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### QUICK HITS

#### Multicultural achievement convocation tomorrow

The sixth annual Celebration of Achievement Convocation, organized by the Multicultural Affairs and Student Success, is planned for tomorrow in the South Ballroom of the Student Union Memorial Center from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Potluck celebration Friday

The Chicano/Hispano Student 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. Those interested can RSVP to 621-5627.

#### Elderly man struck by car in crosswalk on Friday

A vehicle hit a roughly 70-year-old man while he was crossing East Second Street in a crosswalk near North Vine Avenue around 7 p.m. Friday, police said.

Dallas Wilson, a public information officer for Tucson Police Department, said the vehicle was traveling eastbound and was being tailgated by another car. The driver was checking his rearview mirrors and did not see the man beginning to cross the street, Wilson said.

The driver reportedly looked up and saw the man in front of him and was unable to stop before hitting the man, Wilson said.

Tucson Fire Department transported the man to a local hospital. He had with several injuries, Wilson said.

Sgt. Tim Beam, TPD traffic investigation division, said the elderly man was in critical condition and had not heard an update of the status recently, reports stated.

University of Arizona Police Department initially responded to the scene with TFD and had the intention to investigate, said Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman.

Mejia said the man's injuries appeared serious and possibly life threatening, so UAPD paused its investigation and turned the case over to TPD, reports stated.

Second Street between North Mountain Avenue and North Cherry Road was closed for several hours following the incident. Wilson said it was closed to allow police to investigate the situation.

The driver was cited and released, Wilson said.

— Jesse Lewis

## '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 Rusesabagina saved the lives of more than 1,000 people from genocide in Rwanda

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# Impeachment hearing delayed

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

By Lisa Rich  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Impeachment charges against Student Government President Cade Bernsen have been delayed indefinitely,

## Records request by Wildcat denied

Requests made by the *Arizona Daily Wildcat* to obtain e-mail correspondence between Student Government President Cade Bernsen and former Elections Commissioner Tyler Carrell were denied yesterday.

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forcing senators to wait until next semester for the hearing to be rescheduled, officials said.

Paul Allvin, associate vice president for communications, said the request couldn't be granted because of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

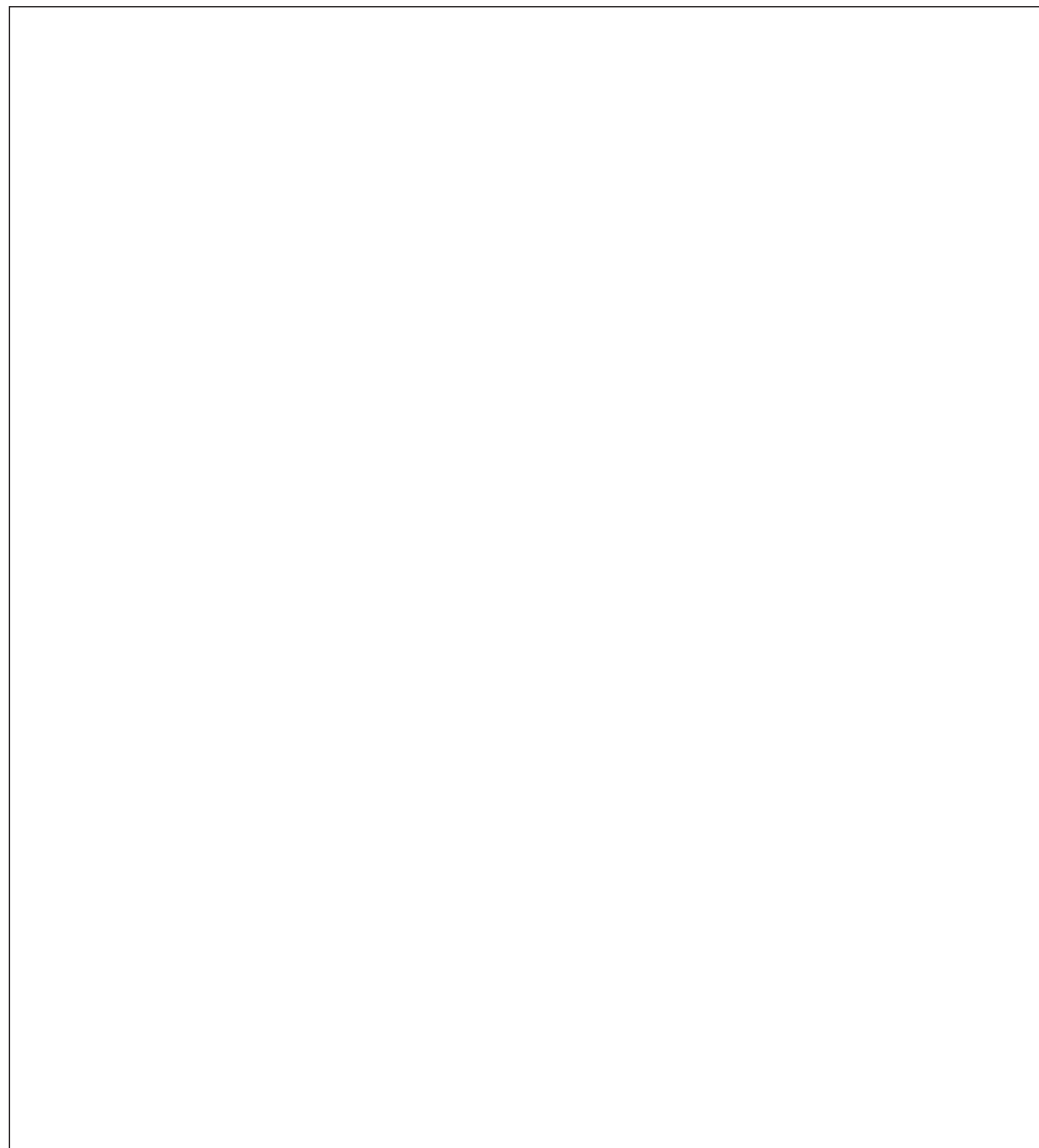
The impeachment hearing that was scheduled for tonight's ASUA Senate meeting was postponed yesterday be-

cause of time regulations in the Associated Students of the University of Arizona constitution and Supreme Court Rules of Procedure, according to an official ASUA statement.

The constitution, Article VI, Section V, requires any impeached person to be tried within two weeks of charges being filed. Rules of procedure also prohibit the Supreme Court from hearing cases within three weeks prior to the first day

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## SET FOR GRADUATION



Chris Coduto/Arizona Daily Wildcat  
Kathy Hawkes-Smith, the coordinator of university events, smoothes out one of the new regent's robes. The newly designed robes feature a university seal and the university's colors.

# Commencement calm compared to last year

## Graduation ceremony undergoes only 'tweaking'

By Anthony D. Ávila  
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.

"We really hate to throw major changes at commencement," Hernandez said.

The committee in charge of changes to commencement hasn't met since October because there has been nothing on the agenda except "minor tweaking," said Kathy Hawkes-Smith, a member of the Commencement Operations Team.

"Commencement is an evolving ceremony," she said. "Part of what we're trying to do is look at what others do and make minor changes to keep a good flow of the program and keep it moving and interesting."

Every year there are usually one or two additions

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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.

Cade Bernsen

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.

Cassi Sonn, administrative vice president, said she didn't know of any meetings, but she wouldn't comment further.

Sen. Matthew Boepple also said he wasn't aware of any organized meetings conducted in private.

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

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

In an e-mail sent to an ASUA and Faculty

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