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» Rebels call for residents to liberate Gadhafi's hometown

SADADA, Libya (MCT) — The revolutionary fighters who deposed Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi last week have set up a base in the town of Sadada in preparation for a possible offensive on Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte, one of the fugitive former dictator's last bastions of support in the country.

But they hope that a final battle won't be necessary, and some openly are calling for the people of Sirte to liberate their own city.

"The revolution in Sirte should come from the people in Sirte," said one young man from Misrata. "If there is a battle, there will be much blood."

Rebels think that Gadhafi might be in Sirte or perhaps Bani Walid, another city in central Libya with strong ties to the Gadhafi regime. NATO has been stepping up its attacks on Sirte, flying 38 bombing missions over the city Tuesday, three more than

the organization had launched Monday. Last Saturday, NATO flew only one mission over the city.

JCPenney girls' shirt sparks outrage over sexist message

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — JCPenney has stopped selling a shirt after shoppers expressed outrage over what they called an inappropriate and sexist message.

"I'm too pretty to do homework, so my brother has to do it for me," says the white long-sleeve shirt.

The description accompanying the shirt was also offensive to many: "Who has time for homework when there's a new Justin Bieber album out? She'll love this tee that's just as cute and sassy as she is."

After seeing the shirt on the company's website Tuesday, Lauren Todd started a petition on Change.org asking the retailer to pull the shirt.

By Wednesday morning, JCPenney had removed the shirt from its website.



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» A Libyan revolutionary fighter scans the desert between Al Sadada and Sirte, the hometown of former leader Moammar Gadhafi.



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Sophomore Bryn Renner will start for the first time as quarterback on the UNC football team this Saturday.

Inexperienced Renner not alone in new role

Saturday, Bryn Renner will step under center and get his first career start, trying to build on a career stat line that currently reads 1-for-2 for 14 yards.

The redshirt sophomore saw action in three games last season but didn't get a chance to compete much as T.J. Yates ran the show for the fourth straight season.

While Renner is the most inexperienced starting quarterback in the ACC in regards to snaps, games, yards, pass attempts and touchdowns, he's not far behind most of the projected conference signal callers this year. And that offers Renner some comfort.

"We've been to camps together, so I think it obviously helps that they're all new and we're all in the same situation," Renner said.

The ACC will have many new faces at quarterback this season with seven QBs beginning the year who were not regular starters last season. In his first year as the starter, Renner will have a chance to really stick out among his peers in a league that will be fraught with inexperience at the most important position on the field.



Jonathan Jones
Not a Role Model

I took the career stat lines of all 12 projected starting quarterbacks in the ACC and averaged them. The final line: 9.5 game appearances, 90-for-156 for 1,063 yards, six touchdowns and six interceptions.

Forget an entire career, those stats are below mediocre for just one year. Including Renner, there are six quarterbacks who have not passed for more than 500 yards in their collegiate careers. That said, there's a lot of potential for Renner to stand out.

N.C. State's Mike Glennon (326 passing yards, one TD) takes over for Russell Wilson; Stephen Morris (seven TDs, nine INTs) will start at least the first week at Miami; Tevin Washington (41.9 completion percentage) replaces Joshua Nesbitt at Georgia Tech;

Logan Thomas (107 passing yards) will step into the big shoes left by Tyrod Taylor at Virginia Tech; Clemson's Tajh Boyd (329 passing yards) replaces Kyle Parker; and Michael Rocco (six games, 13 completions) will take over at Virginia.

All six of the teams will face North Carolina this season. In fact, of the five ACC schools with a returning QB starter, only Sean Renfree's Duke squad and Tanner Price's Demon Deacons are on the Tar Heels' schedule in 2011.

Renner shrugged off the notion that he'd be able to stand out this year as inexperience abounds in the conference, saying that "if everything goes right and we start winning ball games ... that would take care of itself."

He's in a spot that most new quarterbacks typically aren't. He's not the one new guy everyone has their eye on; he's one of many. And if Renner succeeds this year, he could be more than the "good new guy" — he could be the best of them.

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Hispanic college enrollment on the rise nationwide

By Corinne White
Staff Writer

Hispanic college enrollment increased by almost a quarter from 2009 to 2010, mirroring the nation's rapidly diversifying population.

According to a study conducted by the Pew Research Center, college enrollment for Hispanics aged 18 to 24 increased by 24 percent in 2010. In October 2010, there were 12.2 million Hispanics enrolled in college — the highest number recorded.

Hispanics are now the largest minority group in community colleges, but they still lag behind blacks in four-year colleges, said Richard Fry, a senior research associate at the Pew Hispanic Center who produced the report.

Fry said he expects Hispanics to soon become the largest minority in four-year schools.

But while Hispanics are entering college at an increasing rate, many of them still don't graduate, Fry said.

"As Hispanic numbers continue to grow, colleges will devote more resources to improve the college persistence rate," Fry said. "There may be more attention and effort toward helping students finish their courses of study."

Fry attributed the increase to a growth in the country's Hispanic population, along with increas-

ing high school graduation rates among Hispanics.

Of those high school graduates, more are attending college, he said. In 2009, 36 percent of Hispanic high school graduates attended college, and in 2010, that number rose to 44 percent, Fry said.

Ashley Memory, senior assistant director for UNC-CH undergraduate admissions, said 261 students in the University's entering freshman class are Hispanic.

The University saw an increase of almost six percent in Hispanic applicants for the class of 2015, she said.

"By mirroring the diversity of our state, Hispanic students play an integral role in contributing to a positive learning environment at Carolina, and we are pleased by the recent overall increases," Memory said in an email.

Few undocumented Hispanic students enroll at UNC-CH, but those who do count as out-of-state students toward the University's 18-percent cap, she said.

At UNC-CH, 70.6 percent of Hispanic students graduate in four years, and 12.9 percent of those students don't graduate.

Marina Offner, assistant director of undergraduate admissions at N.C. State University, said its class of 2015 has about two percent more Hispanic students than the previous class.

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Offner, who specializes in diversity recruitment, said the key to attracting Hispanic students is creating strong connections in the community.

Student organizations are also working to increase retention among Hispanic students.

Renato Pereyra is the president of Carolina Firsts, an organization at UNC-CH that mentors first-generation college students.

"One of the biggest challenges is you walk around this campus and you don't see faces familiar to what you look like," he said.

Pereyra said the group works to increase the first-generation graduation rate by pairing first-year members of the organization with upperclassmen mentors and planning social events to encourage community building.

"People thrive when they feel a sense of community, a sense of belonging," he said.

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