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Official: education grads need special ed. training

BY DEANNA DARR
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Students graduating from the ASU School of Education are sometimes ill-prepared to handle the severely mentally handicapped due to a lack of classes within the Department of Special Education, local officials said.

ASU currently offers no classes instructing students in dealing with severely handicapped children. Instead, classes focus on children who are mildly handicapped, said Alfonso Prieto, program coordinator for special education.

Prieto said classes of this nature have been offered in the past, but there are no plans on developing any in the near future. He said this is mainly due to a low need for teachers specializing in the field.

But many administrators within the special education profession disagree.

"More and more teachers, whether they're special ed. or not, will need to know how to work with severe and profound students," said Connie Nink, administrative assistant at the Getz School, which specializes in working with severely handicapped students.

Nink said recent college graduates are not prepared for the special needs of these students. She encourages students to get experience in the field, adding that even though activities done with moderately handicapped students can be done with severely handicapped students, they must first be modified.

Nink said she doubts there will be enough teachers to meet future demand if students are not offered more training opportunities.

Rick Warden, program specialist in Exceptional Student Service at the Arizona Department of Education, said teachers trained to work with severely handicapped students are very much in demand.

Warden said there has been an increase in the number of students in need of these teachers in recent years. He attributed the increase in part to medical advancements that allow children who might have died in the past to survive.

According to state Department of Education statistics, there are currently 291 severely mentally retarded students in Arizona. There are an additional 849 students with multiple disabilities and 486 classified with multiple disabilities and severe sensory impairments.

Warden said he believes it is necessary for special education students to have at least one class dealing with the severely handicapped. He added that more school districts are developing inclusive programming that would no longer isolate handicapped students, but would include them in regular classes.

Kathy Johnson, certified specialist in Special Programming for the Kyrene school district, said many of the teachers the district hires have to go through an additional training program before they can work with the children.

Johnson said even after the teachers start with the students, there are support groups and retraining sessions for the teachers.

"Universities don't always prepare people for what they're going to experience," she said.

Student files complaint against ASASU candidate

BY KEVIN CULWELL
STATE PRESS

Student government vice presidential hopeful Adrian Fontes intimidated a student who disagreed with his political views, according to a complaint filed Wednesday.

Fontes called the accusation "completely false."

The complaint, filed by student Jeremy Hirsch, alleges that he was called a "narrow-minded asshole" by Fontes, who was collecting signatures for his petition to be placed on the ballot for the April 1 Associated Students of ASU elections.

Prospective candidates must have their petitions turned in by 5 p.m. today.

Hirsch said he refused to sign Fontes' petition Tuesday after disagreeing with some of his views.

He also said Fontes solicited his signature inside the Memorial Union — a direct violation of campaign regulations.

Fontes has a different account of the incident and asked that the complaint be dismissed in a written response.

He denies having solicited the signature in the Memorial Union and claims that he refused to talk to Hirsch after not receiving his signature "because of the accusatory tone in his voice, and his threatening manner."

"The complaint is ridiculous," Fontes said. "Why would I jeopardize everything I've worked so hard for?"

Hirsch disagreed.

"I have the freedom of choice to not give him the signature," he said. "I didn't have a loud tone of voice. I just wanted to make sure that he doesn't go around and talk to people the same way he talked to me."

"What really made me upset was the fact that he called me that after I wished him the best of luck," Hirsch said "I'm being 100 percent honest about this incident. He was out of line."

Hirsch met with ASASU campaign chairman Chip Ahlswede about the incident, and "found out this was not the first complaint regarding Fontes' campaigning," he said.

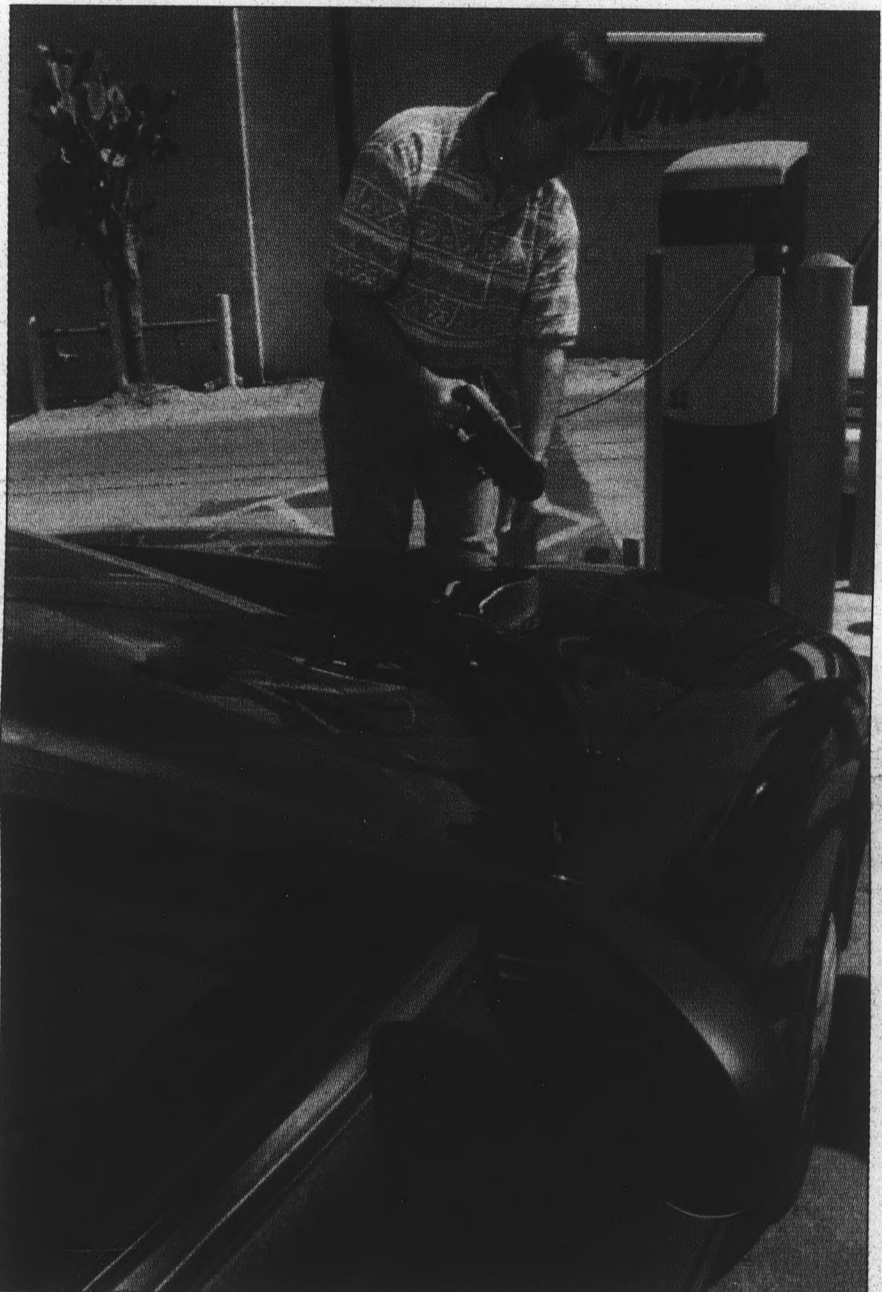
Ahlswede could not be reached for comment. Ahlswede will review the complaint and will determine if it warrants a hearing. Members of the elections committee would decide if Fontes is allowed to continue in the campaign.

These accusations don't bode well for ASASU, which is trying to avoid the bad image it's garnered in past years.

"This is unfortunate ASASU politics," ASASU President Marc Baumgartner said. "This is the last thing we wanted after such a positive year. I don't at all agree with the styled campaign politics that are going on."

Executive officer candidates, including president and vice president hopefuls, need a minimum of 750 signatures to be placed on the ballot. Senate candidates need at least 150 signatures.

Fill 'er up



Pat Shannahan/State Press

Stephen Schey, operations manager for Edison EV, recharges his electric car at a new recharging station outside Monti's La Casa Vieja restaurant. Electric cars cost about \$630 per month to lease and about a dollar a day to recharge.

Electric vehicle recharger lights hope for Valley air

BY BEN LEATHERMAN
STATE PRESS

The oldest building in Tempe received some of the newest technology in the country Thursday.

Two public charging stations were unveiled at Monti's La Casa Vieja Steakhouse, 3 W. Third St., for owners of the relatively new technology of electric vehicles.

Owner Michael Monti said the station is the first to be operated by a private business and will be a boost not only for the environment, but the community and restaurant as well. Such a futuristic effort is appropriate for such a historical landmark, he said.

"They used to hitch horses here so it seems appropriate that today we're dedicating these chargers," Monti said. "Locating the electric vehicle charging

station at Monti's assures that the reality of an electric automobile will be introduced to our customers."

The unveiling kicked off APS Electrics, a three-day event that includes the world's premier electric vehicle race this weekend at Firebird raceway. A car from ASU's Horizon Project will participate.

The facility came to Monti's courtesy of a grant from the Arizona Department of Commerce and with support from Arizona Public Service, which maintains 11 other recharging depots at their offices throughout the Valley. Four others are run by Tucson Electric in southern Arizona.

The opening of another station is a concrete step toward the mass availability of electric vehicles, which Monti said is the wave of the future.

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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.

- **Hispanic Graduate Student Alliance** — General meeting at 5 p.m. in the Payne Building B-16.
- **Buddhist Association** — Meditation at 7:30 p.m. in the MU Apache room 221.
- **Career Services** — Completing the Puzzle Workshop at 10 a.m. in the Career Development Center.
- **College Bible Fellowship** — General meeting at 7 p.m. in the MU Gila room 214.
- **Recruiting individuals for nutrition study** — Recruiting non-Caucasian individuals that do not smoke or take nutrition supplements. Participants receive a lunch certificate and be eligible for a future study.
- **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.

Saturday:

Taiwan Study Society — Film "Buddha Bless America" will play at 2 p.m. in the MU Apache room 221.

Sunday:

Sigma Sigma Sigma — Ice skating at 1 p.m. at Oceanside Ice Arena (1520 N. Hayden Rd.)

Electric car

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"Few developments have had as much impact in our lives as the automobile and yet we still propel ourselves in cars powered by internal combustion engines," he said. "As the population begins to accept EV's (electric vehicles), the brown cloud around the Valley will diminish."

Holly Petersen, contracts administrator for the Department of Commerce, said the state wants to provide many incentives to support electric vehicles.

"We have several programs in relation to this project," she said. "We offer \$1,000 grants for individuals who buy an EV and up to \$100,000 if you want to have a public charging station."

Carlos Deleon, assistant transit manager for Tempe, said the city supports alternative energy sources and is committed to use electric vehicles for its municipal fleet.

The Magne Charge units are manufactured by Indiana-based Delco Electronics and retail for around \$3,285. Stephen Schey, Arizona operations manager for distributor Edison EV, said the restaurant's fees totaled \$20,000 with installation and other costs.

The unit consists of a base and a

paddle which connects to the vehicle. Schey said the unit uses inductive charging to replenish the battery, similar to a transformer. A magnetic coil in the charger induces an electric flux in a magnetic coil in the car's battery. A computer monitors how much power is needed and sets the rate of transfer.

It takes three hours to completely charge the car at 220-volts, which lasts for 70 to 90 miles. The electric cars top out at around 80 mph.

General Motors is the only manufacturer to offer an electric vehicle to consumers. The EV1 rolled off the assembly line in December and is only available in Los Angeles, San Diego, Tucson and the Valley. Schey said this is because the EV1 tends to work better in the desert climate.

Joe Ricciardi, marketing specialist for General Motors, said the EV1 is only available for a three-year lease at \$630 a month because of the life of the battery unit. In addition, the technology is relatively new and is prone to change.

"It's like a computer," he said. "Three years from now things may be totally different."

Schey said electric vehicles will never replace the internal combustion

engine, but predicts they will begin to take hold in the next couple of years. In terms of cost, electric vehicles cost around \$360 a year to power, but without the maintenance costs associated with conventional automobiles.

"It could have a significant impact in the Valley as more and more charging stations become available," Schey said. "I think the electric car really provides an alternative in the mode of transportation. They can realize they have a positive impact when they drive."

Both Schey and GM's Ricciardi said society's acceptance of electric vehicles might be hampered by oil lobbyists. Ricciardi said Arizona's incentives are only a fifth of what California gives to owners of electric cars.

Rep. Jeff Groscost, R-Mesa, introduced a bill in the Arizona Legislature last week to increase incentives for this program, but it has been met with harsh criticism from oil company lobbyists.

"One of the quotes from the oil company was that (the EV) is just a toy," Schey said. "It's certainly not a toy. It's a viable mode of transportation and a fantastic commuter car. (Motorists) can drive anywhere in the Valley to work and home on a single charge."

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A national guardsman from Madison, Ind., helps place sandbags along the main road as water creeps closer to closing it down Thursday, in Utica, Ind. Water levels rose overnight and continue threatening the only road into town.

Flood refugees come face to face with unthinkable

BY DAN SEWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FALMOUTH, Ky. — In their first look at their flood-ravaged hometown, weary refugees came face to face with houses in the middle of streets, trailers on their sides and roads covered in ankle-deep muck.

It made them think the unthinkable: that they may not have a home to return to — and some of their friends may not have gotten out alive.

"The trailers, they looked like bumper cars," Patrick Bass said after weary evacuees were allowed their first bus tour through the town of 2,700 along the Licking River.

National Guard troops used bulldozers and other heavy equipment to clear away crumpled houses and piled-up cars. Some houses were ripped from their foundations and flung 100 feet by the floodwaters.

Rooftop-high waters had been receding since the weekend, but residents had been kept out as search teams using dogs found at least four bodies — an elderly woman in her house and a man, a woman and a 14-year-old girl pulled from two trailers.

"It's just awful," said Becky Fogel, who knew 54-year-old victim Hazel McGovney and her daughter

Crystal. "Hazel was a hard-working good-hearted person. She believed she could handle any situation."

Authorities ended their door-to-door search for bodies on Thursday, marking checked homes with red ribbons tied to door knobs. Some homes also were marked with Xs — too dangerous to enter because of gas or severe structural damage.

Bass said he and his wife left town just before the floods hit — to see a concert by country music star George Strait — and a friend who was staying in their home hasn't been seen since.

"He's probably gone," said Bass.

At the height of the flooding, this once-tidy town 35 miles southeast of Cincinnati was swamped, with only the roofs of homes and the twin humps atop the McDonald's sign visible amid a milky lake.

Now, it is covered with a goo the color of coffee with two creams that sucks at your boots as you walk.

Falmouth was among the hardest hit from the floods that forced thousands from their homes along the Ohio River and smaller streams in Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Floods and tornadoes were blamed for a total of 53 deaths and tens of millions of dollars in damages.

Four girls die in school van crushed by tree

BY FRANK ELTMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A 60-foot maple toppled in the wind and fell on a van carrying children and adults to minister-congressman Floyd Flake's church school Thursday, crushing four girls to death.

The girls — two of them sisters — were 10 to 12 years old. The driver, her husband, and four other children suffered minor injuries.

"I've known these kids since they were babies," Flake, his eyes red and his voice breaking, said at the hospital where the survivors were taken.

With the wind gusting to 50 mph, the van was heading for the Allen Christian School in the Queens neighborhood of St. Albans. The school is affiliated with the Allen AME Church, a congregation of 8,000 people headed by Flake, a New York Democrat.

The thunderous boom of the falling silver maple, which was 4 feet around, brought neighbors running from their homes along a quiet tree-lined block.

"Get the babies out! Get the babies out!" the driver, Maxine Capers, cried as she emerged bruised and shaken from the wreck.

Her husband, Sam Capers, began "crying and praying, 'Oh, God help us, have mercy!'" said Dawnette Davis, who lives on the block and ran to help.

The injured children, a boy and three girls — dressed in their school uniforms of yellow blouses and black skirts — made it out of the wreckage.

Workers had to saw the tree away and pry open the van's roof to reach the four other girls. They were pronounced dead in their seats.

Killed were Olivia Warren, Kia Saterfield and Kimberly Washington, all 10, and Kimberly's 12-year-old sister Christian Washington, police said.

They were "happy, beautiful spirits from caring families," said Linda Morant, director of the school, which has 480 pupils in preschool through eighth grade.

The 70-year-old city-owned tree was torn out by the roots. Parks Commissioner Henry Stern said the tree was budding but there was evidence of root rot and some roots may have been broken when the sidewalk was repaired last summer.

Thursday's wind blew down more than 100 trees in parks and on sidewalks in New York City.

After the accident, black bunting hung over the main door of the school about a mile away. Children cried, sang hymns and prayed during a service in the lunchroom.

The accident, the Rev. Charles L. Norris said, was a "test of their faith." They were "thanking God that there was just four the Lord had taken from us. Jesus helped those who walked away; Jesus took those who he wanted to be with him."

House panel rebukes Clinton on Mexico certification

BY CAROLYN SKORNECK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In a rebuke to President Clinton, a House committee voted by a lopsided bipartisan majority Thursday to revoke his certification that Mexico is cooperating fully in the war on drugs.

However, the mostly symbolic measure approved 27-5 by the International Relations Committee would allow Clinton to waive decertification on national security grounds, thus preventing an economic impact on Mexico.

Supporters of the resolution called it a way to signal discontent with Mexico's conduct in the war on drugs and the Clinton administration's action in certifying that Mexico was, in fact, cooperating.

Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., sponsor of a decertification measure, said the compromise version would "send a very strong message to our friends in Mexico" without interrupting "the assistance and trade we have with Mexico."

"The issue before us today is nothing less than the well-being of America's chil-

dren," said committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y. "The importance of Mexico's cooperation with our anti-drug efforts cannot be overstated. In the past four years, drug use among American teenagers has nearly doubled. Seventy percent of illegal drugs entering the United States come from Mexico."

The five who opposed the resolution were two Republicans who said it didn't go far enough because it still allowed for a waiver, and three Democrats.

Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., criticized the measure, calling it the "ultimate hypocrisy ... not to recognize that this drug problem is a domestic problem."

"The only way to stop the flow of drugs is to stop the demand for drugs here in the United States," said Lantos, who missed the vote. If that happened, he said, "Mexican drug lords will vanish because they won't have anyone to sell drugs to."

Decertification is supported by Republican and Democratic leaders of the House. For the resolution to take effect, it would need approval of the House and Senate.



Joe Cavaretta/Associated Press

A member of Mexico's National Drug Combat Institute carries a bundle of marijuana Tuesday in the Pacific coastal state of Sinaloa. In a rebuke to President Clinton, a House committee voted to revoke his certification that Mexico is cooperating fully in the war on drugs.

STATE PRESS Boos & Bravos

BRAVO — To the many ASU graduate programs that found their way into *U.S. News & World Report's* guide to graduate colleges. The above par rankings indicate that maybe ASU officials really do care about teaching students and not just raking in tuition dollars. Also, we let out a soft boo to *U.S. News* for continuing to rate colleges and universities overall, which doesn't provide a completely accurate picture of many institutions.

BOO — To President Clinton's tax credit and deduction plan that is expected to provide financial aid to somewhat needy students. Even though many students would benefit from the extra cash, some reports and critics claim that the poorest of students will not receive additional benefits. Why can't the federal government figure out a way to help all students?

BRAVO — To the opening of another electric vehicle charging facility near Monti's La Casa Vieja on Mill Avenue. With any luck, these things will keep popping up all over the Valley, giving much needed publicity to alternative modes of transportation.

BOO — To all of the local media for negligently hyping a crappy ESPN story about alleged point-shaving during a couple of ASU men's basketball games. Citing anonymous sources, the cable sports network reported the FBI wrapped up its investigation of ASU and was ready to obtain search warrants. FBI Agent Bruce Gephardt said the report was "100 percent false." Most local newspapers and television stations jumped for the bait, just as they did when the Viper Militia was discovered in Phoenix. Covering a story is one thing, drooling over an inaccurate ESPN report is another.

BOO — To the increase of extremist groups in Arizona. Klanwatch — a racist group watchdog — reported the number of militias and other "patriot groups" jumped from 27 in 1995 to 35 in 1996 — a 29 percent increase. These groups are nothing more than middle-aged men who have not outgrown their childhood desires to play in the woods with toys.

BRAVO — To Gov. Fife Symington for approving a measure intended to increase funding for poor and rapidly growing school districts. Symington may be trying to improve his terrible public opinion ratings, but at least someone may benefit from the program.

BOO — To people residing on the flood plain in rain-soaked Kentucky. Although it is a tragedy that they have been forced from their homes, it's probably about time to think about permanently relocating to higher ground. Taxpayers should be tired of shelling out countless dollars to victims of preventable disaster.



Myths OK gay lifestyle in public mind

In the ongoing debate about the homosexual lifestyle, there have been obvious attempts to mislead the general public. The pro-homosexual agenda led by militant homosexuals has declared false evidence, commonly called myths, as truth.

There are two major reasons why homosexual myths are propagated. One is the attempt to gain public tolerance and the other is to gain preferential treatment in governmental policy.

There are three commonly used myths. First, 10 percent of the population is homosexual. Second, homosexuals are normal, healthy, everyday people. Lastly, homosexuals cannot change to being heterosexual.

Myth number one — *10 percent of the population is homosexual.*

This figure has been used in all forms of pro-homosexual literature, educational curriculum and professional statistical evaluation ever since it was released in the famous Kinsey reports.

In their book *Kinsey, Sex, and Fraud*, Dr. Judith A. Reisman and Edward W. Eichel demonstrate the Kinsey percentage was actually an inflated statistic. One example they cite was the faulty method of research which led Kinsey to his conclusion.

"Kinsey's focus was on a sample group in which 20 to 25 percent had prison experience and 5 percent may have been male prostitutes." This is like trying to estimate the number of Americans who consume alcohol by conducting a survey in front of a bar during happy hour on Friday.

In addition, there is counterevidence from other studies suggesting the percentage of homosexuals in the United States to be around 1 to 3 percent. Researchers at the Battelle Human Affairs Research Center in Seattle discovered "2.3 percent of American men report having sex with another man and that 1.1 percent consider themselves exclusively homosexual."



Myth number two — *Homosexuals are normal, healthy, everyday people.*

We know by observation that the practices of smoking and drug abuse are harmful. The harmful effects are demonstrated to medical literature and in the shorter life spans of those who practice these behaviors.

Dr. Paul Cameron and colleagues conducted research on 6,714 obituaries from 16 homosexual journals from 1981-1993. Comparing their findings to the national averages for longevity, Dr. Cameron's research revealed some startling statistics. Less than 2 percent of homosexuals survived to age 65. Nationwide, the median age of death for homosexuals without AIDS was 42. For those with AIDS, the median age of death was 39.

In the United States, the median age of death for married heterosexual men and women is 77 and over 80 percent of the population dies at age 65 or older. Dr. Cameron's survey also found that lesbians surveyed had a median age of death of 45 and 23 percent survived to 65.

Myth number three: *Homosexuals cannot change to being heterosexual.*

Dr. Reuben Fine, director for the New York Center for Psychoanalytic Training, says in his 1987 writing *Psychoanalytic Theory, Male and Female Homosexuality: Psychological Approaches*: "It is paradoxical that even though politically active homosexual groups deny the possibility of change, all studies from Schrenck-Notzing-on have found positive effects, virtually regardless of the kind of treatment used — a considerable percentage of overt homosexuals became heterosexual."

Another noted figure of the pro-change position is Michael Johnston — he will be speaking at a rally and seminars March 7 and 8 in Phoenix. Johnston was an active homosexual for 11 years until he walked away from the homosexual culture and rejected his own homosexual identity in 1989. In 1986, he was infected with HIV, the virus causing AIDS. Michael now has full-blown AIDS. For information on the HOPE '97 rally and seminars or on how to contact Michael, please call 863-0945.

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Legal swamp makes Florida a perfect home for O.J.

If O.J. Simpson is really planning to leave California and move to Florida, the question many people ask is: why?

True, Florida has year-round sunshine, but so does Southern California.

Simpson is still a celebrity, possibly with greater name recognition than he's ever had. If celebrities like hanging around with other celebrities, California would have the edge, since it is richly endowed with those who get their mugs in *People* magazine.

On the other hand, some celebrities can be fussy about who they invite for dips in their pools.

Simpson, unmarried and a handsome cad, would probably find more willing lovelies in California, with its wealth of wannabe starlets. Although Florida has its share of tanned bikini beauties, it also has a surplus of blue hair and varicose veins.

The beaches would be a toss-up. California has a more thrilling surf, but Florida waters aren't as cold.

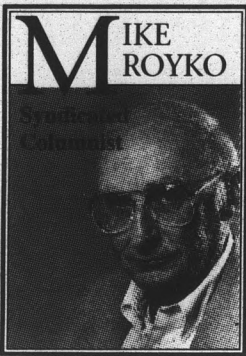
And for a golfer such as O.J., Florida might have the advantage because it offers far more resort and daily-fee courses, which he'll have to be content with unless he can find a private club that isn't fussy about notoriety.

It can't be that he is trying to escape a voracious West Coast media, because Florida's media can be just as shark-like. Just ask Gary Hart.

But the real reason Simpson is rumored to be planning a move is that he is not stupid, as he has proven to the Los Angeles law-enforcement community.

His probable motive for changing ZIP codes was summed up neatly in a recent editorial in the Tampa Tribune:

"Florida rolls out the red carpet for people running from



MIKE ROYKO

huge debts. It's a deadbeat's paradise.

"Florida has the most generous, unfair, corrupting bankruptcy laws in the nation. The advantages Simpson would enjoy here are obscene.

"For one thing, there is no limit on the value of one's 'homestead,' which is protected under state law. Simpson would be able to sell his Brentwood estate and use much of whatever money his lawyers have not collected to buy some palatial digs ... thus blocking efforts of the survivors of Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson to collect on his liability for those murders.

"... If he stays in California, creditors can garnish his wages. In Florida, the head of the household is exempt from garnishment.

"In Florida, Simpson can build a home worth millions of dollars on as much as 160 acres outside of town, or half an acre inside city limits and can stash millions of dollars in various forms of savings. He can possess other assets and sources of income worth a fortune and still declare himself legally insolvent."

The editorial then went on to fume about the injustice of it all and called on the Florida legislature to change the state's bankruptcy laws so they no longer "benefit the wealthy and the dishonest ... (and) allow people with huge debts to walk away from banks, businesses and individuals who lent them money or provided them with services."

It warned that unless something is done, "as a result of our state's eagerness to make itself a haven for reprobates, Florida could soon become an international disgrace for providing a legal shelter to allow Simpson to dodge his obligation to pay — at least monetarily — for his liability in the deaths of two people. It is now bad enough that Florida cheerfully accepts the ill-gotten gains of deadbeats and flim-flam artists. Now it is poised to help launder the bloodstains out of Simpson's fortune."

Florida, since its earliest days, has been a haven for all sorts of scoundrels, villains and reprobates.

The swamps and mangrove islands used to attract hordes of thieves, cutthroats and skull crackers who built shacks and hid from northern lawmen.

Even today, fishing guides like to point out the tails of abandoned small airplanes sticking out of shallow waters where pilots splashed down before unloading fortunes in drugs.

Speaking of fishing guides, there have been times when you have had a hard time hiring one in Florida — so busy were they with the more lucrative business of making runs to bring back a catch you could sniff, snort or mix in chocolate cookies.

As the late John D. McDonald enjoyed noting in his wonderful Travis McGee novels, if it could walk, talk, steal, swindle or connive, it probably ended up in Florida — maybe as a leading citizen.

So what are a few deadbeats and flim-flam artists, one way or another? For Florida to deny O.J. a chance to duck his legal responsibilities is for Florida to deny its colorful history.

One small and wealthy community has been in a civic tizzy because a rumor went around that O.J. was buying a \$2 million-plus mansion in its midst.

Since when have wealthy Floridians cared how a man made his bundle or what his character was, so long as he could afford a mansion?

When Al Capone got out of prison after being railroaded by the federal government, he retired to a lovely home in Miami. His neighbors didn't make a fuss about him — not if they valued their kneecaps.

For his part, O.J. indignantly says he is tired of hearing from Florida real estate agents for him to come to their part of the state and buy, buy, buy.

That shows that some Floridians haven't denied their heritage.

Mike Royko is a syndicated columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

Homogeneous world makes a boring place

There are so many different kinds of people in the world that it surprises me to think how discrimination is the basis of many people's beliefs. The

ill-tasting stereotypes spread rumors and harsh feelings about other human beings.

I can't imagine living in a non-multiracial/cultural/ethnic world, especially because my family is multiracial. On top of that, people also distinguish by disability, wealth and acquaintances. How is it that one person can feel they are better than another? Was there a name tag wrapped around their toe when they were born labeled "superior?" The mere idea is preposterous.

Every single individual on the earth has his or her place, holds his or her role and coheres to society. Everyone's social responsibility is to work with everyone else, creating an harmonious society — only capable with diversity.

I don't think any of us can comprehend a completely utopian environment, free of hate, war and poverty. But it is very hard to not comprehend the consequences of a hostile and unforgiving society.

We all know that more important than the outside beauty of an individu-



MICHELLE HARDT
Columnist

al is the inside beauty. Life would be pretty boring if no one ever had unique and individual personalities and characteristics. No matter where you come from or where you plan on going, if you can't see past the outside of anything — especially a person — then you most definitely will be void of any insight and interesting information the individual has to offer. It will also be difficult for you to understand yourself, with nothing to relate to or associate with. We are all children of God. We share this world and everything in it. No one has the right to limit anyone's capabilities.

I think it is not only important but necessary for us to celebrate and encourage everyone's differences. If we allow ourselves to expectations and limit our comfort zones only to what is familiar then we can never grow as a community, as a nation or as a world. We cannot confine ourselves into an understanding or acceptance of having little knowledge of those around us.

It is not too terribly hard to celebrate diversity; in fact, it is almost as effective as celebrating things we have in common. After all, without each individual role in society, we could not be a society — certainly not a successful or capable one. Maybe what we need is more types of communication, more willingness to explore and more faith in our brothers and sisters.

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UFO invasion scheduled to expose aliens on campus

This letter is written in response to the article on Feb. 28, titled "Thought Crime on Campus plans for UFO Awareness Week."

First off, I would like to share the mission statement of UFO Awareness Week as submitted to the Associated Students of ASU appropriations committee.

"Thought Crime on Campus will coordinate a week of UFO awareness to explore and examine emerging cultural perspectives regarding UFO phenomena and the possibility of extraterrestrial life. We will achieve this by first surveying the campus and its surroundings to identify popular beliefs. Then, during the UFO Awareness Week, we will present these diverse perspectives using on-campus installations, guest speakers, discussions, films and literature. We seek to present the ASU community with a culturally objective forum for popular discourse and reflection on the human condition."

Now it seems to me that Ryan Krostue's article about our group's event was written before he called us for an interview. He

indicated that he found out about our event while scanning through the ASASU budget, looking for anomalies.

Yes, it's true that we are receiving \$200 from ASASU to land a UFO on campus. Yes, it's true that we are talking about aliens. It is our right as students and our duty as thought criminals to creatively charge our learning environment with beautiful expressions and dangerous meanings. However, the pretense under which Krostue wrote the article can only begin to reveal the alien in our midst.

Thought Crime on Campus is issuing a call to action against this sort of apathy and alienation that our conservative campus is rife with. Get involved now; we need your help!

On April 21, we are landing a UFO on campus and you too can help expose the aliens among us. Visit our table on Cady Mall. Thank you and 23 skidoo.

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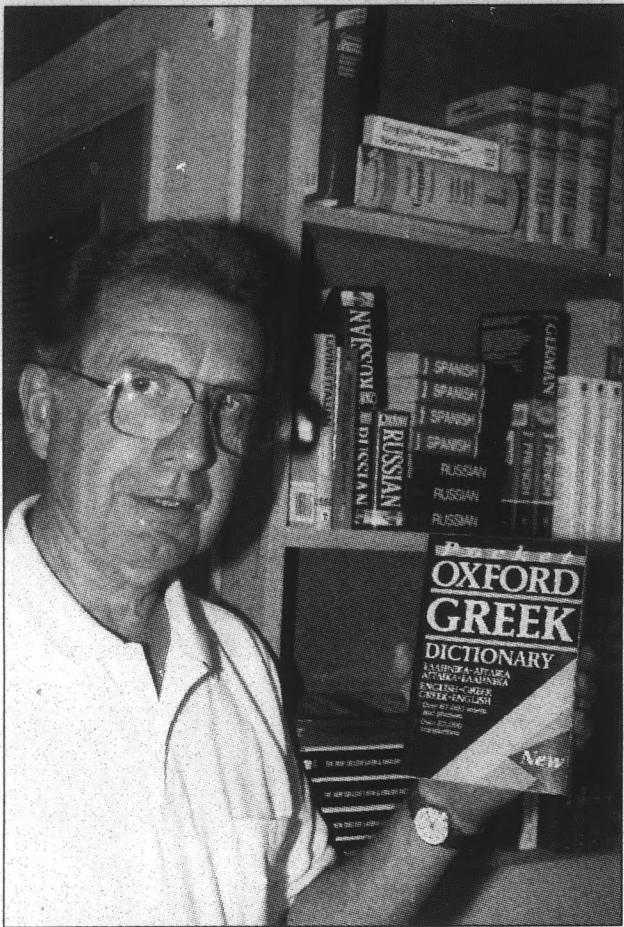
Recognition deserved for efforts

The story on Feb. 27 titled "Gardner says no to drugs, Ebonics, old laws" made no mention of the program or the people who brought Rep. Mike Gardner to ASU. I would like to thank Jason Walke, Robert Poe and Adrian Fontes for the hard work they put in week after week.

The MUAB Opinions Forum is a place where the University community can gather and discuss pertinent issues on a weekly basis. The format and guests are always in flux, providing a great variety of discussions and debates. These students and others like them work hard, as volunteers, to bring quality programming to ASU.

I do not expect them to be personally named every time they bring a sheriff or a state representative to campus. The Memorial Union was mentioned, but it is the Memorial Union Activities Board that produces this program.

Heather Rodriguez
President, Memorial Union Activities Board



Pat Shannah/ State Press

Bob Little, the manager of Varsity Book Exchange, says it is hard for a college bookstore to compete with the big guys like Barnes & Noble.

'Dual discounting' problem for some college bookstores

BY ROWE EDGELL
STATE PRESS

Across the country, college book publishers are under investigation by the National Association of College Stores for charging college bookstores more than general booksellers.

However, ASU campus bookstores said this is not a problem.

The NACS investigation found that some publishers give bookstores such as Barnes & Noble and Borders a 40 percent discount compared to a 20 percent discount some college bookstores get, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The is on trade publications and general interest books, which publishers discount greatly off the recommended list price to the regular bookstores.

But if the book is ordered in bulk by a college bookstore, because it is required for a class, some publishers only give a 20 percent discount.

NACS lawyers said this type of price fixing or "dual discounting" violates federal anti-trust laws, which forbid certain forms of price fixing.

ASU bookstore officials said they have no problem with the publishers or the price discounts they receive on trade publications.

Dawn Tunny, assistant manager of The College Store, said they get a 40 percent discount on all trade materials.

She feels they do not have a problem with publishers because they are getting the same discounts as most general bookstores.

Bob Little, the manager of Varsity Book Exchange, said it's hard for college bookstores to keep up with the competition.

"It's done on a by-volume basis," said Little. "The big outfits can buy quantity and get the prices. I'm sure they get 50 to 60 percent off the list price. We get about 30 to 40 percent discount."

"It is not fair to the little guy, but it's always been this way," he said.

Another college bookstore confirmed that local bookstores are not treated unfairly by publishers.

"I am not aware of two different discounts being offered," said Curtis Lamb, an employee in charge of textbooks at the Student Book Center. "Usually, our discount from the publisher is about 30-40 percent."

The NASC performed a national investigation of over 40 complaints of "dual discounting" when the number of complaints began to rise significantly.

Conference to address retention rate of American Indian college students

BY JENNIFER NETHERBY
STATE PRESS

The ASU American Indian Institute, along with about 300 educators, tribal leaders and students, will converge on the ASU campus to discuss how to increase the student retention rate among American Indian college students.

The 1997 Retention in Education for Today's American Indian Nations conference will be held in the Memorial Union, Saturday through Tuesday.

Cal Seciwa, ASU American Indian Institute director, said the forum will focus on programs around the country that improve retention among American Indian stu-

dents.

There are about 850 American Indian students currently enrolled at ASU, he said. Nationally, American Indian students have the highest turnover rate and the lowest graduation rate among all students.

Seciwa said part of the reason is the adjustment into mainstream life.

"The institution itself does not know how to deal with the learning styles of American Indians," he said.

Seciwa said a lack of faculty role models and different values also contribute to the dismal figures.

About 100 students are expected to attend the conference.

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Senate GOP closes issue on school finance plan

BY PAUL DAVENPORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Citing passage of the Republican leadership's school finance plan, Senate GOP leaders on Thursday brushed off a proposal in the House to revive a stalled statewide sales-tax increase for education.

"We believe we have produced a comprehensive solution to the problem, and we're happy with our bill," said Senate President Brenda Burns, R-Glendale. "As far as the Senate is concerned, the issue is closed."

Several House Republicans said earlier they had won a commitment from their leadership to allow the full House to debate on the sales-tax proposal in the next two weeks.

Supporters acknowledged they face an uphill fight but said a solid vote of approval by the House could pressure the Senate to consider the sales-tax measure, a resolution that calls for a statewide vote on the proposal.

"We will get the votes," said Rep. Mike Gardner, R-Tempe. "Assuming we get it out of the House, we'll start on the Senate."

Gardner was among many rank-and-file Republican representatives who voted Tuesday for the leadership's "Assistance to Build Classrooms" plan while bemoaning that it didn't meet long-term needs for educational funding.

The ABC plan is intended to satisfy a 1994 Arizona Supreme Court decision. It provides \$32.5 million in new annual state aid to poor districts and caps the ability of wealthy districts to raise funds for school construction and repair.

The 1994 ruling found that the Arizona

Constitution's mandate for a "general and uniform" public school system is violated by disparities resulting from the reliance on local property taxes. Those taxes repay districts' general-obligation bonds sold to pay for school construction and repairs.

The sales-tax proposal by Rep. Jeff Groscost, developed with Republican education Superintendent Lisa Graham Keegan, is intended to replace the current reliance on general-obligation bonds with a pay-as-you-go statewide system funded by a half-cent hike of the sales tax.

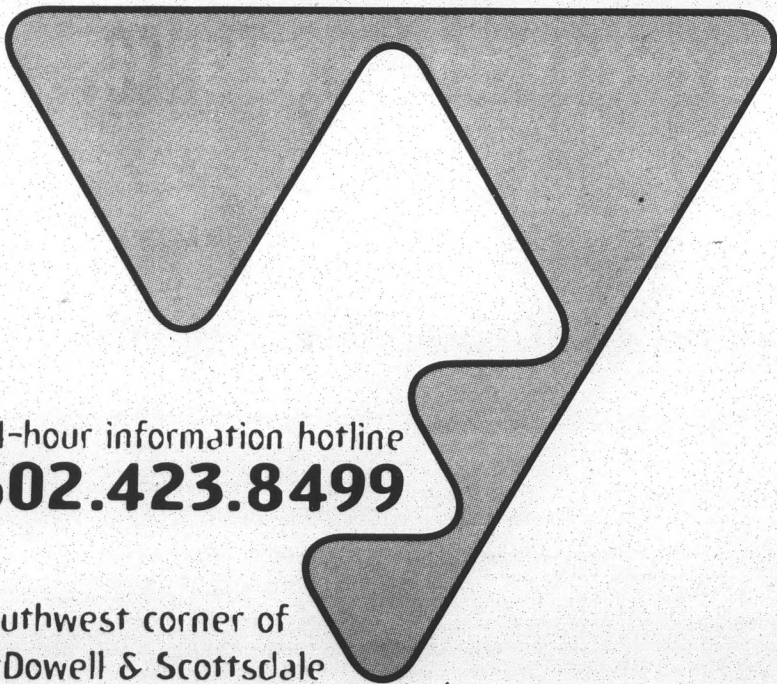
Under the latest version of the plan, the projected \$346 million in annual revenue would provide \$300 million in per-student aid to districts statewide and \$46 million set aside for poor and rapidly growing districts.

Groscost's proposal was one of several school finance plans approved by at least one legislative committee each before being set aside by leadership in favor of the ABC plan. That plan was drafted during several weeks of closed-door meetings with Gov. Fife Symington.

A major knock on the Groscost proposal as far as GOP senators and Symington are concerned is that it includes a tax increase. Also, said Sen. Marc Spitzer, the state should be cautious about eliminating the current financing system in favor of an untested one — allowing districts to raise money up front by selling revenue bonds that would be repaid through their annual allotments of per-student sales tax revenue.

Having the proposal as a resolution instead of a regular bill means that legislative passage would send it directly to the voters.

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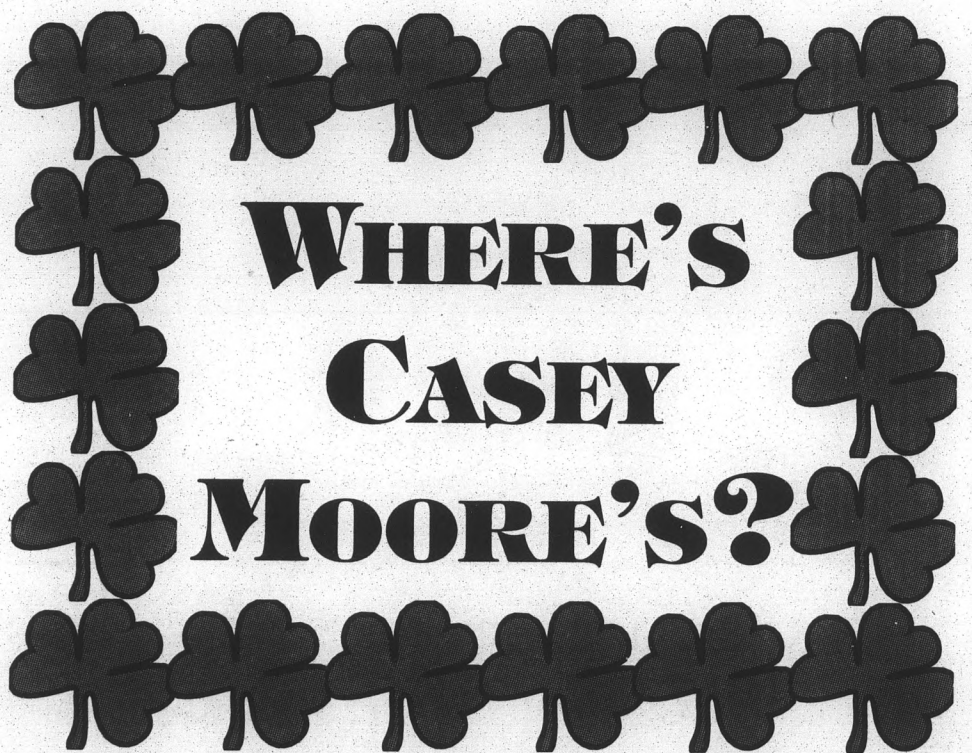
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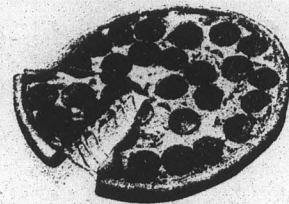
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Symington under fire in Pittsburgh bankruptcy court

(AP) — An attorney pressing a bankruptcy motion on behalf of Gov. Fife Symington found his client under fire from a judge in Pittsburgh's U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

At issue was the governor's request that the court penalize an attorney for Symington's creditors for allegedly having improperly disclosed information on Symington's finances to *The Arizona Republic*.

"I'm having a hard time seeing a violation," Judge Bruce McCullough said during a hearing Tuesday in Pittsburgh.

"My problem is, we've got a millionaire here who's pretending he's bankrupt," McCullough said. "He's spending all kinds of money here on this 'disclosure' — quote, unquote — and yet he's bankrupt."

The comments were recorded on tape, a copy of which the *Republic* obtained on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, attorneys representing Symington in a federal fraud indictment argued the government shouldn't be allowed to file sealed documents the contents of which weren't disclosed to the defense.

In a motion filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court, attorney John Dowd asked that the government be required to obtain the court's approval for sealing any such documents and that they also be made available to the defense when they are filed with the court.

Content of the material in question was unavailable. Symington faces trial May 13 on 23 counts accusing him of giving false information to lenders about his financial condition, exaggerating his financial health when seeking new loans and understating it when trying to renegotiate outstanding loans for better deals.

The Bankruptcy Court motion argued by Symington attorney Robert Shull was prompted by a Jan. 15 *Republic* report saying creditors attorney Michael Manning estimated Symington would receive \$2.2 million to \$2.5 million from a family trust.

Shull's motion contended that Manning, who represents union pension funds that have sued Symington for fraud in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Phoenix, violated McCullough's 1996 gag order by talking to the *Republic* about

Symington's likely inheritance.

The pension funds' suit seeks to block discharge of Symington's \$12 million debt to the funds on grounds that Symington deceived the funds in order to get a 1990 real-estate loan.

McCullough issued the 1996 silence order at the request of Symington's sisters, who sought to shield their personal financial affairs from the news media after Symington filed for personal bankruptcy in 1995.

Symington and his sisters have been designated equal beneficiaries in a family trust administered by Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh. Shull said the *Republic's* figures were "remarkably close."

Manning's lawyer, Jeffrey Goulder, contended the figures cited by the *Republic* could be extrapolated from publicly available documents. He told McCullough the Symington effort to penalize Manning was "a ploy to prevent us from responding to legitimate press inquiries."

McCullough continually challenged Shull as to why the penalty motion had been filed.

Arizona couple charged with ransoming beloved dogs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Federal authorities say a financially desperate couple kidnapped two dogs and demanded \$45,000 in ransom money from the grief-stricken owners.

Edward and Sandra Cohen of Fountain Hills were indicted Wednesday in Philadelphia on extortion charges that could land them in jail for up to 25 years, said Philadelphia Assistant U.S. Attorney Anita Eve.

The Cohens were charged with conspiracy to interfere with commerce by extortion, interstate travel in aid of extortion and aiding and abetting.

According to the indictment, the Cohens stole two dogs owned by Leonard and Lauren Linsker in April 1996 as part of a three-year dispute about the sale of the Cohens' house in Haverford, Pa.

On April 4, 1996, the Linskens dogs, Teddy and Bear, were

taken by the Cohens to their new home in Arizona, the indictment said. Soon after, Edward Cohen demanded the Linskens wire-transfer \$30,000 to a Phoenix bank account and hand-deliver \$15,000 in cash to Sandra Cohen in Philadelphia.

The Linskens alerted FBI investigators, who helped with the money exchange. The next day, the dogs were returned, unharmed, in Philadelphia.



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Glendale police officer shoots armed woman

GLENDAL (AP) — A Glendale police officer shot and killed a Phoenix woman who brandished a gun during a traffic stop early Thursday, authorities said.

Patricia Coburn, 31, was a passenger in the vehicle that was stopped for speeding shortly after 1 a.m., said Glendale police spokesman Matthew Brown.

The driver began struggling with Officer David Madeya and then yelled for Coburn to help him, Brown said. Coburn got out and came at Madeya with a handgun, at which point Madeya shot her at least once in the chest, Brown said.

The driver, 40-year-old Dennis Camion, was subdued and arrested. He was searched and found to be carrying a gun and a bag of marijuana, Brown said.

A search of the vehicle turned up numerous weapons and some drugs, Brown said.

The incident shut down part of Bell Road for several hours.

Camion was wanted for violating parole and was released from prison six months ago after serving 16 years for a second-degree murder conviction.

POLICE REPORT

ASU police reported the following incidents Thursday:

- A female student was contacted at Physical Education East, where she had sustained an injury. She was transported to the Student Health Center.
- A male student reported that someone unlawfully entered his vehicle while parked in Area 40 and attempted to remove the in-dash stereo.
- A male employee reported that someone unlawfully entered Sun Devil Stadium and removed money from the vending machines in the ladies bathroom.
- A female student reported that she lost two keys belonging to the University.
- A male student reported someone

removed a shoulder bag and contents from Ocotillo Hall.

• A male reported that someone removed his bicycle from Physical Science H-wing, where it was locked up.

• A female not affiliated with the University was contacted at the Memorial Union, where she had sustained an injury. She refused further treatment.

Tempe police reported the following incidents Thursday:

- A 52-year-old male was arrested on charges of aggravated assault after he allegedly pointed a loaded .45 caliber gun at a victim during a verbal argument.
- A 30-year-old male was arrested Monday by Phoenix police at Central

Avenue and Corona Avenue on charges of armed robbery. Police said the man is a female impersonator who allegedly robbed the Smith's store at 3255 S. Rural Road on Feb. 7, the Bank of America at 3232 S. Mill Ave. and the Bank of America at 5100 S. McClintock Drive. The suspect was charged with the Tempe armed robberies, as well as the robbery of a Phoenix bank. Police said the man is an ex-convict of armed robbery and will be prosecuted as a repeat offender. The suspect denied involvement in the robberies and wouldn't give up the identity of his partner/driver in the incidents, police said.

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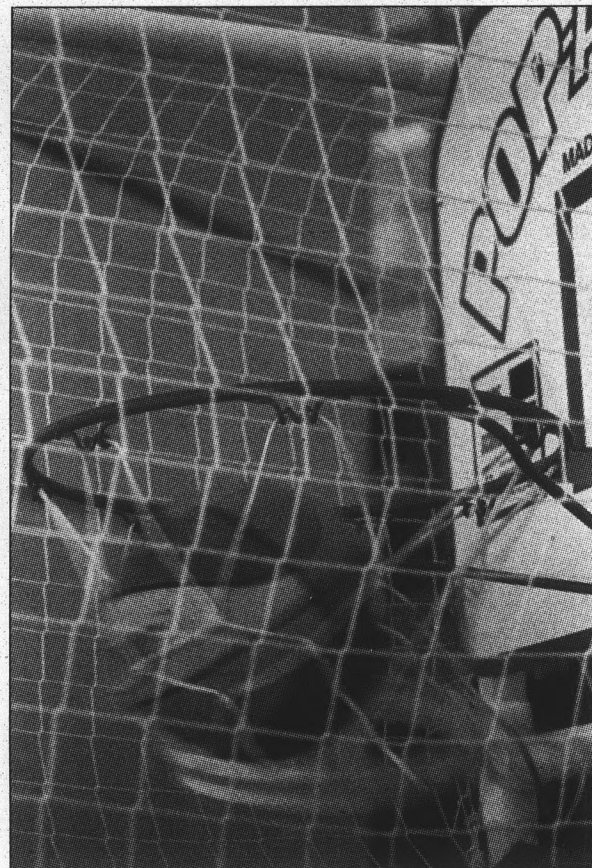
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Jason Zuffranieri, a chemical engineering major, shoots baskets to enter a drawing to win an arcade style hoop-shooting machine. The ongoing contest was held outside the Student Recreation Center Thursday.

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Legislature passes measure restricting drug prisoner releases

BY PAUL DAVENPORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new state law enacted in reaction to voter-approved Proposition 200 allows a state board to refuse to grant early releases to imprisoned drug traffickers and other prisoners deemed to be dangerous.

Gov. Fife Symington signed the bill (HB2475) into law Thursday, hours after the Senate passed it 27-0 as an emergency measure that took effect immediately. The House passed the measure 46-10 on Feb. 25.

Provisions of Proposition 200, approved 2-to-1 last November, include requiring release from prison to parole or

community supervision of nonviolent prisoners convicted of personal possession or use of a controlled substance.

The proposition included some restrictions on which prisoners would have to be released, and the bill signed Thursday gives the state Board of Executive Clemency sole discretion to decide whether prisoners should be released.

One of the bill's sponsors, Sen. John Kaites, R-Glendale, said the bill allows the board to "take into consideration the danger that those inmates would pose to the public if they were released and then to be able to reject those that they feel would be a danger."

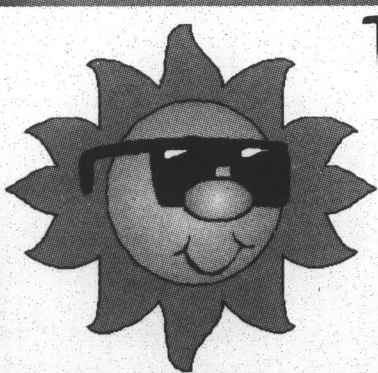
Also, allowing the board discretion in deciding whether to

release prisoners protects taxpayers from lawsuits over rejected requests for release, Kaites said.

"Our whole approach to Proposition 200 is to respect the will of the people and to implement Proposition 200 in a reasonable and rational way that doesn't put a thousand dangerous criminals on the streets of Arizona," Kaites said.

A spokesman for supporters of Proposition 200 decried the bill as unnecessary and a flouting of the voters' intent to free up as much prison space as possible for violent offenders.

"We thought that the more people the board could look at, the better it was because there was a safety net there," said Sam Vegenas, coordinator of Arizonans for Drug Policy Reform.



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Clinton turns up pressure for standardized school exams

By RON FOURNIER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANSING, Mich. — President Clinton turned up the pressure for standardized school exams Thursday with a promise to create a climate in which "no one can say no" to testing the nation's schoolchildren.

Addressing state lawmakers as the guest of Republican Gov. John Engler, the president also called for a bipartisan approach to education reform in Michigan and Washington.

"We have to forge a new partnership for a new time," the president declared.

Clinton's one-day trip did little to deflect attention from his mounting fund-raising troubles, coming on the heels of the revelation that Hillary Rodham Clinton's top aide accepted a campaign check from a donor in the White House. Aides wondered privately why Maggie Williams didn't simply send the donor to the Democratic National Committee.

When asked aboard Air Force One about the fund-raising problem, Clinton answered reporters by saying, "Tomorrow."

He has a news conference scheduled for Friday.

"I'm doing great," he said, and added he doesn't feel his message was obscured by the controversies surrounding him. "I thought my message got through fine. They got it," the president said.

Engler, a rising GOP star due to his welfare and anti-tax initiatives, warmly greeted Clinton after the president entered the House chamber to loud applause and offered an exaggerated bow to Engler's wife, Michelle.

"Your visit is a significant event because we are focused on a significant challenge: improving the education of all our children," Engler said.

The governor, who made Bob Dole's short list of possible vice presidential candidates, endorsed Clinton's call for education standards and testing.

"Michigan accepts your challenge," Engler declared.

Clinton wants states to establish one set of performance standards and tests that measure students' ability to compete in the world. He wants to focus on fourth-graders in

reading and eight-graders in math.

Apprehensive that mandatory testing would cause a political uproar, Clinton decided last year to use the influence of his office to urge voluntary compliance. He stepped up the pressure Thursday.

"I want to create a climate in which no one can say no, and which is voluntary but you are ashamed if you don't give your kids their chance to do this," he said.

Speaking to critics who worry that the poorest and lowest of students would be held back by standardized testing, Clinton said: "Sometimes out of the goodness of our heart, we exercise our compassion by expecting less of them, and we are selling their future right down the drain every day."

Clinton repeatedly thumped his fist on the podium as he delivered his most emotional address to date on the topic. "Our schools are still turning out millions of young people who simply are not equipped for the new world of work," he said.

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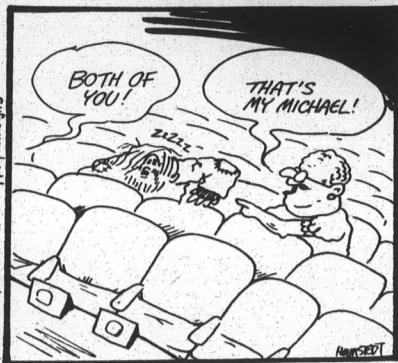
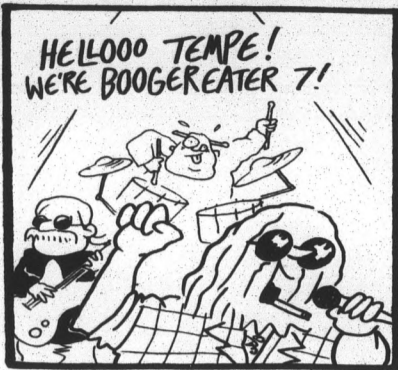
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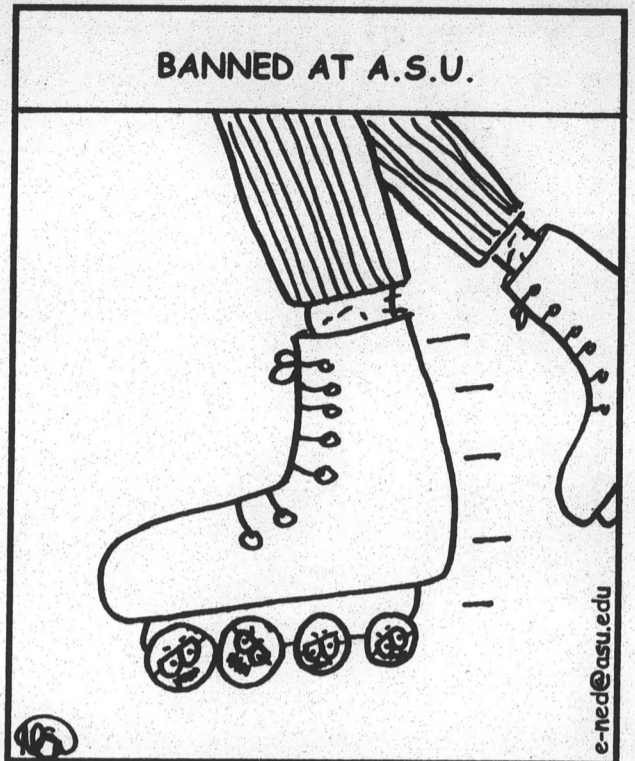
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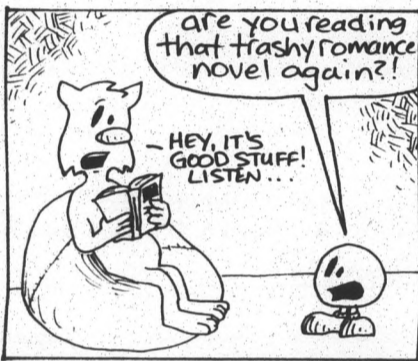
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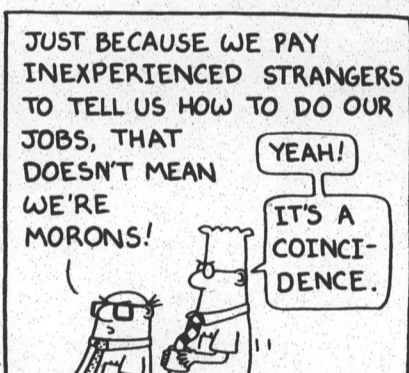
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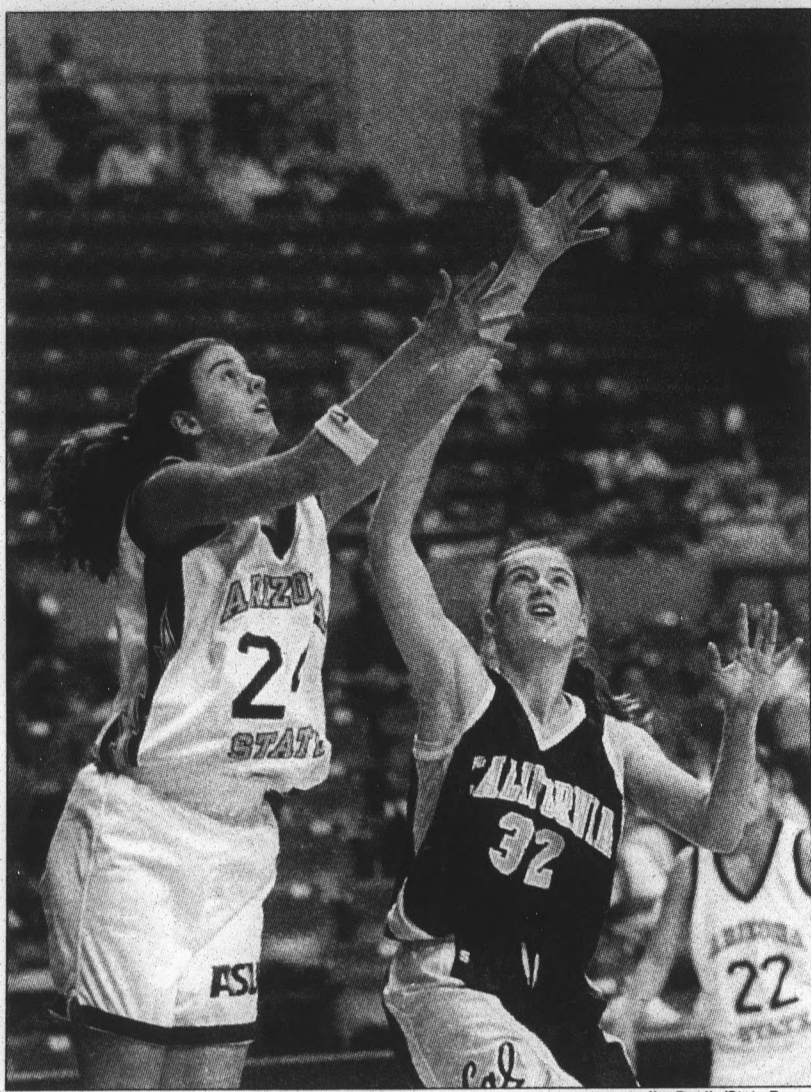
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ASU forward Molly Tuter lobbies for a rebound over California's Patrycja Czepiec. The Sun Devils beat Cal 65-54 Thursday night to secure ninth place in the Pac-10.

Women's hoops avoids dungeon with triumph

BY PERCY EDNALINO JR.
STATE PRESS

The ASU women's basketball team can now look forward to knowing that it isn't the worst team in the Pac-10. The Sun Devils beat California 65-54 Thursday night at the University Activity Center.

The win guaranteed ASU would not finish in last place in the conference.

ASU head coach Charli Turner Thorne said to reporters after the win that she wished it was the second week of January instead of the second week of March.

She was joking, of course. Or was she?

"We're just starting to figure some things out," she said.

And how. Four of ASU's players finished the night in double figures. ASU also shot 44.4 percent from the field and managed to hit 61.5 percent from the free throw line.

ASU center Rachel Holt scored a career-high 16 points and chipped in five rebounds. Holt, who has been nagged by an injury to her right knee all season and still wears a brace to protect it, was ASU's hot shooter from the field. Holt connected on all seven of her attempts from the field.

Senior Molly Tuter scored a team-high 17 points while forward Melissa Boyle chipped in 12 points and five rebounds on 5-of-6 shooting from the field. Junior point guard Rameeka Lowe scored 10 points, but dished out a team-

high five assists.

The Golden Bears were led by a game-high 28-point effort from center Jennie Leander. Leander also lead all players with 19 rebounds and three steals. Forward Patrycja Czepiec chipped in 10 points and six rebounds.

The Sun Devils (9-18, 3-14 Pac-10) are currently in ninth place in the conference with Cal (6-20, 2-15) in last place. ASU rounds out its season on Saturday against No. 3 Stanford while the Golden Bears finish their season on the road at UofA.

ASU broke open the first half by going on a 27-17 run in the half. The Sun Devils used a full-court press effectively, forcing the Golden Bears to connect on 11 of 26 attempts from the field. ASU led by eight point as the first half ended and were paced by Tuter's 10-point effort.

Turner Thorne said that using the press on defense at the start of the game was a unanimous decision by the players.

"We had a lot of tape on Cal and we saw that they had not really been pressed (this season)," Turner Thorne said. "Any time you have a team that really wants to do something and believes in it, it's good. We know we believe in our half-court defense. But that (the full-court press) was a little bit fun."

Leander scored a game-high 15 points and pulled down six rebounds in the first half. As a team, the Golden Bears turned the ball over 17 times. ASU gave up the ball just 11 times.

Women's golf starts tourney

BY MATT PAULSON
STATE PRESS

The ASU women's golf team will take its third-place ranking and the country's seventh best player to the San Jose State Invitational this weekend.

The tournament runs today through Sunday at the Ford Ord Golf Course in Monterey, Calif.. The Sun Devils will compete against 14 other teams including top ranked UofA and No. 2 Stanford.

Despite finishing second and third in its last two tournaments, the ASU women's golf team dropped one spot to No. 3 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings, which came out Feb. 26. Junior Kellee Booth, however, moved up three slots from No. 10 in the individual rankings.

Booth, who has a team-best stroke average of 76.50, said she does not pay attention to the rankings.

"I don't really take the rankings that seriously," Booth said.

The Sun Devils will be counting on Booth and junior Jeanne-Marie Busuttill, who moved up from No. 27 to No. 20 in the rankings, to lead the way, but sophomore Jody Niemann might have the best chance of placing first individually.

Niemann is the only Sun Devil to improve her finish at each of ASU's five tournaments. The only way for her to continue that trend is to post a top three finish this weekend. Niemann finished fourth at the Sun Devils' last tournament, the UCLA Bruin Classic. Previously she finished 10th, 12th, 17th and 32nd.

Other participating teams include California, Duke, Kentucky, Oklahoma State, Pepperdine, San Jose State, Texas Christian, Tennessee, Texas A&M, Tulsa, USC, University of San Francisco and UCLA.

Sun Devils take on Golden Bears, Cardinal

BY JOSH DEFAMIO
STATE PRESS

Familiar faces in different places loom for the ASU softball team.

The No. 8 Sun Devils (11-3, 3-1 Pac-10) host weekend conference games against 12th-ranked California (10-7, 2-2) and Stanford (10-11, 0-4), two teams they faced in doubleheaders on the road last weekend.

After losing the first game against Cal last week, ASU rebounded to win the next three, one from Cal and both from Stanford. Assistant coach Ann Pederson is hoping that trend continues this weekend.

"Even though we did beat Stanford and we did beat Cal," Pederson said. "We can't take either team lightly. They're really capable teams and I think they are capable of beating anybody."

One thing that probably won't change this weekend is the batting order. Head coach Linda Wells inserted outfielder Stacey Slick into the leadoff spot after senior Tammy Lohmann was injured during the first game. With Slick in the top spot and All-American Lisa Dacquisto bumped from leadoff down to the third spot, the Sun Devils swept the next three games.

"I'll hit wherever she puts me," Slick said of the change. "The only real difference is that I usually get one

more at bat per game. But I've led off innings enough in the ninth spot, so there really is no big difference."

Stanford features a capable pitching duo. Sophomores Becky Blevins and Marcy Crouch have combined for all ten Cardinal wins. Crouch also leads the team in batting average (.339).

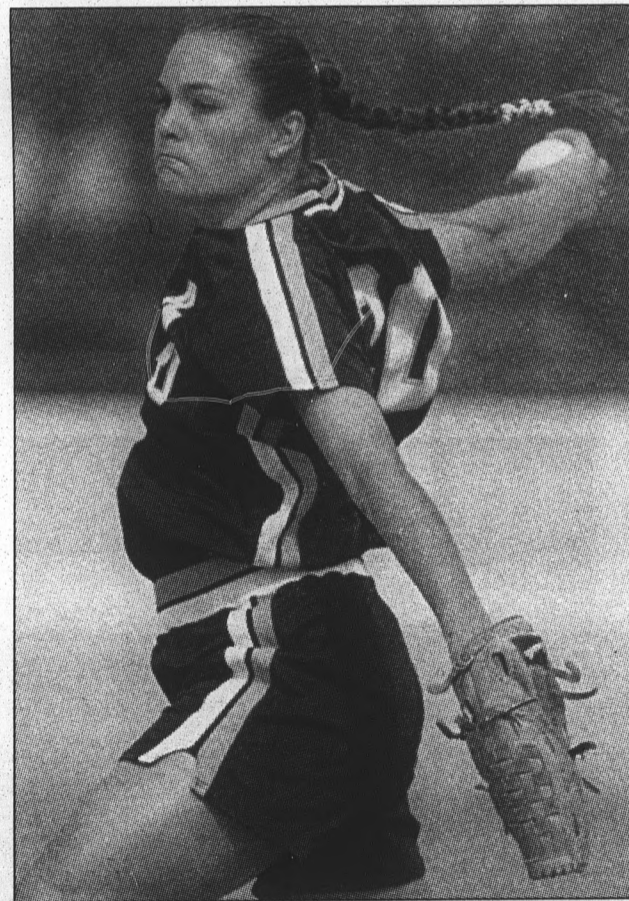
Cal's lineup features junior Jenny Ackley, a former All-American. Ackley leads the team in batting (.490), hits (20), and total bases (30).

The weekend kicks off with the Stanford games at 1 p. m. on Saturday. ASU plays the Golden Bears on Sunday, also at 1 p.m. Both games will be held at Sun Devil Club Stadium.

Notes

•Senior Carrie Breedlove, slated to start one of the Stanford games on Saturday, takes a perfect 5-0 record into the contest. Breedlove leads the team with a 2.57 ERA and has walked only four batters per seven innings, good enough for fourth in the conference.

•The Sun Devils are quickly rising through the rankings. After beginning the season ranked 25th, ASU now sits at the eighth spot. However, the team is still fourth in the Pac-10, behind conference powerhouses Arizona, UCLA and Washington, each of which ranks in the top five.



Senior Carrie Breedlove and the Sun Devil softball team host doubleheaders against Stanford and Cal this weekend.

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- **Men's basketball @ Stanford**
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Men's tennis hosts rematches with UCLA and USC

BY JOHN SHEEHY
STATE PRESS

The ASU men's tennis team will be out for revenge this weekend when it takes on conference rivals UCLA and USC.

Three weeks ago, ASU (8-4, 0-2 Six-Pac) traveled to Southern California riding a four-match winning streak. The Sun Devils had visions of upsetting the second-ranked Bruins and the 21st-ranked Trojans. ASU played well in both of the matches, but came out on the short end of a 5-2 deci-

sion each time.

Now it is time for the Bruins and Trojans to come and play in the friendly confines of ASU's Whiteman Tennis Center, where the Sun Devils have dropped only one conference match all season.

The host Sun Devils defeated Virginia Tech on Monday and Michigan on Wednesday.

"We are playing with a lot of confidence right now," Sun Devil Miles Rogers said. "The two wins earlier this week will hopefully give us a little momentum going

into the weekend."

Senior Sergio Elias played well against USC earlier in the year. He beat their No. 1 player George Bastle in three sets 6-4, 1-6, 6-4. Against UCLA, Elias and doubles partner Ed Carter defeated Kevin Kim and Eric Lin 8-4. Kim and Lin were the second-ranked doubles team in the region at the time.

"I am playing to win," Elias said of this weekend's matches. "I have seen a lot of good teams in my four years here, and this is a good team."

Tim Hammond beat both

UCLA's and USC's No. 5 players in singles. He looks to repeat that performance this weekend.

Gustavo Marcaccio was injured the last time ASU hooked up with UCLA and USC. He fractured his hand against Oregon one week prior to those matches. Since his comeback from the injury, Marcaccio is 1-1 in singles.

Head coach Lou Belken's squad has a formidable task ahead. USC and UCLA are both highly ranked nationally and the Pac-Six is the best conference in the country.

"The Six-Pac has great players, great institutions and great coaches," Belken said. "Someone from the conference has went on to win the National Championship 39 out of the last 42 years."

ASU hosts UCLA on Friday at 1:30 p.m. and USC on Saturday at noon. After that, the Sun Devils will travel to take on Northern California rivals Stanford and Cal. Then they will come back home to host those same two teams and Arizona, before ending the regular season on the road against UofA.

No. 11 Sun Devils baseball squad hosts No. 6 Stanford

BY PERCY EDNALINO JR.
STATE PRESS

Finally, after weeks of traveling on the road to play teams ranked in the top 10, the ASU baseball team gets to host a ranked team.

The No. 11 Sun Devils take on No. 6 Stanford tonight at 7 for the first of a three-game homestand at Packard Stadium.

ASU (14-8, 2-4 Pac-10) is coming off a huge 28-4 win over Eastern Michigan in last weekend's Fiesta Bowl Diamond Classic. The Cardinal (16-6, 3-0) also are coming off a big win against USC. Stanford beat the Trojans 22-13 and swept USC 3-0 at Stanford's Sunken Diamond Field.

Stanford is led by pitcher Kyle Peterson (3-1, 3.30 ERA). Peterson has struck out a team-high 66 batters and walked just six. Righthanded pitcher Chad Hutchinson, Sunday's starter, also is the quarterback for the Cardinal football team. Hutchinson (1-0, 7.27) has 30 strikeouts in 26 innings pitched.

ASU coach Pat Murphy said Stanford's pitching is going to be a key factor this weekend.

"Their pitching is outstanding," Murphy said. "They've got quality pitching and they swept USC, which is something that hasn't been done since we did it in 1994. In my mind, it's a potent pitching staff."

Murphy also said shutting down Joe Kilburg and Jody Gerut on offense will be important. Kilburg is hitting .424 with 32 runs scored while Gerut is hitting at a .421 clip with 34 RBI.

The Sun Devils are led offensively by third baseman Andrew Beinbrink. Beinbrink is hitting at a .351 clip with three home runs, six doubles and a team-high 27 RBI. First baseman Mike Grijalva is on a 10-game hitting streak and is hitting at .403 with three home runs and 19 RBI. Left fielder Dan McKinley leads the Sun Devils with six home runs and is batting .385.

"They're going to use a lot of hit-and-runs," closer Ryan Bradley said. "They've got a lot of young arms. They've

got nothing to lose. They're just going to come in here and try and play as hard as they can."

Bradley also said knowing the Cardinal have swept the Trojans is not intimidating. Bradley leads the team with four saves and is second with 32 strikeouts.

"You never know what's going to happen in the Six-Pac," he said. "One week, someone will be playing really good, then the next week, somebody's playing really bad."

ASU pitcher Ryan Mills, Saturday's starter, agreed.


"It's going to be a good series," Mills said. "We're play-

ing a lot better going into this series and I think that will help us out a lot. They've got a good pitching staff and they always have a good team."


"If we do our jobs, it should be a low-scoring game. Whoever does the little things is going to win."

Lately, ASU has been doing just that. In their last five games, the Sun Devils have outscored their opponents by a 74-27 margin. Mills said the five-game streak has helped the team going into tonight's matchup.

"We have a little more confidence, knowing we can play with these guys," Mills said. "We definitely know that."



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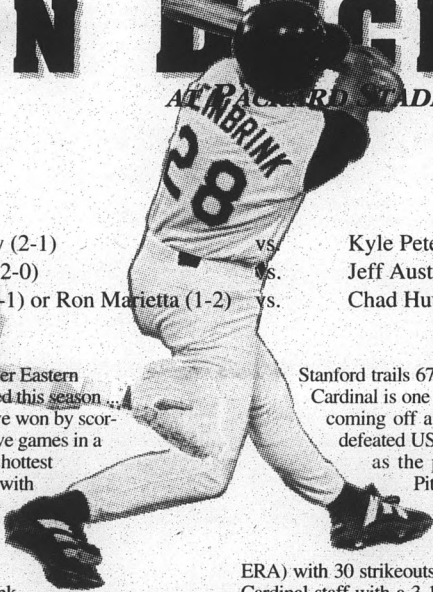


No. 11 ASU (14-8, 2-4 Pac-10)

ON THE MOUND

Probable starters for this weekend's series

Tonight	7 p.m.	Phill Lowery (2-1)	vs.	Kyle Peterson (3-1)
Sat.	1 p.m.	Ryan Mills (2-0)	vs.	Jeff Austin (2-1)
Sun.	1 p.m.	Ben Byrd (3-1) or Ron Marietta (1-2)	vs.	Chad Hutchinson (1-0)



No. 6 Stanford (15-6, 3-0)

SUN DEVILS UPDATE

The Sun Devils are coming off a huge 28-4 win over Eastern Michigan. The 28 runs are the most ASU has scored this season ... In three of their last five games, the Sun Devils have won by scoring 10 or more runs ... ASU also has won its last five games in a row ... Sophomore Ryan Mills has been the team's hottest pitcher. The lefthander leads the team in strikeouts with 45 and boasts a 1.27 ERA ... Left fielder Dan McKinley leads the team with six home runs and has a team-high 11 stolen bases. McKinley, who is hitting at a .385 clip, also has seven doubles and 19 RBI to his credit ... Third baseman Andrew Beinbrink lead all hitters with 27 RBI and three triples. He also leads the team in walks with 21 ... Beinbrink is hitting .351.

Andrew Beinbrink

CARDINAL UPDATE

Stanford trails 67-61 in the all-time series against ASU ... The Cardinal is one of the hottest teams in the Six-Pac right now, coming off a three-game sweep of No. 7 USC. Stanford defeated USC 22-13 Sunday ... The Cardinal was chosen as the preseason No. 1 by *Baseball America* ... Pitcher Chad Hutchinson, who was a 1995 first-round pick of the Atlanta Braves, also is the quarterback for the football team. Hutchinson has posted a 1-0 record (7.27 ERA) with 30 strikeouts ... Kyle Peterson, however, is the ace of the Cardinal staff with a 3-1 record (3.30 ERA) and 55 strikeouts ... Joe Kilburg and Jody Gerut lead the Cardinal in hitting. Kilburg is hitting at .424 with 32 runs scored while Gerut is pacing the team with 34 RBI and a .421 average.

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Sanchez defends freestyle crown

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ASU sophomore All-American Francisco Sanchez defended his title in the 50-yard freestyle event Thursday night at the Pac-10 Men's Swimming Championships in Long Beach, Calif.

Sanchez, who was a 1996 Olympic finalist in the 50-meter freestyle, placed first in 19.80 seconds at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool. ASU senior Felipe Delgado, a three-time All-American, finished third (20.00). ASU sophomore Craig Hutchison placed 10th in the consolation final at 20.46.

The No. 10 Sun Devils are in fourth place after the first day of competition.

Surprisingly, Stanford is not leading the championships. The Cardinal have won an unbelievable 15 straight Pac-10 titles, but are in second place with 282 points.

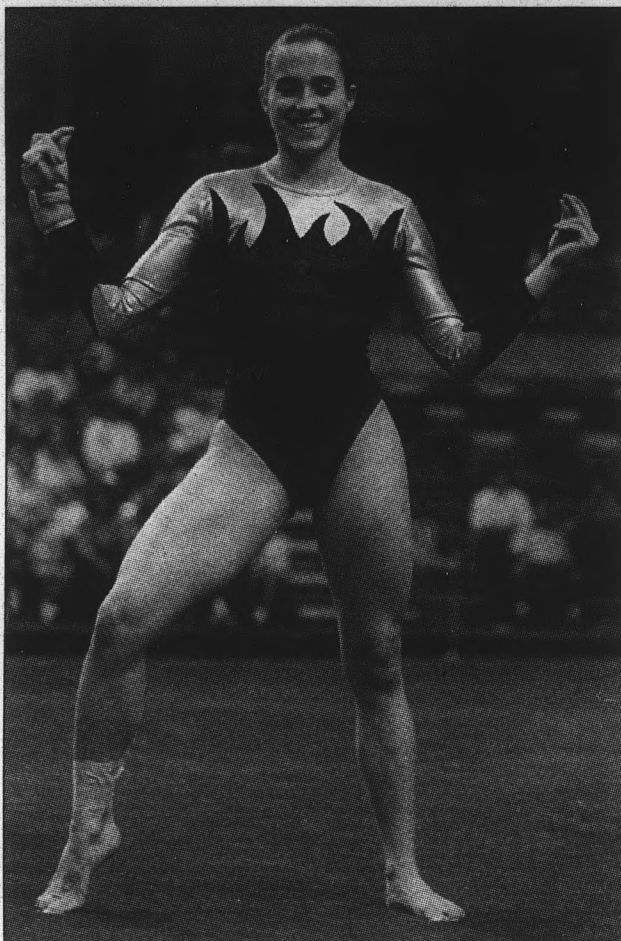
Archrival UofA is first with 301, followed by Stanford, USC with 270, ASU with 242, California with 128 and Washington with 45.

ASU's 200 freestyle relay team (Sanchez, Delgado, Craig Hutchison and Mike Mullen) won the 200 freestyle relay in 1-minute, 18.75 seconds. Stanford was second (1:18.89) and USC was third (1:20.52).

ASU senior Nelson Vargas placed 11th in the 200 freestyle (1:50.25). USC dominated the 500 freestyle event, with seven of the eight top finishers being Trojans. Bela Szabados won the race in 4:20.25.

Vargas also was the Sun Devils' top finisher in the 200 individual medley, placing in 1:50.52. Stanford's Tom Wilkens won the race in 1:46.99. Wilkens was also the winner in the 200 freestyle in 1:47.44.

'Important' meet next for gymnasts



Freshman Elizabeth McNabb and the rest of the No. 5 women's gymnastics team head north to Boise State for an important road meet on Saturday.

BY RANDY JONES
STATE PRESS

The No. 5 ranked ASU women's gymnastics team heads north to Boise, Idaho Saturday for a match head coach John Spini tagged "very important."

"We want to come up and be stronger as a team than we have been this whole season," he said. "I would almost say this meet is more important to me than Pac-10s."

The reason for the added emphasis for a late-season meet against the No. 25 team in the country?

That's an easy question to answer — last week's upsetting loss to UofA.

"I think I'd like to see their (the team's) mental attitude and how they come back after the situation with UofA," Spini said.

ASU won three of four events versus the Wildcats, but a season-low score of 47.1 on the uneven bars doomed the Sun Devils from the start. UofA eventually won the meet by a mere .425 point, after leading by over two after the first event.

Spini said he believes the bars team, ranked No. 7 in the nation, will have little problem returning to form.

"I think the bars team is the same as always," he said. "We need to keep bars as an event we really like to do, instead of something we really have to do. I think that's why we've been so good at it. We've made some record-highs this season as a team. So we actually enjoy doing it."

A big plus for the meet will be the return of Kim Keever. The junior had been out since early in the season with an ankle injury. Spini said she will probably compete, most likely on bars or the balance beam.

Spini said the team seems to be riding the normal ups-and-downs which come with college athletics.

"Every season you have these valleys and hills," he said. "I think we are coming out of a valley and going back up the hill right now. Boise's going to be the top of (another) hill."

Tennis team travels toward two tough, taxing tilts



Junior Stephanie Lansdorp and the ASU women's tennis team travel to Southern California to take on UCLA and USC this weekend.

BY LORI HARO
STATE PRESS

After smearing the Ducks all over the courts in its 9-0 rout of Oregon Monday, the 11th-ranked ASU women's tennis team (6-1 overall, 3-1 Pac-10 South) will get a bigger test as it heads to Southern California for rematches against USC Friday at 1:30 and UCLA Saturday at noon.

The host Sun Devils defeated UCLA 5-4 on Feb. 14 and USC 6-3 on Feb. 15.

"I think we'll just see what happens," ASU head coach Sheila McInerney said. "We're playing on the road hopefully we'll be excited. We had two tough matches last time, but if we play well I think we'll do okay."

Against UCLA the Sun Devils battled in their singles matches, winning four of six matches, but three went to three sets. The bright spot in that match was ASU's top-seed Reka Cseresnyes' match. Cseresnyes knocked off the then No. 6-ranked Bruin Katie Kocsis, 7-6, 2-6, 6-0. Cseresnyes was ranked 18th then and now is No. 15. Kocsis is now No. 14.

The top doubles team of Stephanie

Lansdorp and Katy Propstra clinched the win for the Sun Devils when they beat UCLA's Elizabeth Schmidt and Katia Roubanova 9-7.

In the USC match, all the players had to step up a seed since Cseresnyes did not play. Lansdorp, Propstra, Anna Moll, Kerry Giardino and Torey Pratt each won their matches in straight sets. The Sun Devils also won two out of three doubles matches.

"I think we'll do well this weekend, but we can't think about how we did last time," Nash said. "We just have to think of it as another match."

McInerney does not expect either team to be easy to beat the second time around. USC's lineup is sure to be different. The Trojans signed a new player from South Africa whom the NCAA just cleared to play. McInerney expects her to be good.

"All the matches will be different now that Reka's in. We'll probably playing a totally different match tomorrow when we play USC," McInerney said. "You just got to go out there and compete. Those matches could have gone either way last time."

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Quarterbacks could go head to head during series

BY PERCY EDNALINO JR.
STATE PRESS

When the Sun Devils take the field against Stanford on Sunday, you could be treated to a pitching matchup between two Pac-10 quarterbacks.

Huh?

You read correctly, *quarterbacks*.

Cardinal pitcher Chad Hutchinson (1-0, 7.27 ERA) will be the scheduled starter for Sunday, while ASU head coach Pat Murphy remains tight-lipped to reporters as to who will start for ASU.

"I ain't telling you," Murphy said with a smile. "Everybody wants to know that question. I don't know yet. It will be (Ben) Byrd, (Ron) Marietta or question mark."

Though either Byrd or Marietta is likely to get the nod, one possibility for Sunday's pitcher is senior righthander Jason Verdugo (1-1, 10.29).

A Hutchinson/Verdugo matchup would make things more interesting. The similarities

are uncanny.

Hutchinson also is a righty and is the quarterback for the Cardinal football team while Verdugo was the backup to Jake "The Snake" Plummer during the 1995 season.

Verdugo opted not to play football this season in order to concentrate on baseball while Hutchinson decided to do both. During the football season, he was knocked out of the first quarter with an injured thumb when the Sun Devils beat the Cardinal 41-9 on Oct. 26 in Stanford Stadium.

The sophomore Hutchinson also was a first-round pick of the Atlanta Braves in 1995 while Verdugo was taken in the sixth round of the 1996 draft by the Anaheim Angels.

C'mon, Murphy, for curiosity's sake, let's see the matchup.

THEY WANNA BE LIKE PAT

Hoping to imitate some of the success of the Frieder Fanatics, ASU basketball coach Bill Frieder's fan club, a new group has spun

off for baseball.

The Murphy Maniacs are a group of students — mostly football players — whose main purpose is to cheer on the Sun Devils. Another one of the Maniacs' goals is to increase student interest in the team.

Jay Sferra, who is in charge of baseball operations for the Sun Devils, said the Maniacs are viewed as a much-needed addition.

"It's more of a ... group of people who have expressed interest in supporting the team," he said. "It (student support) hasn't been here in many years."

FAMILY BUSINESS

Your eyes don't deceive you. If you've been reading *Baseball America* lately, you may have seen an advertisement for a report written by former Major League pitcher Dick Mills.

Prominently featured in the ad is a photograph of his son, ASU pitcher Ryan Mills, in his old Horizon High School uniform.

Dick Mills was a former player for the

Boston Red Sox and wrote a book teaching pitchers how to throw harder and faster. The ad details some of Dick Mills's methods of generating speed and power and was created before the younger Mills started playing at ASU and has appeared in various baseball publications.

"He started selling it here and there," Ryan Mills said. "And now it's a full-time business for him."

BUT CAN THEY HIT HOME RUNS?

Sferra said that during ASU's Mar. 27 game against USC, the Sun Devil football team will be honored during an informal thank you celebration.

Members of the football team are expected to attend, and throwing out the first pitch will be Plummer. Appropriately enough, wide receiver Keith Poole will be the catcher.

Radio highlights of the football team's road to the Rose Bowl, as told by KVMP play-by-play announcer Tom Dillon, will be broadcast between each inning.

SUN DEVIL CLUB SPORTS

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

The ASU men's gymnastics team will vault into Albuquerque, N.M., on Saturday for the University of New Mexico Invitational.

The No. 20 Sun Devils will compete against the No. 4-ranked University of Oklahoma, No. 9 UNM and No. 12 BYU.

ASU is averaging a team score of 208 this year and head coach Scott Barclay said the Sun Devils will need a superb showing to improve on that mark.

"We've got to hit 80 percent of our routines (to increase that score)" Barclay said. "We are at 55 percent now, so we need to pick it up 25 percent. That's the bottom line."

MEN'S RUGBY

The ASU men's rugby team will be in action for the last time this season at 1 p.m. Sunday when they travel to Tucson to face UofA. The game will be played at Hi Corbett Field.

The Sun Devils will try to break a four-game losing streak against the Wildcats.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The No. 10 ASU men's volleyball team travels to Austin, Texas this weekend to compete in the University of Texas Invitational. The competition runs today through Sunday.

Head coach Scott Swanson said playing in the 24-team field will be a good opportunity for the Sun Devils.

"We are look to improve our ranking," Swanson said, "with key victories over some of the ranked teams."

MEN'S LACROSSE

The ASU men's lacrosse team will be back home on Sunday to face the UCLA Bruins at noon at the band field.

The Sun Devils (3-1) had their trip to California postponed last weekend when the two teams they were scheduled to play, Occidental and Pepperdine, were forced to cancel after not paying their club league dues.

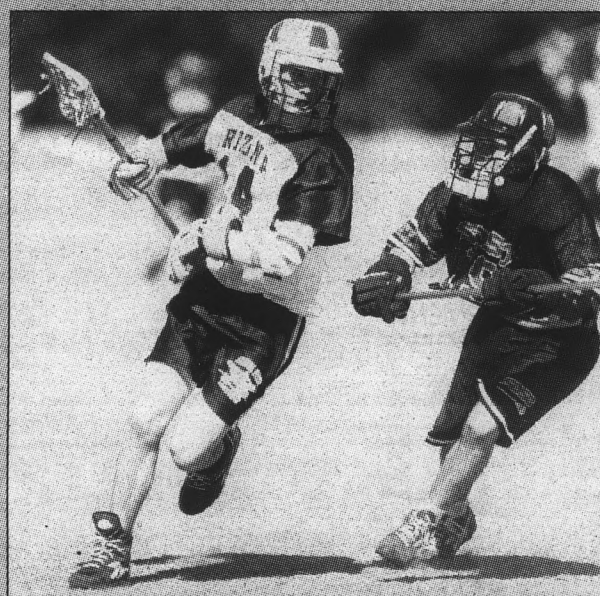
WATER POLO

The Sun Devil water polo team will also be in Tucson this weekend and will compete in the UofA Spring Invitational. The eight team field will compete today through Sunday.

Player-coach Chris Lawrence is realistic about his team's chances.

"If we play well, our A team could get fourth and our B team could get sixth or seventh," Lawrence said. "Hopefully we can do better than that."

The State Press Club Sports Box is compiled by reporter Matt Paulson. He can be reached at 965-2292.



Jim Poulin/State Press

ASU attackman Bill McAlister and the Sun Devil lacrosse team will host UCLA at noon on Sunday at the band field.

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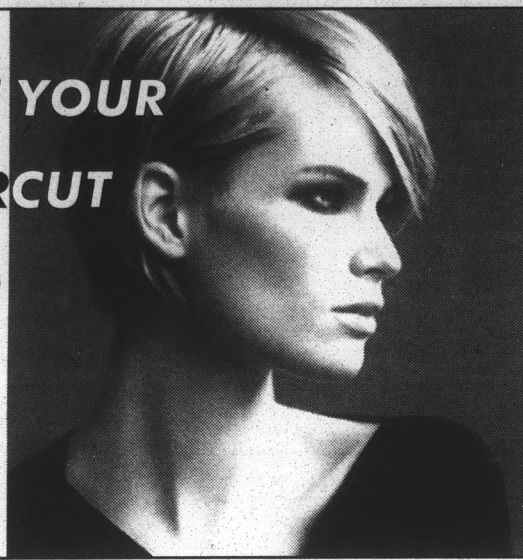
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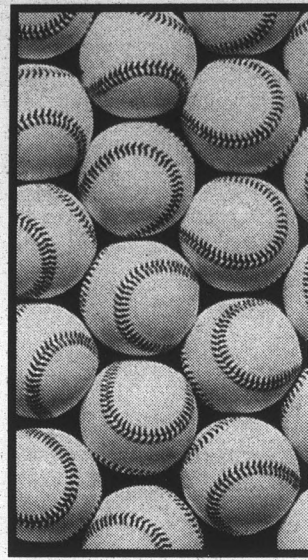
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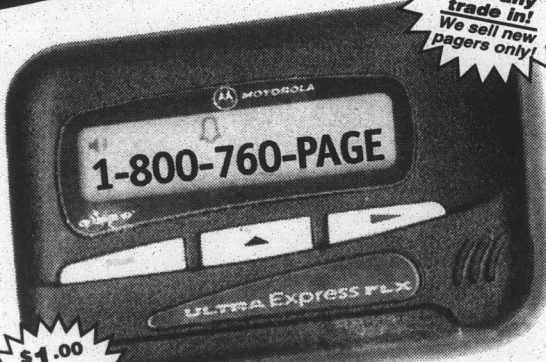
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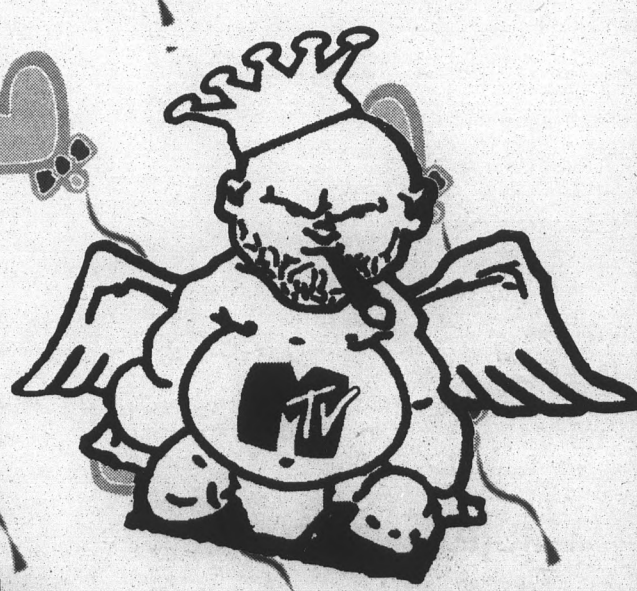
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