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The Dream continues



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Human rights advocate Martin Luther King III holds an open dialogue with a group of students in Armstrong Hall Friday afternoon. The event was sponsored by the College of Law and the Hayzel B. Daniels Bar Association. See story page 6.

**Pot bill goes up in
 smoke, critic charges**

BY VIVI STENBERG
 STATE PRESS

Backers of Proposition 200 accused lawmakers of ignoring the will of the voters as several bills that limit the scope of the initiative proceed through the legislative process.

Approved by voters by a 2-to-1 margin in November, Proposition 200 allows doctors to prescribe any Schedule 1 drug to seriously or terminally ill patients.

On Friday, an amended bill that makes marijuana the only acceptable Schedule 1 drug available for medical use cleared the House Judiciary Committee.

The original wording of the bill, HB 2518, required the Food and Drug Administration to approve marijuana as a

Schedule 2 drug before doctors could legally prescribe it.

Rep. Tom Horne, R-Phoenix, changed the bill to remove the FDA provision before the committee passed it, saying he did not want to completely alter the law.

The Judiciary Committee heard several hours of contradictory testimony from backers of the new bill and sponsors of the original proposition.

Jeffrey Singer, a private surgeon who was one of the sponsors of the proposition, spoke furiously against the bill.

"We are all, in this room, going to be patients," Singer said. "Before you vote to change (proposition) 200, remember that

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**Faulty legislation breezes
 through ASASU meeting**

BY KEVIN CULWELL
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Associated Students of ASU record books may need to make a new entry in the quickest meeting category.

The ASASU Senate had a 20 minute meeting last Tuesday — skipping executive and legislative and approving faulty legislation in order to get out early.

Senate meetings are scheduled for two hours, and sometimes last longer.

The reasoning behind the lightning-quick session was so senators could look for "unsecure or unsafe spots" around campus, said Activities Vice President Kolby Granville.

"I didn't agree with the quick session," said Education Senator Josh Carr. "I had to bite my tongue. It was important, though, for us to enhance campus security."

The Senate, along with members of the executive committee, formed small teams and combed the entire campus, noting possible safety problems — such as extremely dark areas.

Senate Resolution 6, which amended a campaign material removal provision in the ASASU constitution, passed without review or debate from the floor.

"We can't amend our constitution," Granville said. "The proposal is invalid."

The resolution was intended to change ASASU Bylaws, not the constitution.

A special session to change the bogus bill was slated for Wednesday night, but ASASU members agreed to make the necessary changes at the March 4 meeting, Granville said.

"We felt that it was too short of notice to get enough senators rounded up," he said. "(The bill) wasn't revamping anything anyway."

The proposal would give prospective candidates in the April 1 ASASU elections more time to remove campaign material from campus.

"It amounts to nothing more than a clerical change," Granville said. "That's why it can be resolved at the next meeting."

CAARE to capture campus cats

BY BEN LEATHERMAN
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A campus animal rights group is going hunting today. Members of Concerned Arizonans for Animal Rights and Education will attempt to capture some of the many feral cats that freely roam campus in order to help care for the neglected felines.

Haven Claypool, secretary of the ASU chapter of CAARE, said the cats will be caught in humane traps armed with tuna fish and taken to a local veterinarian. They will then be sterilized, given a check-up and immunized against communicable diseases.

"We also wanted to give them regular vaccinations, but there is no way to keep tabs on each cat," she said.

Some of the tamer felines will be adopted by group members or given to hospices. The rest will be released on campus.

"We just want to control the population," Claypool said. "The cats that are already on campus are fine, but if there were any more they would start to become a problem."

Claypool said the trapping will take place in the early

morning because that is when students and faculty are away and the cats are playing. Members will wear gloves when handling traps, even though she said there currently is no rabies scare.

The group only has enough funding to trap 10 cats and is constantly on the hunt for more donations and volunteers.

Claypool, a freshman biology major, said the clock is ticking with the start of the mating season right around the corner.

"We only have a fraction of what we need," said Russell Benford, chapter president and senior environmental studies major. He estimated it costs the group around \$30 to care for each cat.

Charmine Romo, freshman agribusiness major and CAARE member, said the group tried trapping late last semester, but ran into problems.

"Finals were coming up and we weren't organized," she said. "This time we're ready and more familiar with the animal traps."

CAARE is also helping faculty members who have set up 12 feeding stations around campus providing cat food

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Students are doing their part to save the feral cats of ASU by providing services which will not only vaccinate and inhibit procreation but will also find homes for some of these wayward creatures.

TODAY

Campus clubs and organizations may submit written entries to the State Press in the basement of the Matthews Center. Requests will not be taken over the phone or via fax.

Deadline for requests is noon the day before publication and entries will not be accepted more than three working days before publication. Only one entry per organization per day is permitted.

Entries must contain the full name of the club or organization, a description of the event, date, time and the full address of the location. All requests are subject to editing for content, space and clarity. Incomplete or illegible entries will be discarded.

The Today Section is a daily calendar of events printed as a service to the ASU community. Requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and are printed as space permits.

- **Counselor Training Center** — Free counseling available for full-time students and staff at Payne Hall, room 402. For more information or an appointment, call 965-5067.
- **Career Services** — "Completing the Puzzle Workshop" at 4 p.m. in the Career Development Center.
- **Coalition of Justice & Peace** —

Weekly meeting "Homeless people what we can do" at noon in the MU Mohave room.

- **Learning Resource Center** — Mid-term test strategies at 5 p.m. in the Student Service Building, third floor.
- **Golden Key National Honor Society** — General meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the McClintock Study Lounge.
- **Southeast Asian Studies** — Lecture by Dr. Karl Heider, Dept. of Anthropology from the University of South Carolina, at 12:40 p.m. in the Social Science Building 101. Topic will be "Emotions and other important cultural patterns... West Sumatra Minangkabau Children."
- **MUAB Gallery Committee** — Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the MU conference room 1A, third floor.
- **Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ)** — Guest speaker Fred Petrovsky, editor and vice president of VIM & Vigor Magazine.
- **Upward Bound Alumni Association** — Meeting at 5 p.m. in the MU Yavapai room 209. Refreshments will be served.
- **Kundalini Yoga Club** — Meeting at 7 p.m. in the MU Gold room 203.
- **Japanese Student Organization** — Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Cultural Diversity conference room 340D in the MU.

Pot bill

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the decision you make will affect yourself and the people you love."

Singer spoke against the provision of the bill that requires the FDA to approve marijuana as a Schedule 2 drug.

"The FDA literally kills people," Singer said, adding that the FDA's process of approving new drugs can often take up to 15 years. "To a doctor and a patient needing a drug, this is rubbing salt on the wound."

Lawmakers who spoke in favor of the bill said voters had been led astray by the wording of campaign advertisements, which labeled the initiative the "pot proposition."

Sen. John Kaites, R-Glendale, reminded the committee and the large audience at the Capitol that Schedule I drugs also include heroin, LSD and methamphetamine.

"Our responsibility as lawmakers is to implement the proposition in a reasonable and rational way," Kaites said. "It is not our wish to thwart the will of the people, but to implement the proposition consistent to federal law."

Another speaker in favor of the bill, Dr. Philip Kanof, said doctors should not be "put in the position where they become drug pushers."

Kanof, the medical director of the Substance Abuse Treatment Program at the Tucson Veterans Administration Medical Center, also said the proposition sends a powerful message to adolescents that marijuana use is acceptable.

Other bills concerning Proposition 200 that legislators are reviewing include:

- **SB 1373** — which changes a provision in Proposition 200 that allows prisoners convicted of drug possession to become eligible for parole. Both House and Senate versions of the bill would require that such prisoners have no prior felony convictions.
- **HCM 2006** — which formally requests the President of the United States to instruct the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences to speed up its review of the medicinal properties and health effects of marijuana.

Cats

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donated by local retailers.

Benford said the group also runs an off-campus service that helps Valley pet owners obtain low-cost sterilization for their pets.

A large number of the cat population is made up of cats who were once pets of students in residential halls and subsequently

abandoned when they became a problem. Claypool said while they do not have an exact count, they estimate the head count runs into the hundreds.

"Some of them have never had contact with humans before, but they never attack," she said. "If they did, I'm sure they would be taken care of right away."

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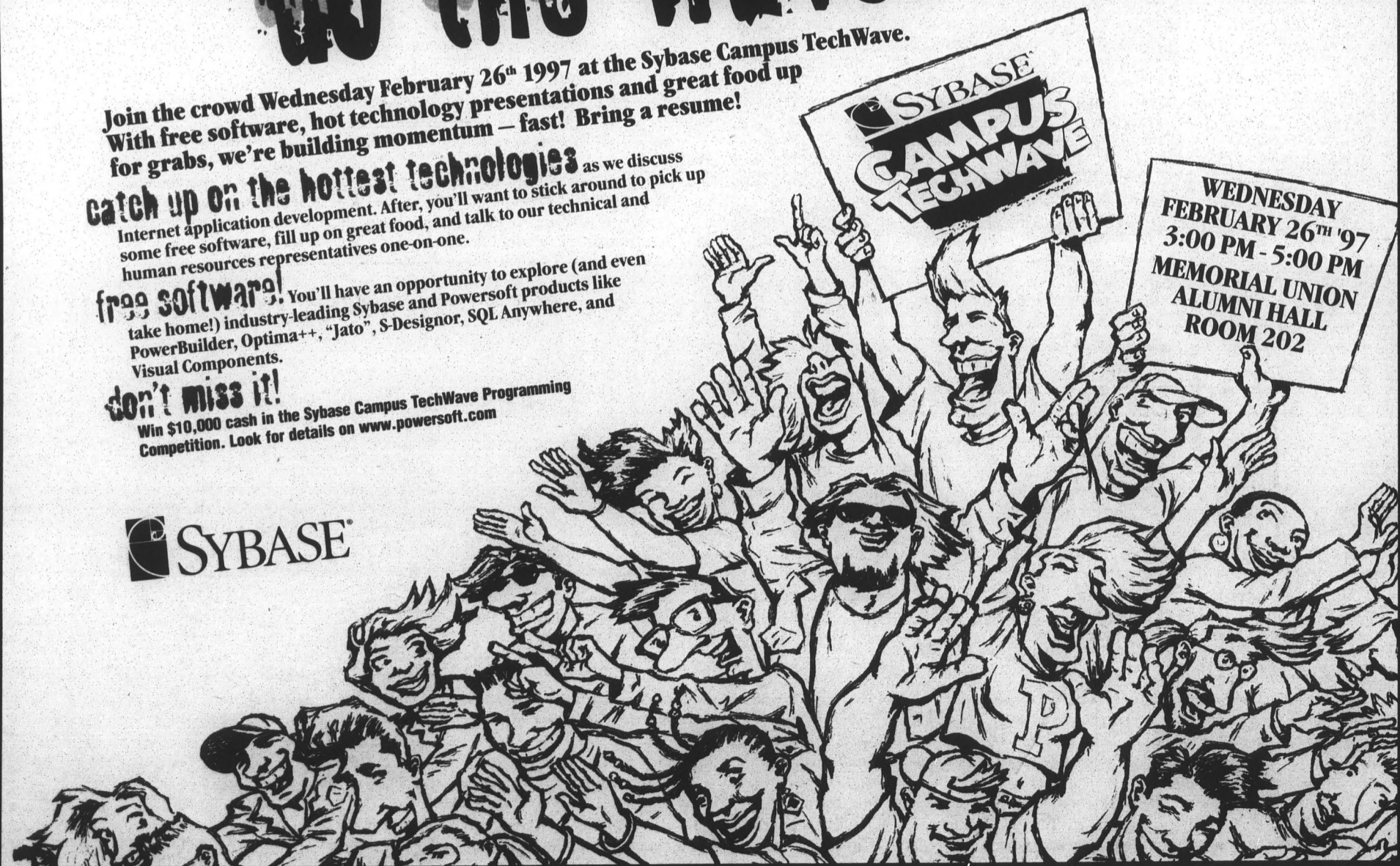
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Scientists clone first ever adult mammal

By MALCOM RITTER
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NEW YORK — Researchers have cloned an adult mammal for the first time, an astonishing scientific landmark that raises the unsettling possibility of making copies of people.

Scientists slipped genes from a 6-year-old ewe into unfertilized eggs and used them to try to create pregnancies in other sheep. The result: A lamb named Dolly, born in July, that is a genetic copy of the ewe.

The feat opens the door to cloning prized farm animals such as cattle and should make it much easier to add or modify genes in livestock, experts said.

It's also scientifically stunning. Researchers used DNA from the ewe's udder cells, proving that mature mammal cells specialized for something other than reproduction could regenerate an entire animal.

Scientists had thought that was impossible.

Experts said the same technique might make it possible to clone humans, but emphasized that it would be unethical to try.

"There is no clinical reason why you would do this. Why would you make another human being?" said Ian Wilmut, one of the scientists who cloned the sheep. "We think it would be ethically unacceptable and certainly would not want to be involved in that project."

Carl Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, which represents about 700 companies and research centers in the United States and abroad, agreed.

"I can think of no ethical reason to apply this technique to human beings, if in fact it can be applied," he said Sunday.

"The biotechnology industry exists to use genetic information to cure disease and improve agriculture. We opposed human cloning when it was a theory. Now that it may be possible, we urge that it be prohibited by law."

A report of the sheep cloning will be published in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature* by Wilmut and colleagues at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh, Scotland, and others.

Before the new work, scientists had been able to take tissue from adult frogs and create genetically identical tadpoles. But the tadpoles never developed fully into frogs.

To do the sheep cloning, scientists took cells from the ewe's udder tissue and cultivated them in a lab, using a treatment that made the cells essentially dormant. They also took unfertilized sheep eggs and removed the nucleus, the cells' central control room that contains the genes.



Dr. Ron James, left, managing director of PPL Therapeutics, and Dr. Ian Wilmut, research group leader of the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland, pose Thursday with some of the sheep that have been cloned. In the breakthrough experiment a single cell from an adult sheep's udder was "mated" with a prepared unfertilized egg and implanted into a surrogate mother.

Then they put the udder cells together with the egg cells and used an electric current to fuse them. The eggs, now equipped with a nucleus, grew into embryos as if they'd been fertilized. The embryos were put into ewes to develop.

The process was horrendously inefficient. Of 277 fused eggs, only one led to a lamb.

Wilmut said he expects the efficiency to improve. Someday

a dairy farmer, for example, might make a few clones of cows that are especially good at producing milk, resisting disease and reproducing, he said.

A farmer wouldn't want entire herds of identical animals, because populations need a diverse genetic makeup, he said. Without that diversity, a lethal disease that struck one cow might wipe out all the clones, too.

Fire sweeps through religious meeting, over 100 die

By RANJAN ROY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW DELHI, India — Fire swept through a cluster of thatched-roof buildings in eastern India where scores of worshippers had gathered to seek the blessing of a dead Hindu guru on Sunday, killing more than 100 people, a government official said.

Sanjeeb Hota, home secretary of the eastern coastal state of Orissa, said 110 bodies had been found by late Sunday, and that 165 people had been injured in the fire near the city of Baripada. More bodies were being dug up late Sunday, officials said.

The fire tore through the group of temporary structures erected for followers of

Swami Nigamananda. The flames sent panicked worshippers, many of them impoverished villagers, running for exits, Press Trust of India reported, quoting witnesses.

Many of the victims may have died in the stampede, the news agency said.

The fire, about 1,250 miles southeast of New Delhi, overwhelmed Baripada, which has only two fire trucks, and the state government ordered doctors from larger towns to rush to the site.

India news agencies earlier reported that at least 200 people had been killed and 500 were injured, 300 of them critically. United News of India quoted local police in Baripada as saying that 120 bodies had

been retrieved.

Some of the injured were lying on the road leading to a local hospital waiting to be treated, United News reported, and the hospital had to put some patients on its verandah after its rooms filled up with victims.

Hota, speaking in a telephone interview from Bhubaneswar, the state capital, said the search for bodies continued but that only a few more were likely to be recovered.

More than 12,000 devotees of Swami Nigamananda, a Hindu spiritual leader, had assembled for several days of worship at an area known as Madhuban grounds, on the

outskirts of Baripada. Swami Nigamananda has been dead for many years, but his followers, mostly in eastern India, worship his memory and continue to seek his blessing.

Organizers had built one huge hut and several other sheds of straw walls and thatched roofs to serve as meeting halls and temporary shelters, Hota said. "So it all burned really fast," he said.

When the fire started at about 3:30 p.m., many of the devotees were napping in the living quarters to escape the afternoon heat, said Hota. It was unclear, however, if all the victims were in one building.

The cause of the blaze was not immediately known.

No quick remedy for Russia's once-powerful military



Soldiers of an Interior Ministry brigade recently pulled out of Chechnya warm themselves next to a makeshift oven near Stavropol, 875 miles southeast of Moscow, earlier this month. Cold winter in southern Russia has found the soldiers living in temporary barracks with no running water and their armed vehicles are being kept under open skies.

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Disheveled young soldiers beg for cigarettes and small change on the streets of Moscow. Thousands of officers and their families live in shabby barracks. The defense minister says the nuclear arsenal is so worn out it is becoming unreliable.

Dire warnings about the armed forces have reached a fever pitch as Russians fret about the consequences of NATO's plan to expand eastward by adding former Soviet bloc nations as members.

There is a widespread consensus about the fundamental problems — low morale, aging equipment, a lack of money. But while the tone of the discussions is increasingly urgent, there is no clear blueprint for re-organizing the armed forces and its 1.7 million servicemen.

"The army is being destroyed in a catastrophic, snowball fashion," said retired Gen. Lev Rokhlin, the head of par-

liament's defense committee. "There is only enough money to feed the servicemen and pay their salaries, so that the military does not explode."

The Foreign and Defense Policy Council, a private, centrist group of influential politicians, businessmen and journalists, describes the state of the armed forces as a "complete catastrophe."

And Defense Minister Igor Rodionov said Sunday that "if no special measures are taken before 2000, national defense will be destroyed."

Russia's military has long been obedient to its civilian masters and there is no hint of mutiny at present. But analysts worry about what could happen if conditions do not improve.

Rokhlin said the danger is approaching if urgent steps are not taken to ease the military's plight.

"If this happened to the army of a well-to-do country, there would have been a military coup long ago," he said.

STATE PRESS Editorial

Marijuana acceptable, other drugs ruled out

FRIDAY, the state House Judiciary Committee took a responsible step and passed an amended bill making marijuana the only acceptable Schedule 1 drug available.

This amendment responds to the content of Proposition 200, which passed in November. Proposition 200 allows doctors to prescribe any Schedule 1 drug for seriously or terminally ill patients. The problem is that the category of Schedule 1 drugs also includes heroin, LSD and methamphetamine.

Research has suggested that marijuana is helpful in controlling nausea in cancer patients receiving chemotherapy and in improving the appetites of such patients, as well as the appetites of AIDS patients. There are also suggestions that marijuana aids in relieving eye pressure in glaucoma patients.

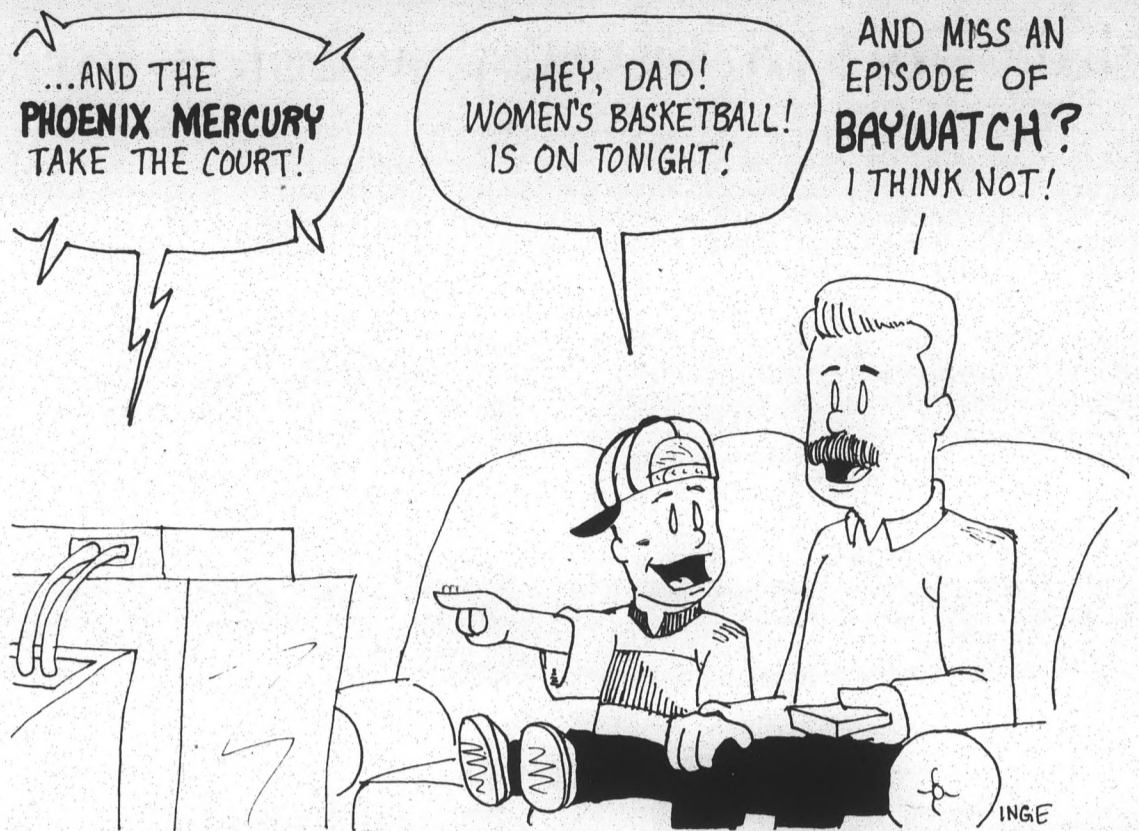
Although the government does not accept these suggestions as fact, they are seriously looking into the possibility that marijuana has medical uses. They finally acknowledged the prospect that marijuana could aid the suffering of seriously ill people. Last month, the government said that it will spend up to \$1 million studying the drug's effectiveness, according to Associated Press reports.

It is essential that the government studies the possible medical benefits of marijuana. The idea that a sick or dying relative or friend may be able to find relief from the effects of their sickness is an exciting prospect for anyone who has watched a loved one suffer with illnesses such as AIDS or cancer. If our 20th century scientists can't find a cure for these debilitating sicknesses, then people should be allowed something to ease their suffering.

But to allow drugs like LSD or methamphetamine to be available when there is no proof of medical usefulness is irresponsible and foolish. Arizona lawmakers realized this and have therefore put a stop to that part of the proposition.

The government will not allow what they believe to be a drug with no proven medical use to be legally prescribed. They are merely looking out for the well-being of the country and are concerned about the message that could be sent to kids through legal prescriptions of the drug.

We are thankful that marijuana remains a part of Proposition 200, but we support the removal of the other drugs from the proposition. Should the miracles of scientific research discover medical uses for heroin, LSD and methamphetamine, another proposition will be passed. Until then, there is no reason to make these drugs legally available.



Women's new team not likely to last

Unless you have been a hermit living in a cave for the past few weeks, you probably know about a brand-new team in town — Arizona's first professional women's basketball franchise, the Phoenix Mercury.

DAVID RUFFALO
Guest Columnist

You haven't purchased season tickets yet? Well, you better hop on the bandwagon fast, because everyone in town is excited about women's professional basketball!

What's the big deal, you might say? According to a recent poll conducted by the Behavior Research Center, women's professional basketball is ranked number three in popularity across the state, well ahead of professional baseball.

The survey asked 711 respondents to name their two favorite sports to watch. Football was the most popular (54 percent pro, 52 percent college) followed by men's basketball (47 percent college, 38 percent pro) and then women's basketball (37 percent pro or college).

I was a bit skeptical about this study, so I called Earl de Barge, research director for the BRC. I asked him what questions were used in the survey. He said the respondents were first asked about their favorite men's collegiate or professional sport, then separately asked about their favorite women's collegiate or professional sport.

Of course, many Arizona residents are going to respond that women's basketball is a favorite sport they like to watch because it's the only women's sport prominently shown on television. Yes, I know that track and field, golf, tennis and women's volleyball are broadcast as well, but not with the frequency of basketball.

But to say that women's basketball is more popular than baseball (which garnered a response of just 19 percent) is downright ridiculous. I also asked de Barge if the survey differentiated between watching sports on television or actually attending the game. He replied, "your favorite sport to watch," but never gave me a clear answer.

So far, the Phoenix Mercury has about 1,500 season-ticket deposits, a far cry from the Arizona Diamondbacks

season-ticket deposit of over 34,000. Obviously, more people have a vested interest in pro baseball than in women's pro basketball.

I also asked him about gender makeup of the study. He replied it was about a 50-50 split between the sexes. I think he may have baited the guys into responding more favorably to women's basketball by asking if they would like to watch the "Playboy Playmates" versus the "Penthouse Pets" in a charity bikini pick-up game. I wouldn't mind seeing Pamela Anderson Lee boxing out Anna Nicole Smith in the paint, both of them wearing some short shorts and tank tops.

I know that women competing in sports should be judged solely on their athletic ability, not on their beauty and attractiveness. But seriously, the only way guys are going to tune in is to show some skin.

I think this study is flawed and unrealistic. If they did a survey of men's favorite female-dominated sports, I bet that women's mud wrestling and the Playboy Olympics would be ranked in the top-five. Now, I probably sound pig-headed, but I feel I am being honest. Whenever studies are done about favorite men's magazines, *Playboy* and *Penthouse* are always ranked in the top ten, along with *Money*, *Newsweek* and *Forbes*.

I believe this study was a thinly veiled public relations attempt by the Women's National Basketball Association to bolster fan interest in this new sport. How many sports fans are able to name the head coach of the Phoenix Mercury (Cheryl Miller) and it's newly signed players (Michele Timms and Jennifer Gillom)?

I'm hoping that the Phoenix Mercury can rise high and build a strong fan base for the future. This summer should garner some reasonable interest, since pro baseball doesn't start until 1998 and the only other real competition will be the Arizona Rattlers. Realistically, however, the Mercury will fold like other Valley pro teams like the Phoenix Cobras, (an attempt at roller hockey) and the indoor soccer team, Arizona Sandsharks.

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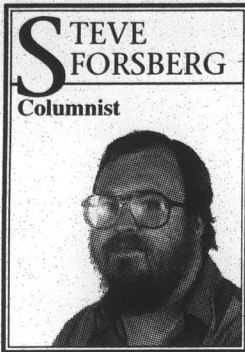
Education thrown by wayside for sake of hallowed GPA

There are a lot of things about the modern university that don't make much sense, but few of them make less sense than grades. The whole "grading system" in use here at ASU is deeply flawed at best, and downright destructive at worst.

For starters, there is an almost fanatical obsession with the infamous GPA, or grade point average. The mantra is that the higher the GPA, the better and smarter the student. For anyone looking for a good job, let alone a shot at a decent graduate school or professional program like law or medicine, a high GPA is pretty much a prerequisite. This result is that students are discouraged from learning.

For example, imagine that you are a humanities student and decide that you want to learn about higher mathematics. You don't need the credits and you've already met your minimum math requirements, but you are thirsty for knowledge. You sign up for a "real" calculus class (none of that "brief" stuff). You don't excel; after all you are not great at math, but you do manage to gain a good fundamental understanding of the subject and earn a "C" grade. Meanwhile another student, who is going to be competing against you for a graduate school slot, takes the advice of his adviser and takes only the minimum required classes.

Who has the higher GPA? That's right, the person who



STEVE FORSBERG
Columnist

learned less. It is better to simply skip a subject than it is to take it and simply do "average." The modern university is not so much about getting educated as it is about creating the impression that you can do well at whatever you try. The easiest way to look infallible is to simply do as little as possible. This is a pattern that is all too familiar to students of bureaucracy, which is what the university has become.

Thus, rather than be encouraged to try out challenging new areas of learning, students are encouraged to stay within very familiar and comfortable areas, doing as little as possible. This is one reason so many students cling so tenaciously to their narrow specialties. Students in the humanities and social sciences avoid "hard" science classes like the plague; after all, in a class full of nerds, they are bound to fall into the lower end of the grade spectrum. The scientists and engineers, however, will just as often try to avoid getting stuck in some "touchy-feely" class with a bunch of sentimentalists.

Scholars in many disciplines across the board are complaining about the increasingly narrow specialization of newer graduates. Until the schools stop penalizing students for learning — simply because they aren't picking up an almighty "A" — they can expect to see the problem continue. Be it chemistry or history, it is understandably easier to pick up a good grade by taking classes that are closely related (or damn near identical) to ones you have taken before. Far too many students are taking only the bare minimum of required "distribution" or "breadth" courses. They keep seeing people who try to branch out or gain a wide base get hammered on their grades.

Of course, there exists a fantasy land where employers and graduate schools will give each application individual attention and will compensate for more difficult coursework. I keep hearing it talked about, but I very rarely see it. You rarely get room to explain on forms that have a space for your GPA and the people who make the "first cut" for most competitive programs aren't going to spend much time looking at your record in depth.

During an interview, one might make a spirited defense of one's record, but the whole secret is getting that far. It is hard to do with a GPA that reflects bravery. Likewise, options like "Pass/Fail" often do little more than flag a transcript as "potential trouble," not to be bothered with unless no other acceptable candidates are found.

A key problem seems to be that some professors consider grading to be ordinal, a way to line up students best to worst. Others seem to consider it nominal, that it only places students in general groups.

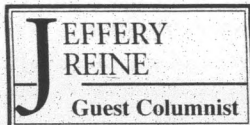
Using one system, such as a "hard curve" which forces grades across a spectrum, makes sense. For the other, it is acceptable that everyone get an identical "A," as long as they meet some requirement. The problem is that the GPA is a single statistic, usually derived from a combination of these two radically different perspectives. It doesn't work.

There seems to be a consensus that the grading systems in use today are inadequate. Why then don't we hear more about new ideas in grading? It is probably because few people in positions of authority care.

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Tempe oasis may be forced to relocate under pressure

The Salt River. To some the "river" that winds through the heart of Phoenix hardly seems



JEFFERY REINE
Guest Columnist

worthy of being called such. Others have looked to this dry bed and seen potential. One such person was Dean James Elmore of the College of Architecture at ASU.

It was his vision in 1966 that launched the project that bears the river's name: Rio Salado. While most of the municipalities surrounding the Salt River rejected a county property tax increase in 1987, Tempe welcomed the idea with open arms. Perhaps Tempe recognized the chance to turn an eyesore into an oasis.

While it is true that part of the Rio Salado project involves the commercial development of the riverbed, the City of Tempe has worked to ensure that nature has its place. One such way this was accomplished was the building of 20 acres of wetlands off the Rio Salado Parkway,

west of Priest Drive. This area has become a haven for many bird species. It is also home to native fish populations.

This oasis is somewhat like a mirage. Once you get close enough to see the image, it disappears. The *Arizona Republic* reported that the wetland habitat is now in danger of being drained. The reason is that it is too close to the airport runways. The threat this wetland poses is that birds taking off from the water interfere with planes taking off from the concrete. Sky Harbor is asking that the habitat be relocated to avoid collisions.

The article cites that this relocation is supported by studies on the relation of waterfowl and flight paths. It also mentioned that of the 23 collisions with birds in the past three years, there is no specific reverence as to whether or not any of these birds were from the habitat.

The City of Tempe is relocating the habitat as suggested. But the question is: should they have to? This habitat has been in place for about three years. It is curious that Sky Harbor is now objecting to this habitat. If all 23 collisions were a result of the wetland, it would be justified. My question is: was there any objection at the start of the project? If there was a problem with location, objections should have been raised at that time. While objections are being launched, is there going to be one about the ponds at the zoo? These ponds could pose a potential threat, too.

It could be argued that Sky Harbor's objection may be a manifestation of the City of Phoenix's desire to see Rio Salado fail. The *Republic* wrote that the officials of Phoenix feel "it would be unfair to give Tempe a tax break on a hotel and convention center that would compete directly with downtown Phoenix for business." If this is the case, is the plan to pick apart every part of Rio Salado? The wetland habitat is the cornerstone of a

project that every city but Tempe rejected. Now that the momentum has begun to transform the river, it seems some people are opposed.

Why can't the City of Phoenix realize that they are not the only city that comprises the Valley of the Sun? An attraction such as Rio Salado would have benefits in the long run not only for Tempe, but for the entire state. Is Phoenix not satisfied with having the America West Arena, Bank One Ballpark, Phoenix Civic Plaza, The Phoenix Zoo, The Desert Botanical Gardens, The Heard Museum, Symphony Hall ... need I go on?

One last question to think about — what would the city propose if the Salt River was never dammed, still flowing and had its natural environment still associated with it? Jeffrey Reine is a senior studying wildlife conservation biology.

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Campus mall preachers are not spreading 'good news' of love

I ask the *State Press* to publish this letter because I feel that my beliefs and the beliefs of a large portion of the ASU population are being misrepresented.

The campus has recently been visited by a group of those "crazy" mall preachers. Normally they can easily be ignored, but this group tends to get people's attentions by using phrases like, "You're all going to Hell!" and "You all are whores!"

It saddened me to see people walk by these preachers with the misconception that they represent the beliefs of the Christian community as a whole. I believe that I can speak for the Christians of ASU when I say that the God we believe in is a God of love, not a God of condemnation. In fact, in John 3:17, Jesus said, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

This is not to say that God condones sin, but that he accepts sinners, and went as far as to send his Son to die for them, because as Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God."

This is clearly a different message from the one you have heard from the mall preachers, yet it is the true teachings of Jesus Christ. It is certain that they have a different view of Christianity than most.

Every day people sit on the mall, willing to share with anyone who asks, the true "good news" of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As Jesus said in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down his life for his friends."

Michael Keller
Freshman
Construction

Journalism school could use re-evaluation of credit system

There is something that needs to be done about the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Telecommunication crediting standards. I am a journalism student, and I believe the credits need to be re-evaluated for three certain classes within the school: JRN (Journalism) 201, 301 and 313.

The problem I have with these classes is that they are only three-hour credit classes. In general, three-hour classes meet for just under three hours, and these classes meet for more than three hours. The JRN 201 class I took met for roughly four hours a week, the 301 class met for roughly five hours a week and the 313 class meets for nearly four hours a week.

If I use simple arithmetic, had these classes been properly "credited," I would be one credit closer to graduation. Yes, one class is not that much of a difference, but it is still one class. I am not saying I wish I would have chosen a different major, but for the time the classes require, these classes should be changed to at least four credits.

Blair Ballin
Junior
Journalism

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Martin Luther King III sustains father's visions, ideals for future

This is part of a continuing series highlighting Black History Month.

BY SARA BUSH
STATE PRESS

Martin Luther King III, son of the slain civil rights leader, called for increased attention to cultural diversity and race relations in a speech Friday at the ASU College of Law.

"In America we talk about diversity, but we really have not embraced diversity," King said. "My father organized a massive protest movement and broke laws that he felt were morally unjust. He and others put their lives on the line.

"Now we find ourselves wondering if the clock may be going backward."

For the past 20 years King has been an activist for improved race relations and civil rights, following in the footsteps of his father. He was an elected representative of Fulton County, Ga. from 1986 to 1993, and has been touring the world, giving lectures.

King said he preferred his lecture be an open dialogue, and he spent much of his time answering audience questions on topics ranging from affirmative action in the United States to social conditions in Africa.

King also answered questions and told stories about his father.

"My father advocated not only nonviolence but love,"

he said. "He understood that perfect love would indeed stomp out hatred."

When asked about the present state of race relations in the United States, King said he was hopeful for the younger generation.

"I am always optimistic when I travel and see black and white children working together," he said. "Where I see problems is with those of us who are adults. We've still got a long way to go, but look where we've come from."

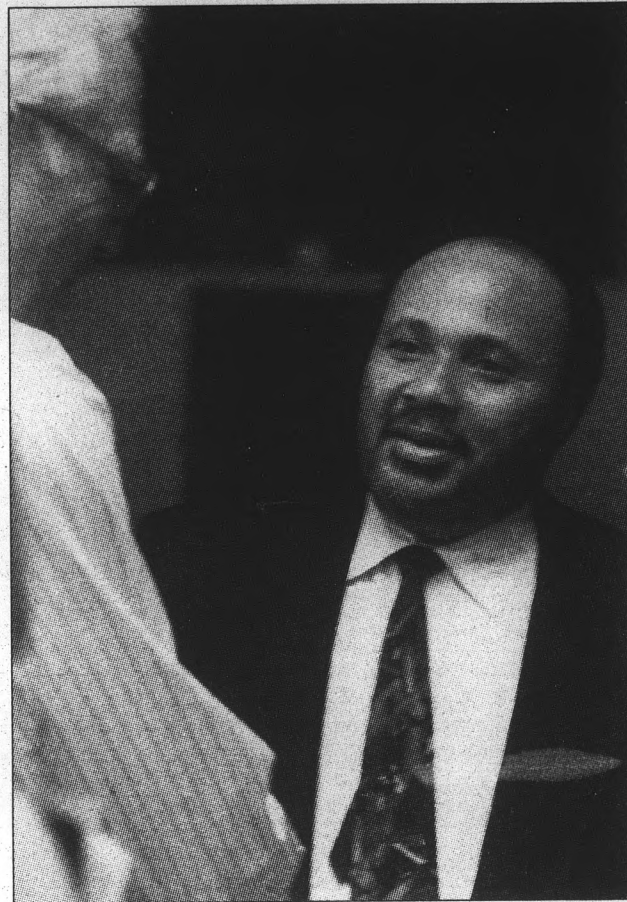
King was at ASU to deliver the first lecture endowed by the Hayzel B. Daniels Bar Association. King also appeared at a dinner following the lecture to honor the first recipient of the \$1,000

Hayzel B. Daniels Bar Association scholarship. The award was presented to Rodney Mitchell, 43, a second year law student.

Mitchell said he was impressed by the King lecture. "I am really happy to see that he's carrying on the spirit of his father's mission," he said.

The event also gave Art Carter, dean of student life, the opportunity to present awards to this year's Martin Luther King poster contest winners, ASU students Brian Andrews, Bill Staples and Cristal Marie Wooten. The three students received certificates and gift certificates to the ASU Bookstore.

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Martin Luther King III greets faculty and students before entering the Armstrong Hall auditorium where he held an open dialogue Friday afternoon.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WINTER LIES TOO LONG IN COUNTRY TOWNS, HANGS ON UNTIL IT IS STALE AND SHABBY, OLD AND SULLEN.— WILLA CATHER

Grad school forum encourages minority applicants

BY CADONNA PEYTON
STATE PRESS

Graduate college officials are expecting 150 to 200 students to attend a forum at the Memorial Union this Wednesday as part of a program designed to encourage junior and senior minority students to pursue graduate-level education.

Twenty-six universities on the West Coast, including ASU, have been part of the Western Name Exchange for 10 years. The program encourages participation in recruitment sponsored by the universities that comprise the Western Name Exchange consortium.

"We certainly have a great deal of under-representation at the undergraduate level, but it becomes even more severe at the graduate level," said Delia Saenz, interim associate dean of the Graduate College.

The organization creates a database which includes the

names of undergraduate minority students with solid academic credentials in a wide variety of areas. Undergraduates interested in this program must have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher, and sign a consent form allowing the Graduate College to add their names to the list.

"Our students are then made identifiable to all of the institutions in the consortium, and likewise, the students from the other schools are identifiable to us," Saenz said.

Through this database, the Graduate College is able to send interested students information about ASU's graduate programs and also waive application fees if they apply.

"It allows students to get information from graduate schools and also learn about how to get in them," said Curtis Byrd, program coordinator.

Andy Ortiz, vice president of graduate affairs for the Associated Students of ASU, was involved with the exchange as an undergraduate, and said it is a good program

for minority students interested in furthering their education.

"It allows university campuses access to your name for recruiting purposes," he said. "It showed me what my options were. Even though I chose to stay at ASU, it enabled me to make an informed decision."

The Graduate College has sent information to about 1,700 students who meet the program's qualifications this semester. These students have also been invited to the Western Name Exchange Forum and Reception on Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ventana Room.

Representatives from ASU's colleges will be in attendance to answer questions about their programs. Scholarship representatives and other exchange groups will also be in attendance.

"This is a great opportunity for minority students interested in graduate school," Byrd said. "Many schools all around the country will be represented through one of the consortiums."

POLICE REPORT

ASU police reported the following incidents over the weekend:

- A female student attempted suicide at 401 E. Apache Blvd.

- A male not affiliated with the University was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol at Rural and Tyler Roads.

- A female student reported that she has been receiving harassing phone calls at Cholla Apartments.

- A male employee reported that a gunshot was heard at Palo Verde West during an altercation at a dance.

Tempe police reported the following incidents over the weekend:

- A 24-year-old man was arrested on charges of attempted armed robbery for allegedly holding up a Tempe fast food restaurant with a BB gun. Police said the man, who was wearing a ski mask over his head, entered Whataburger at 1346 S. Rural Road, pointed a BB gun at employees and handed them a note demanding

money. An employee struggled with the man and he fled the scene, leaving the BB gun and money behind. He was captured in Daley Park and was later positively identified by witnesses. He was booked into Tempe City Jail.

- A 19-year-old man was arrested on charges of false reporting to a law enforcement officer and using a fake I.D. Police said the man attempted to get into Fat Tuesdays, 680 S. Mill Ave., with a false driver's license that had his picture, but another person's name. The bouncer at the door confiscated the I.D. Later, when the suspect was contacted by police, he insisted the I.D. was legitimate. A records check revealed otherwise.

- A 32-year-old woman was arrested on charges of assault/domestic violence after she allegedly bit her husband on the left hand, causing it to bleed. She was booked into Tempe City Jail, but her husband did not want to prosecute.

Compiled by State Press reporter Melody McDonald.

Man shoots 7 tourists on top of the Empire State Building

NEW YORK (AP) — A man opened fire on the observation deck of the Empire State Building Sunday, killing one person, wounding six others and sending dozens of panicked tourists running for cover. The man later shot himself in the head.

"I've never seen so much blood in my life," said witness Stef Nys. "The most scary part was when people started to panic."

The man began shooting at about 5:15 p.m. on the 86th-floor observation deck of one of the world's best-known tourist sites, then shot himself in the head, witnesses said.

"I'd been out there about one minute when I heard what I thought

to be firecrackers," said David Robinson, a tourist from England. "Then everyone started panicking."

Witnesses said dozens of tourists made a mad dash to the stairway and elevator exits.

One person died at the hospital while another shooting victim was a child, authorities said.

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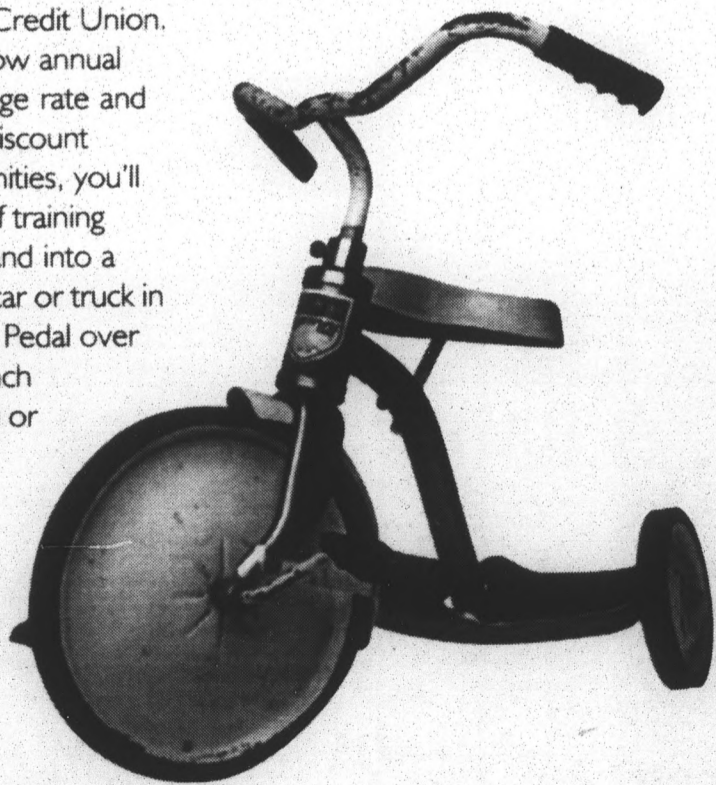
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ASU receives grant for program aiding aspiring teachers

By LIDIA E. KELLY
STATE PRESS

In light of President Clinton's second-term focus on children and education, local actions directed toward education take on an even more significant meaning.

One such action was a \$21,000 grant from the Western Maricopa Consortium, awarded to ASU's Two+Two+Two Partnership Program.

"The money will go to the western valley high schools that are involved in our program," said Leonard Valverde, dean of the ASU College of Education and main initiator of the partnership that started a year ago.

Valverde said the funds will support staff training and

consultants at schools involved in the program.

The Two+Two+Two program supports high school students in their desire to become teachers, and is directed mainly toward minorities and the economically disadvantaged.

"The idea of the program came from basic reality," said Valverde. "We don't have enough minority teachers to go to the field."

Students in the last two years of high school are encouraged to attend either a community college or university, then to complete their final two years in ASU's professional teacher education curriculum.

The Two+Two+Two program, which involves about 50

students — including two who are already ASU students — is a part of the College of Education's Office of Diversity, Recruitment and Support programs.

Rick Chavolla, director of ODRSP, said the program identifies mostly minority pupils because the student community is highly diverse — "And the teaching staff does not mirror it," he said.

Participating institutions include high schools across the Valley as well as community colleges.

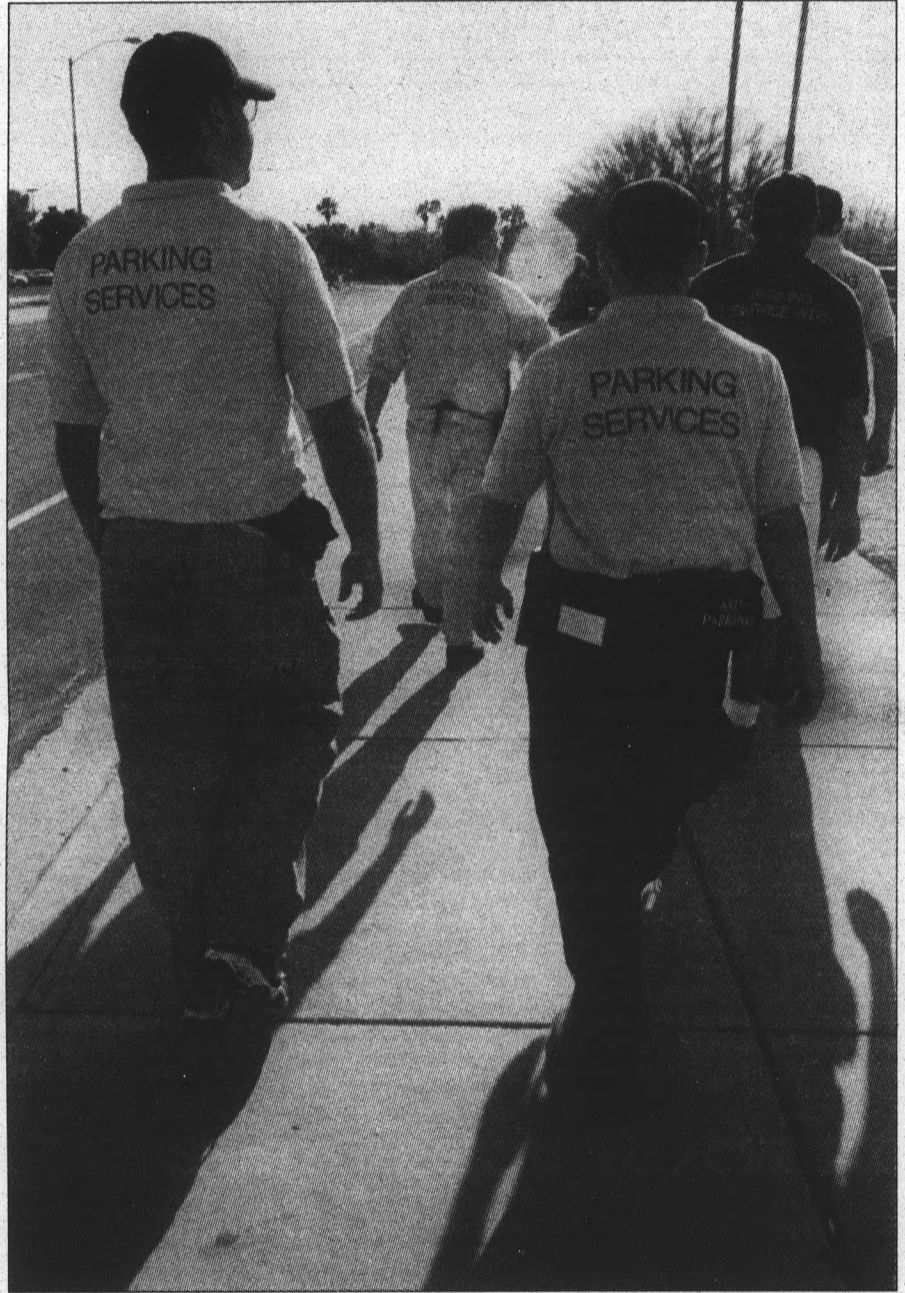
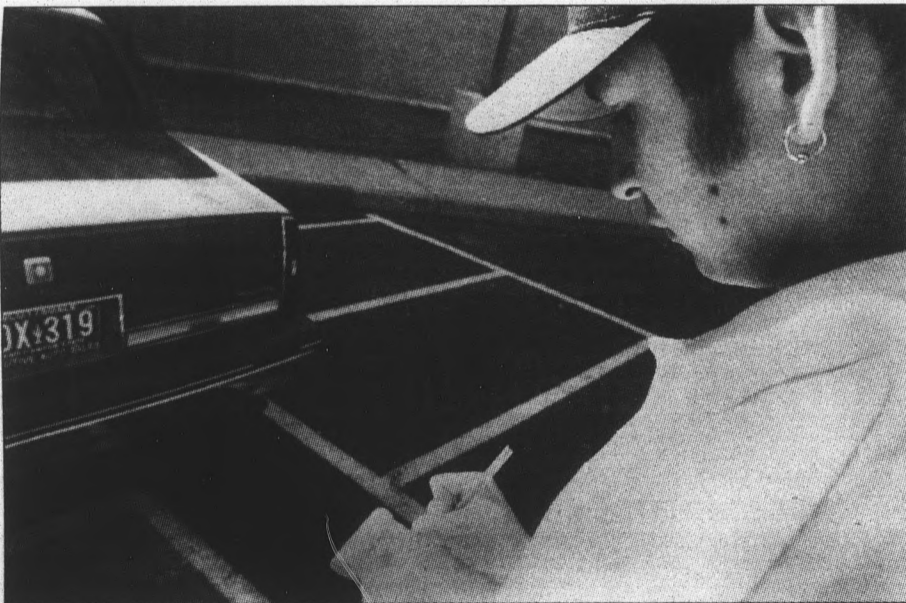
"A lot of the children that are in the program need the direction to further their education as well as find scholarship opportunities," said Anita Vertugo, an ASU graduate assistant working for the program.

Parking services pedagogue



Above, the supervisor and trainer for Parking Services takes new recruits through the process of determining the status of parked cars in the handicapped parking area.

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Tuberculosis making comeback in Arizona

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON — Once the scourge of crowded big-city slums, tuberculosis is staging a national comeback — even in a corner of sunny Arizona.

Nearly one in every five of Arizona's 319 active tuberculosis cases reported in 1995 was in Yuma County, a rate more than twice as frequent as anywhere else in the state.

Health officials believe the county's proximity to Mexico is the main reason for the upsurge.

"One of the really significant risk factors for active tuberculosis disease among our cases in Arizona is being an individual born in a country where TB is much more prevalent," says state epidemiologist Dr. Robert England. "And by far and away, most of our foreign-born TB cases come from Mexico."

It's not just Arizona.

The state's 1995 numbers were in line with a rise in cases across the country since 1986, said the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine, based in Denver. The World Health Organization calls tuberculosis the world's leading killer of adults among infectious diseases today.

While nationally and internationally there is a connection between HIV infection and the resurgence of tuberculosis, it's not a significant factor in Arizona, said Dr. Eskild Petersen, an infectious diseases specialist at the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

Tuberculosis is an infectious bacteria-caused disease primarily affecting the lungs. It's most commonly tied to poverty, malnutrition and overcrowded living conditions.

TB is spread when infectious people talk, cough, sneeze or spit, sending germs into the air to be inhaled by others.

Inhaling the germs does not automatically mean a person develops active disease. The immune systems of most healthy people are able to wall off the disease.

Symptoms can include a lingering cough, fever, weight loss, night sweats, chronic exhaustion and appetite loss.

The increase in the number of tuberculosis cases is a problem. But even more worrisome is the fact that more cases are being found where TB bacteria are resistant to once-successful drug therapies.

"The real risk, and where we're at a turning point in history, is drug resistance," England said. "Obviously if you've got drug resistance, your entire control strategy falls apart."

In all, 39 percent of Arizona's active TB cases in 1995 were people born in foreign countries. In Yuma County, 34 of the 56 cases reported, or 61 percent, involved foreign-born people.

Portland clinic selling marijuana

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An illegal clinic in downtown Portland is dispensing marijuana to sick and dying people, *The Sunday Oregonian* reported.

More than 120 patients have found the Alternative Health Center through word of mouth since it opened six weeks ago, the newspaper said.

Patients who suffer from arthritis, multiple sclerosis, AIDS and other chronic diseases say they can buy an eighth of an ounce of marijuana for \$20 to \$50, depending on their income. Marijuana cookies are sold in \$2 packs. A pot-filled brownie goes for \$3.

The clinic opened after California and Arizona voters in November approved the medical use of marijuana. Oregon's lawmakers are considering bills to legalize marijuana for medical use.

The federal government still considers the drug illegal, and scientists said further study is needed to assess its potential medical benefits.

Patients allowed the newspaper to visit the Portland clinic on condition that the location not be disclosed. They also have other reasons for secrecy.

"We are concerned about vandalism, about our safety when it comes to people thinking that there are a lot of drugs here and a lot of money. And we are afraid of being accosted outside on the street," said Diane Densmore, once convicted of possessing the drug that she said helps her fight chronic back pain, irritable bowel disease, scoliosis, arthritis and depression.

Authorities acknowledge that seriously ill people smoking marijuana is not as high a priority as fighting violent crime and flagrant drug dealing.

"On the other hand, as the DA's office, we're not a policy-making body and those people are breaking the law, and when those cases come to our attention, we have to pay attention to them," said Multnomah County prosecutor Gary Meabe.

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BY JENNIFER BROWN
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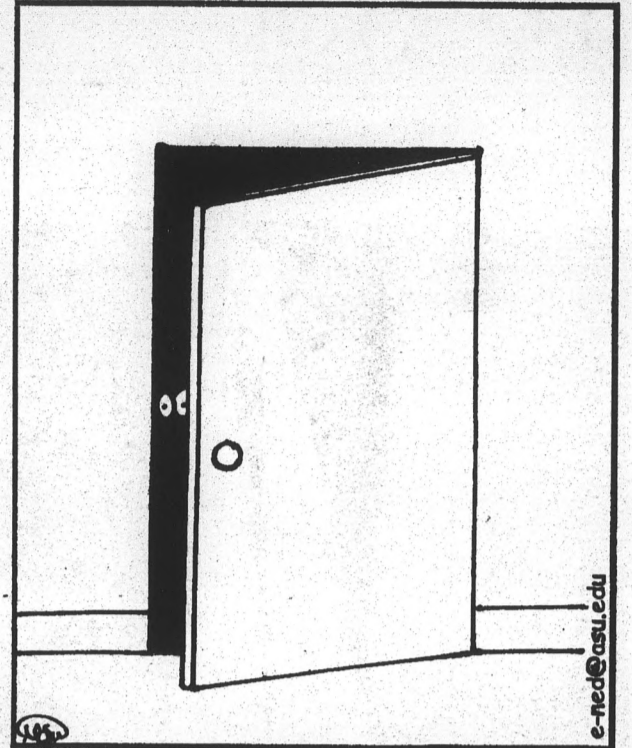
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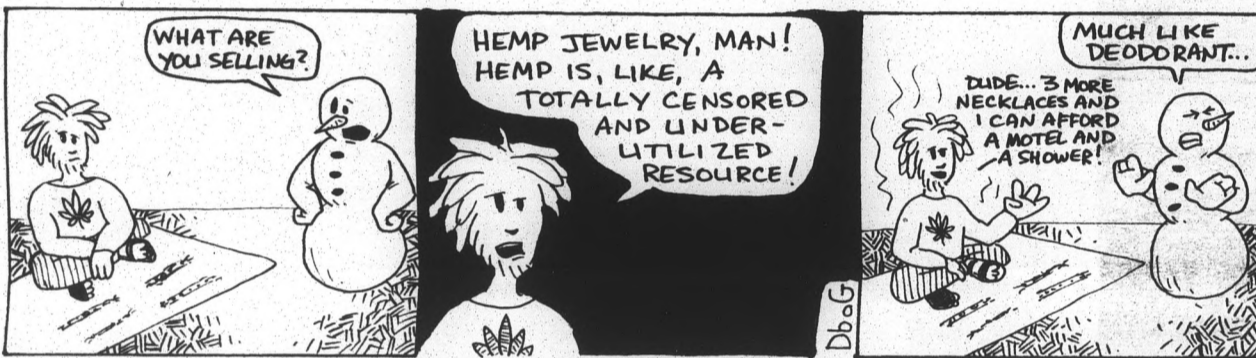
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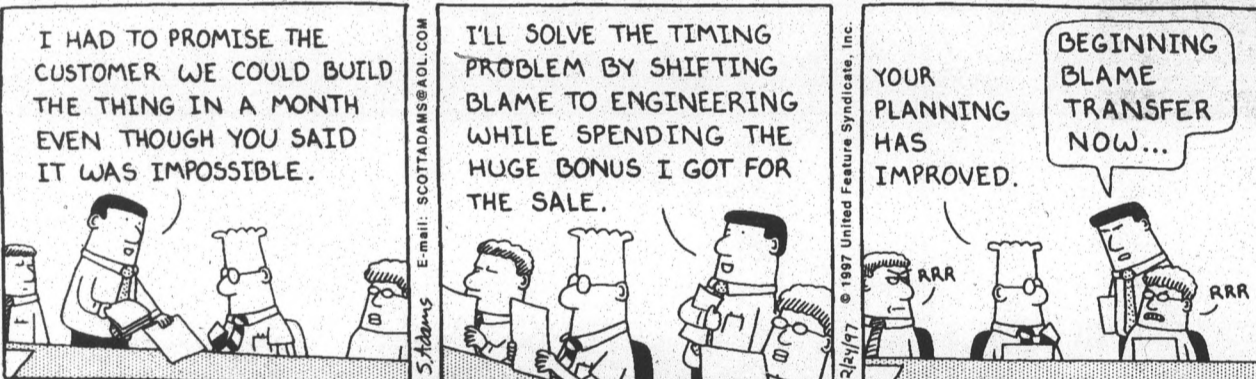
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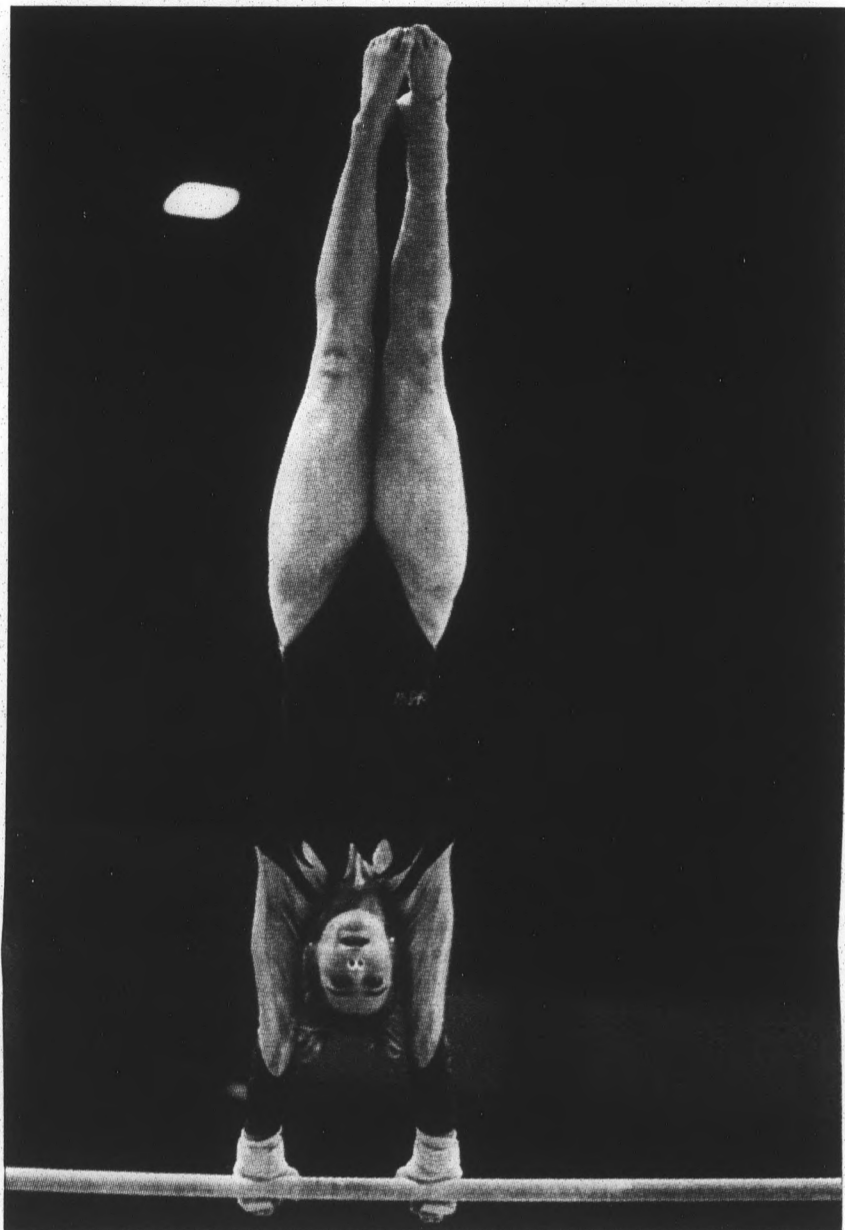
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SUN DEVIL GYMNASTICS

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Gymnastics team heats up the Midwest at Classic



Erik Guzowski/State Press

Junior Carrie Courtney performs on the uneven bars during ASU's victory over Cal on Friday. Courtney set a career-high in the all-around in Nebraska with a 39.25.

BY RANDY JONES
STATE PRESS

LINCOLN, Neb. — After the conclusion of the Master's Classic the PA announcer declared: "You've just seen the hottest team in the nation — Nebraska!"

Based on the last few meets, however, he was only half right.

Standing on the sidelines was the real "hottest" team — ASU.

The Sun Devils (8-2, 4-1 Pac-10) did indeed finish second behind the Cornhuskers (13-1), 196.625-195.6, but the fact remains that ASU is actually the hottest team in the frozen tundra of Nebraska.

Plus, the final result is a bit deceiving.

Nebraska, buoyed by its fans and their annoying noise making "clackers" attacked the meet with a vengeance using all its weapons.

ASU, on the other hand, went to the land of corn short a coach, three gymnasts and nursing aches and pains from Friday's victory over California at home.

"Heart, desire, dedication, commitment. These girls, the freshmen, the upperclassmen. They have all really stepped up and taken an important role on this team," assistant coach Kyle Jenne said. "There isn't any girl in our lineup who isn't capable of hitting at least a 9.7. We are so deep and that there is so much talent that it allows us to rest (athletes) which will make us more healthy later on. And that is going to allow us to be successful at regionals and beyond."

No adversity seems to slow the Sun Devils down. Since their disappointing 191.7 versus Oregon State the first meet of the season, they have averaged a 196.05, a score only topped by the No. 1 team in the land — Georgia.

Nebraska, over that very same period is averaging only 194.91.

Who's hot?

To keep this roll going, everyone on the team has been crucial, said assistant coach Kristen Smyth, who was head coach for the day with regular head coach John Spini out with illness.

Career-high performances were abound from Sun Devils not named Wright, Vincijanovic or Shelton.

Junior Carrie Courtney scored a 39.25 in the all-around, which included 9.9s on both the beam and the floor. Sophomore Wendy Ellsberry continued

her strong run of performances with her second all-around score above 39.

"We are all strong enough to put up good scores," freshman Michelle Hess said. "We train hard and right because of that. Mentally and physically we are tough. I think our whole team is really good at that."

The two additional 39 scorers give ASU something few other schools can boast of — four all-rounders capable of winning the competition.

"Four girls who can score 39 plus in the all-around," Jenne said. "Both those guys (Carie and Wendy) have really committed to winning in the gym and committed to the team. And they are proving that every day they walk out on that floor. They are backing up what they thought, and that's exciting."

The night before, the coaches got together looked at their rag-tag lineup and boldly predicted the team would deliver a 195.5. They weren't disappointed.

"They came in focused on what they had to do," Jenne said. "They don't watch the other teams. They control what they do within themselves as a team."

Another bright spot came with senior Bridget Sandman setting a Master's Classic record with a 9.95 on the uneven bars.

"That was well deserved, we've been waiting for that," Smyth said. "I'm really happy for her. I rarely see a deduction when I watch her. Especially when she nails the dismount."

Jenne was especially happy for Sandman.

"Bridget has worked so hard on bars," he said. "I've been working with her for three years. It's an award that is well-deserved for her dedication and hard work on bars and in the gym. It shows how important she is to this team."

So what exactly does this second-place finish say about the Sun Devils?

"We know we have a strong team," freshman Amy Shelton said. "(High scores) are just a matter of staying consistent once everyone is healthy. We didn't even hit in every event. We didn't have every one."

Jenne went a little further.

"I think that it says that Utah, Alabama and Georgia ought to watch their backs," he said. "We are so deep and so talented that we are going to contend this year. This team is that dedicated and that talented."

Fab four recruiting class brings Sun Devils to higher level

BY RANDY JONES
STATE PRESS

LINCOLN, Neb. — When the 1997 season began, women's gymnastics coach John Spini said the four freshmen on the team would hold the key to his team's success.

How prophetic he was.

After ASU's victory over California on Friday and its second place finish at the Master's Classic quad meet in Nebraska on Sunday, everyone now knows these freshmen are for real.

"The freshmen have been unbelievable," said assistant coach Kristen Smyth. "I have only confidence in them. You just know as a coach they are going to hit."

The members of what Spini called "one of my best recruiting classes in a long time," are — Elizabeth Reid of Burke, Va., Amy Shelton of Gilbert, Az., Elizabeth McNabb from Las Vegas and Michelle Hess of Thornville, Ohio.

Each athlete has her own strength. Reid's lies with beam, McNabb the floor exercise, Hess the vault and Shelton the bars.

However, assistant coach Kyle Jenne said, they are much more than one-event specialists.

"All four are incredible athletes and incredible gymnasts," he said. "We recruited all four of them because of that. Their attitudes, their

personalities. They are phenomenal. They have really helped bring this team to another level."

That level is of aspiring national champions.

Hess said she has just realized how good this team is.

"I just recently found out how much we've improved over last year," she said. "Before it was a struggle to get 195s. Now it's 197s, 196s. Wow! Everybody must have stepped up."

Three of the four gymnasts currently rank in the top three in the Pac-10 individual rankings.

Reid's 9.925 high on the balance beam is topped only by teammate Lisa Vincijanovic's, the reigning Pac-10 beam champion, perfect 10 score.

Spini said soon Reid's bars scores could rival the beam.

"The reason her bars score comes up with a low score is because we don't have her at a (higher) starting value. Her bars routine is great."

At the moment Reid's top possible score is a 9.9. She said that she is gradually working toward increasing the difficulty of her routine, allowing her to move up to the 10 range.

Also posting impressive number in her rookie season is McNabb. On floor she has scored a 9.95 three times and a 9.9 twice. The 9.95 is the second-best score in conference and

also behind an upperclassmen teammates score (Meagan Wright's 10.0).

"Elizabeth is a key right now for us," Spini said. "(Not only) is she a strong floor competitor for us, but she starts us out strong on beam. A big, big plus for us."

McNabb said she is very comfortable on floor, but not as so on beam.

"I've always done well on floor," said McNabb, who won nationals at the Level 9 in 1991. "(But) beam is a challenge. I make a goal for myself. I used to be really scared of beam. Now I'm starting to improve and coming back to it (beam) has been easier because of my team."

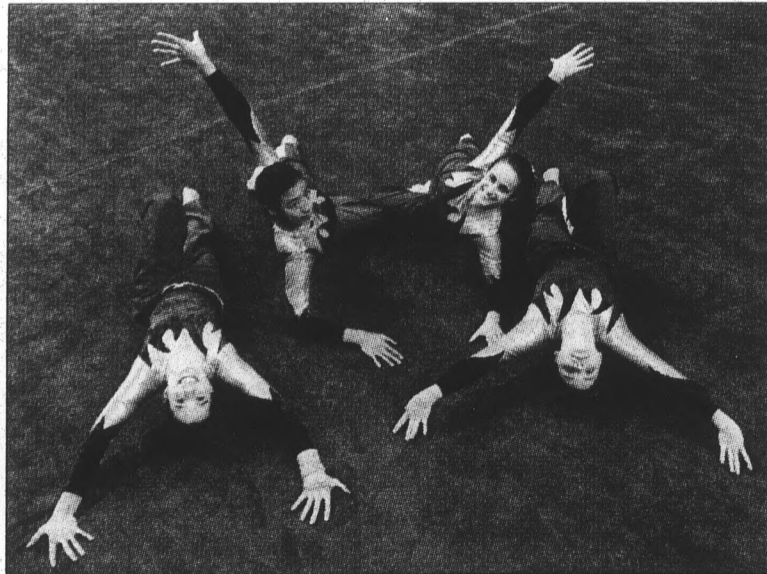
Each freshman said the great camaraderie between players and coaches has made their first year of college great.

"When someone's down, someone on the team will pick them up," McNabb said. "We've always had fun with each other. There is no tension between us at all. That's what it takes to win."

Spini also complimented the work of Hess, especially on vault.

This event is one which lacks the extreme depth of the other three and when any Sun Devil is down, i.e. this weekend when only five gymnasts competed on the event, Hess' scoring is a must.

"I guess it adds a little pressure (on me)," Hess said. "But it's one of



Erik Guzowski/State Press

ASU's four freshmen, from left to right, Elizabeth McNabb, Elizabeth Reid, Amy Shelton and Michelle Hess bring youth and spirit to the women's gymnastics team.

my best events. We can depend on anyone to get the job done on this team. It just tests how strong we are as a team."

Hess, who was out for three months with an illness before the start of the season, has been up to the test. In the team's first meet versus Oregon State she was called upon to hit a vault with only one week of practice. The result was a stuck vault and a score of 9.775.

Last of the freshmen is Valley native Shelton, who Spini called "one to watch" in the preseason.

So far, lots of eyes have followed her. She recorded the second-best all-time all-around score two weeks ago with a 39.55 (third best in conference this year) and has the No. 1 score in the Pac-10 this season on bars (9.975) and the No. 3 score on vault (9.925).

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ASU, Michigan State co-winners in softball tourney



Senior Tammy Lohmann swings at a pitch against New Mexico State. ASU defeated the Roadrunners 4-2 Sunday to complete four wins in four tries in the ASU Classic.

BY JOSH DEFAMIO
STATE PRESS

The Arizona sun shined brightly upon the Sun Devil softball team over the weekend.

No. 25 ASU (8-2) triumphed in all four of its games to share the title of the 1997 Arizona Classic with Michigan State.

First game: ASU 9, Notre Dame 1

In the first of two Friday evening games, ASU played the part of visitor in its own stadium against the 21st-ranked Fighting Irish.

With the bases loaded and ASU up 3-0 in the third, sophomore Holly Smith, a transfer from Solano Community College in Solano, Calif., drove one down the left field line to knock in two runs and put the Sun Devils up 5-0.

Senior Carrie Breedlove pitched the complete game for the win.

Smith led the way at the plate for ASU, going 2-for-3 with 3 RBI. Her fifth inning double knocked in the Sun Devils' last run.

"It feels great," Smith said. "I'm just trying to take it one thing at a time and

try to do my best to help the team out. I feel really confident at the plate."

Second game: ASU 7, Indiana 5

In their second Friday evening game, the Sun Devils took advantage of six Hoosier errors to notch the come-from-behind victory.

With ASU leading 4-2 going into the fifth, Indiana reclaimed the lead and knocked starter Kathy Ponce from the game by scoring three runs on three hits and two Sun Devil errors. Senior Carrie James came in to record the final out and kill the Hoosier threat.

ASU came back. After senior Stacey Slick singled, Lisa Dacquisto hit an apparent double play ball to the short-stop. But the throw was wild, and Slick advanced to third. When Dacquisto broke for second, that throw also went wild, allowing Slick to cross home and knot the score at five.

Game 3: ASU 5, Iowa 3

Behind a complete game effort from Roxanne Tsoisie, the Sun Devils shocked the sixth-ranked Hawkeyes.

Tanya Hermosillo scooted home

from third after a passed ball in the second inning, and the Sun Devils never looked back. ASU would add another run in the second, then one apiece in the fourth, fifth, and seventh inning to seal the win.

Game 4: ASU 4, New Mexico State 2

In the final game of the entire tournament, James pitched five strong innings to pick up her second win of the tournament.

Gill provided the offense, going 3-for-4 and crossing the plate with ASU's first run in the third inning. Smith and Tammy Lohmann added RBI for the Sun Devils.

Breedlove pitched the last two innings for the save.

"I really was struck today by the fact that this was the first time that Lisa didn't really have a good game," head coach Linda Wells said. "Lisa is very steady for us offensively. She gets RBI, she gets on base, she steals bases. I think it was quite a good job that she could not have a perfect game and everybody could pick up the slack."

Sun Devil wrestling squad beaten by No. 1 Oklahoma State

BY JOSH DEFAMIO
STATE PRESS

Although all of the anticipated matches didn't happen at Sunday's ASU-Oklahoma State dual meet, the anticipated result did.

No. 1 OSU (20-0) handled ASU (13-5), 26-10 at the University Activity Center, to finish up the regular season for the Sun Devils.

"I knew that with the team they had this year," ASU head coach Lee Roy Smith said. "That this meet would be an opportunity for us to get schooled in a few areas. I think that we came out to fight, but you got to wrestle, too.

(The areas in which) we got outmanned, and where we got beat, we got beat because they executed their skills and we didn't."

Two of the most awaited matches, No. 6 Shawn Ford (ASU) vs. No. 1 Eric Guerrero (OSU) at 126 pounds and No. 2 Aaron Simpson (ASU) vs. No. 4 Mark Smith (OSU) at 177 pounds, didn't happen as neither Oklahoma State wrestler was inserted into the lineup.

"We brought Eric, and he got hit with the flu," OSU head coach John Smith said. "He was not prepared. On Thursday, he really started to feel it coming. He worked out on

Thursday and Friday. When we got here, he was full fledged-sick. He was down to weight, but he just felt very puny, very weak. Mark Smith, we decided academically that he couldn't afford to miss school tomorrow. We've got to make sure that he is focused in (academics) as well."

Ford and Simpson won their matches, 7-4 and 15-6, respectively, against redshirt freshman opponents. There was little else to smile about for the Sun Devils as Oklahoma State won seven of the other eight matches.

The lone bright spot for the Sun Devils was

senior Michael "The Dog" Douglas. Leading by one with 30 seconds on the clock, Douglas' opponent, No. 10 Jimmy Arias, lifted "The Dog's" leg and had an apparent match-winning takedown. But Douglas was able to fight it off and clinch the 5-4 victory.

"(The difference was) me putting my heart into it," Douglas said. "And going out with all I had. This was my last home match. (I was) saying to myself that I wasn't going to lose anymore. This guy pinned me before, and that made the difference. I didn't want to lose to him one more time."

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Oregon defeats Sun Devils, 65-45

By PERCY EDNALINO JR.
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They had a chance at picking up back-to-back wins over both Oregon Schools this weekend, but the ASU women's basketball team was simply outclassed against a bigger, stronger University of Oregon team.

At least the Sun Devils aren't in last place anymore. After snapping a string of eight consecutive conference losses to Oregon State, ASU lost 65-45 to Oregon on Saturday in front of 1,283 fans at the University Activity Center. The Sun Devils dropped to 8-16 overall (2-12 in the Pac-10) while the Beavers improved to 18-6, and 11-4 in the conference.

ASU now holds a slight one-game edge over last-place California (6-18, 2-13) in the Pac-10.

But if not for the loss to Oregon, ASU could have moved into eighth place in the conference.

"They're (Oregon) a very good team," ASU head coach Charli Turner Thorne said. "They're very much a role-model program in terms of what we need look toward. They're five or six years ahead of us."

Freshman guard Kalene Carl did not play against the Ducks because of a bruised left knee. Carl is expected to return to the lineup against Washington on Friday.

"We definitely missed not having her out there," Turner Thorne said.

Oregon forward Natalie Hughes scored game-highs in points (14) and assists (6). Senior guard Cindie Edamura finished with 11 points and chipped in five assists.



Pat Shannahan/State Press
ASU's La Toya Johnson, right, drives past Oregon's Nicole Strange. The Ducks drove past the Sun Devils with a 65-45 win.

Senior guard La Toya Johnson scored a team-high 11 points and four rebounds for ASU. Teammate Rameeka Lowe chipped in nine assists, but was held scoreless. Lowe's nine assists were a career-high for the junior guard.

ASU ended the night shooting a disappointing 32.2 percent against the Ducks, a sharp departure from the 55.2 percent it shot against Oregon State on Thursday. The Ducks stayed consistent and shot 50 percent the entire game.

Men's tennis loses close one to Mustangs

By JOHN SHEEHY
STATE PRESS

The ASU men's tennis team hosted unbeaten Southern Methodist University on Saturday at the Whiteman Tennis Center.

The Sun Devils (5-4) were edged out 4-3 by the Mustangs, who improved their record to 3-0.

It was ASU's first home loss this season.

Visiting San Diego State was scheduled to face ASU on Sunday, but the match was canceled due to injuries and academic problems on the Aztecs' team.

The team of Sergio Elias and Ed Carter, who have been red hot lately, defeated Toby Hansson and Vikram Venkataraghavan 8-5. Alex Osterrieth and Chris Biorkman beat Dustin Mauck and Kieth Pollak 8-6.

In singles play, the No. 1 match was between Elias and Hirigoyen. Elias, who was coming off a big win against USC's George Bastl last weekend, could not get the job done against Hirigoyen.

Hirigoyen won in straight sets 6-3, 6-2. Elias made no excuses in the defeat.

"I just didn't play well," he said.

Baseball

It wasn't the best of weekends for the ASU baseball team as the No. 8 Sun Devils dropped two games out of three to No. 2 UCLA at Jackie Robinson Stadium.

In fact, in three-game game series against top-10 opponents, the Sun Devils are a combined 3-6.

But against UCLA on Sunday, the Sun Devils saved their best effort for last.

ASU rallied from an 11-run deficit and downed UCLA 17-12 in a contest that lasted over four hours. The Sun Devils improve to 10-8 overall (2-4 Pac-10) while UCLA now is 16-2-1 (2-1 Pac-10). — Staff Reports

Track

The ASU track and field team did as well as expected at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships in Reno, Nev., this past weekend, head coach Greg Kraft said.

"Everything really hasn't been a surprise," Kraft said. "We went in there with some expectations, and there were some disappointments, but overall it was about what we expected."

Fiona Daly took second place in the high jump with a leap of 5-9 3/4. Jeremy Staat came in fourth place in the shot put with a throw of 58-6 3/4. Laiho placed seventh in the 35-pound weight throw with 60-3/4.

"It's frustrating (not being able to compete in the NCAAs), but I still wanted to qualify to know that at least I would've been able to compete there," Daly said.

Another disappointment was that the women's 400-meter relay did not win. The team came in second place in 3 minutes, 49.41 seconds.

Also for the Sun Devils, Erica Larson came in fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5-7 3/4, and Reggie Charlton came in fifth in the 400 dash in 48.93.

The Sun Devils are looking forward to this weekend when they head to Flagstaff for the NAU Last Chance. They will use this meet as the measuring stick for how the outdoor season will go, Kraft said.

"We know what we need to do (in the outdoor season) and we'll work towards that," Kraft said. — Lori Haro

Fab Four

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Shelton said each of the freshmen add a little something different to the team.

"That's what is unique about our team," she said. "We have strong, beautiful and graceful gymnasts ... The judges don't get bored (with us). Some teams have stock routines. Either all heavy metal or all techno routines. Everyone (here) has a different style. I fell the judges appreciate it."

With two meets remaining before Pac-10s and the team far

from peaking, ASU's version of the "fab four" have provided the depth and energy to put the Sun Devils in position to earn a shot at the Super Six, or gymnastics' Holy Grail.

Junior co-captain Wright put it simply when describing the quartet.

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ASU golfers shooting for No. 1 spot

BY MATT PAULSON
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If the No. 2 ASU women's golf team plays well in the UCLA Bruin Classic, not only could it end up with its fourth top-three finish of the season, but it could also replace UofA as the No. 1 team in the country.

The tournament starts today and runs through Tuesday in Temecula, Calif.

The new Rolex Collegiate Rankings will come out Wednesday.

Head coach Linda Vollstedt thinks this possibility is easily obtainable and will only produce positive results by the Sun Devils.

"I don't think it will add any pressure to the team," Vollstedt said. "That (being No. 1) is what we're working for. It's exciting. I think we've practiced well. The girls all knew what they needed to work on. If anything, we're better than we were last week."

Junior All-American Kellee Booth agreed.

"It's somewhat of a motivation," Booth said. "If we

do become No. 1, we need to take that and build on it and continue to work hard."

In the two tournaments since the last rankings came out (Dec. 4), ASU has finished first and tied for third while UofA has placed third and fifth.

Sun Devil golfers have recorded 10 top-25 finishes in four tournaments this season. Four of those finishes were in the top-10. Freshman Michaela Friberg thinks that having so much talent on the team is the main reason for ASU's prosperity.

"It helps (the team) because every day you have to play well," Friberg said. "You can't go out (in practice) and have an OK round and expect to qualify for the (next) tournament. You have to play well."

Vollstedt said this situation is ideal.

"(As a coach), that's what you want," Vollstedt said. "You want a lot of golfers to do really well so they can back each other up. You look for two or three who are capable of winning a tournament, and we have three of those now. It's comforting to have a team like that."

Men's hoops lose again

BY ED ODEVEN
STATE PRESS

Chalk up another defeat for sharp shooter Jeremy Veal and the Sun Devils.

Chalk up another victory for senior point guard Kenya Wilkins and Ducks.

Veal scored a game-high 26 points, but ASU (10-16, 2-12 Pac-10) still lost 85-77 Saturday at McArthur Court in Eugene, Ore. before 10,004 fans. Oregon improved to 16-6 and 7-6.

"Our team has no quitters," Veal said after the team dropped its seventh straight conference game. "We didn't give up."

Veal certainly didn't. He scored 11 consecutive points in the second half to trigger ASU's second-half comeback.

Wilkins tied his career-high with 24 points, including nine of nine from the free-throw line.

In the re-match of a disastrous 25-point loss to visiting Oregon on Jan. 23, the Sun Devils shot 50.8 percent from the field. It was ASU's best shooting mark in a conference game this season.

"I don't think we can play much better," ASU coach Bill Frieder said.

Freshman Eddie House's three-pointer knotted the score at 75 with 2:27 left in regulation. But Oregon ended the game on a 10-2 run.

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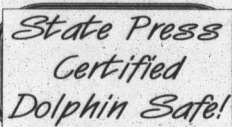
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by Frances Drake

Monday, February 24, 1997

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Dealings in sales or marketing are favored. You have intuitive insight into the psychology of those around you. That allows you to avoid a nasty quarrel after dark.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're prone to reticence in the morning. For some reason, you would rather be left alone. By day's end, you are feeling more willing to cooperate with others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You spend some time quietly observing what's going on around you on the work front. You are right to be suspicious of a certain co-worker.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You are playful and fun-loving and willing to slack off on certain responsibilities. Your sex appeal is highlighted. Try to avoid a tendency to be jealous.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Avoid indulging in any risky sports. You need to take better care of your self. You can expect an odd request from a family member after dark.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You are excitable, and you could be emotionally involved in a competitive situation. You are thinking about improving your physical appearance. Perhaps a diet is in order.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are inclined toward secretive activities. You could be drawn into conspiracies and plots as a result. Don't fall in with the wrong people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your imagination is in overdrive, stimulating artistic pursuits. You can use your

insights to help others. Use caution with alcohol or tobacco.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Assess your long-range goals. Initiatives made tend to suit you well. Avoid getting drawn into a quarrel between two friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your concentration is increased, and you have a heightened perception into others' motives. Research is favored. After dark, you quickly gain control of a sticky situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You easily express your ideas. Marital and business partners, as well as close friends, tend to support and encourage your views. Intellectual endeavors are favored.

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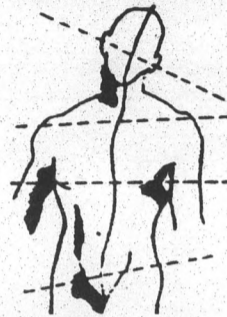
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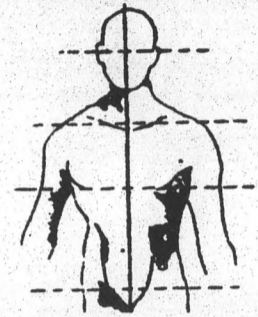
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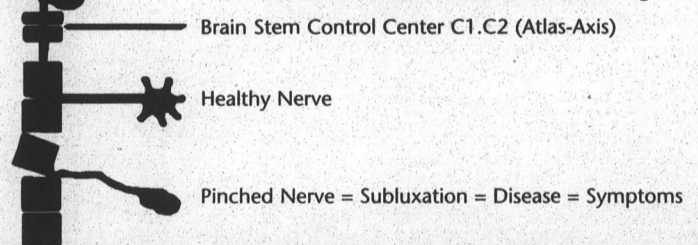
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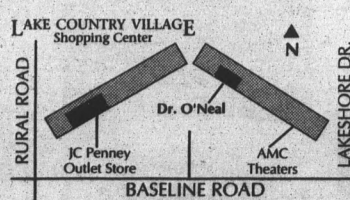
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