Impeachment hearing delayed

Charges not filed in time; senators will re-file in spring

By Lisa Rich
Arizona Daily Wildcat

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Records request by Wildcat denied

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SET FOR GRADUATION

By Anthony D. Avila
Arizona Daily Wildcat

This month’s commencement ceremony will have few changes compared to last year, which was marked by a heated battle to keep the December ceremony from being canceled, officials said.

Planning has gone much more smoothly this year, unlike last year’s roller coaster ride that left organizers scrambling at the last minute to get information about the event out to the public, said Alexis Hernandez, associate dean of students and chairman of the commencement operations team.

‘Rwanda’ inspiration to lecture

By Ariel Serafin
Arizona Daily Wildcat

Tonight, Tucson will get a chance to listen to the real hero behind the Oscar-nominated film “Hotel Rwanda.”

Speaker Paul Ruseasabagina saved the lives of more than 1,000 people from genocide in Rwanda.

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ASUA can’t confirm suspected meetings

Bernsen: Student gov’t officials met to oust me

By Aaron Mackey
Arizona Daily Wildcat

Student government officials said yesterday they were unaware of any secret meetings conducted to oust President Cade Bernsen, who said students working within ASUA have fabricated sexual harassment charges against him.

Bernsen was accused of violating the UA Student Code of Conduct last week after two women working within the Associated Students of the University of Arizona filed complaints against the president saying he sexually harassed and intimidated them.

The women said Bernsen made comments such as “nice rack” and inappropriately touched them while in the student government offices.

Bernsen called the accusations “completely false” in a statement given to the Arizona Daily Wildcat and countered that the accusations were part of a scheme to remove him from office.

“There have been ongoing secret meetings by certain individuals to manufacture this attack on me and to force me out of office,” Bernsen said in the statement.

ASUA student leaders and one woman who complained against Bernsen said they were unaware of any secret meetings or a larger conspiracy to unseat the president.

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There has been no confirmation that secret meetings have occurred, though there are rumors of the meetings, said Jim Drenk, an associate dean of students who serves as ASUA’s adviser.

Drenk said he would be looking into whether any such meetings took place.

In an e-mail sent to an ASUA and Faculty Affairs is holding their end-of-the-year celebration potluck Friday.

The event is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the César E. Chávez building, Room 211.

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