and had a 3 percent higher graduation rate last year, Brand said about 80 percent of universities will have one or more teams that fall below an APR score of 925.

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Regent Bob Bulla, left, and President Peter Likins attended the regents meeting in the student union yesterday. NCAA President Myles Brand spoke about the stricter academic regulations soon to be placed on student-athletes.

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