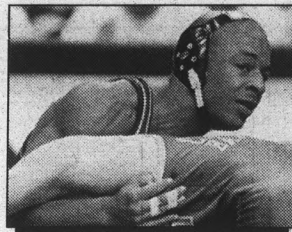


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Police award \$25K in alleged brutality case

Cheaper to settle out of court, official says

BY MELODY McDONALD
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An ASU student who claimed University police used excessive force when they arrested him two years ago has been awarded an out-of-court settlement of \$25,000.

"Obviously they knew they were going to go to court and lose, so they settled," said Michael T. McVerry, a 24-year-old senior exercise science major who filed the suit against ASU police May 29, 1996 in federal district court.

McVerry said he took legal action after four officers allegedly threw him on the ground, forced his head onto the trunk of a patrol car and threatened to "kick his ass" when he refused to obey their commands to sit in wet grass.

McVerry was arrested Aug. 20, 1995, on charges of disorderly conduct that were later dropped.

"Are you going to jump on a guy, hit him and kick him because he didn't want to sit in the grass?" McVerry said. "This shouldn't happen in America. Their treatment was ridiculous. It was so blatantly obvious."

In the suit, McVerry and his attorney, J. Robert Tolman, alleged ASU police wrongfully arrested him, used excessive force, violated his fourth amendment right against unlawful search and seizure and operated inappropriately throughout the case.

The suit was filed against ASU Police Chief Lanny Standridge, ASU Lt. Bennett Rowe, Sgt. Marvin Tahmahkera, Cpl. Terry Lewis and officers Ron Kelley, Scott Perron and Rory Moran.

A three month internal investigation after the alleged incident cleared three officers of wrongdoing. A fourth officer was reprimanded for allegedly threatening to "kick his ass."

Tolman maintains the internal affairs investigation was conducted poorly, however, saying officials destroyed evidence, put his client on the defensive and were unaware one of the officers had a civilian ride-along in his patrol car the evening of McVerry's arrest.

"What the officers did was wrong and the way the department handled it was completely and totally inappropriate," Tolman said. "The case is over, but I think the department has received an education."

"In fairness...I don't think we're dealing with mean, abusive people. My position from the very beginning was that mistakes have been made and they should be corrected.



Senior exercise science major Michael McVerry rests in front of the ASU police station after settling out of court with DPS for \$25,000. Several ASU police officers allegedly assaulted him in August of 1995. "I'm just happy that it's done with," McVerry said.

That's what this lawsuit was all about."

Standridge said he continues to stand behind the investigation and the actions of the officers.

"I'd like to emphasize that some may assume guilt because it was settled," he said. "I don't assume that. The claims made in the suit have not been proven. The plaintiff did not have to present evidence to prove his claim."

Although McVerry and his attorney will be awarded \$25,000, the lawsuit, settled Feb. 17, clearly states that officials admit no wrongdoing in the matter, said Karie Dozer, spokeswoman for the attorney general's office.

"Basically it (the settlement) was done for economic reasons," she said. "This was the least expensive way to

resolve the suit.

"We could have drawn it out for a long time. Twenty-five thousand dollars is really small compared the amount of money we would have spent doing that. It's really an everybody-win situation."

McVerry, however, disagreed.

"It's not right that the state of Arizona is going to take taxpayer's money and give it to me, while the officers are going about their lives," he said. "They should feel some repercussions and they haven't."

"I really wanted my day in court, but it's been two years," he said. "I really don't have time to deal with it anymore. To me, them settling was an admission of wrongdo-

ASASU committee drops charge against candidate

BY JENNIFER NETHERBY
 STATE PRESS

The Associated Students of ASU elections commission dismissed a complaint against executive vice presidential candidate Adrian Fontes Thursday, citing a lack of evidence.

The complaint, filed by Jeremy Hirsch, a junior communications major, alleged Fontes called Hirsch a "narrow-minded asshole" after he refused to sign Fontes' petition to place him on the ASASU elections ballot.

A more detailed explanation for the dismissal will be released today.

Fontes said he was not surprised by the dismissal.

"I didn't expect anything else," he said. A hearing was held Wednesday night with a statement from both sides.

Hirsch said he would drop all charges if Fontes apologized. Fontes refused, denying the allegations.

"It's simply not true," Fontes said.

Hirsch said he filed the complaint because he was offended by Fontes.

"I was offended because I was polite and he was rude," Hirsch said. "The side of Adrian Fontes I have seen tells me he lacks the qualities of a good leader."

The complaint was filed March 5. However, this is not the only complaint leveled against Fontes.

Aaron Smith, campaign manager for executive vice presidential candidate Josh Carr, filed a complaint charging Fontes with campaigning before it was allowed. Smith alleges that a column endorsing Fontes appeared in the *State Press* Feb. 25 — thus violating campaign rules restricting campaigning until March 23.

The column's author, Tim Elizondo, charged that ASASU is "bloated," and quotes Fontes on the subject. The editorial goes on to endorse Fontes' "vision" for ASASU.

Fontes maintains that he was not yet an official candidate when the editorial was published, and therefore there is no violation.

A hearing on that complaint will be held March 24.

'Don't ask, don't tell' rule guides ASU ROTC

BY KEVIN CULWELL
 STATE PRESS

ASU ROTC should adhere to the federal "don't ask, don't tell" policy concerning gays and lesbians rather than the University's anti-discrimination standards, to ensure continued government funding, a special investigative committee found.

The committee began looking into the issue in September when an Associated Students of ASU senator charged Air Force ROTC with discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Education College Sen. Craig Reed introduced legislation claiming that ROTC asked sexual preference on an Air Force application a student obtained last semester. It was later found that the application did not ask such a question. However, the ASASU Senate decided to form a committee to see if there were any actual discriminatory violations.

"What it boils down to is that the national policy trumps ASU's codes regarding sexual orientation," said Andy Ortiz, graduate affairs vice president.

Ortiz, who chaired the committee, said ASU's old codes didn't protect sexual orientation.

The old codes stated that any ROTC member who engages in a homosexual act or solicits another person to engage in such an act may be dismissed from their term of service.

Also, a dismissal may occur if a member admits to being gay or attempts to marry an individual of the same sex.

Reed said ROTC's funding from the federal government was the overriding factor of the committee's decision.

"If they didn't comply with the national policy, then they would stand to lose \$50 to 70 million," he said.

Reed said the ROTC is an equal opportunity organization.

"The important issue is to include more people than are excluded (from the ROTC)," he said. "We need to give everyone the chance to serve our country if they want to."

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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.

- **Career Services** — "Completing the Puzzle Workshop" at 10 a.m. in the Career Development Center.
- **Recruiting individuals for nutrition study** — Recruiting

non-Caucasian individuals that do not smoke or take nutrition supplements. Interested individuals come to Cowden Building room 291 between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **Transcendental Solutions** — "Festival of India" featuring vegetarian feast, cultural exhibits and music at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hayden Lawn.

• **Farce Side Comedy Hour** — Free original sketch comedy show at 12:40 p.m. in the MU Programming Lounge.

• **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:

• **Buddhist Association** — Showing videos (in Mandarin) at 10 a.m. in the MU Havasupai 208D.

Tuesday:

• **Society for Human Resources** — Social with guest speaker Mike Gantt at 4:30 p.m. in La Tolteca on University.

ROTC

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ASU officials said they wanted to ensure the University was not in violation of national regulations.

"We want to comply with federal policies," said Art Carter, dean of student life. "The committee's purpose was to try to convert our presumptions about ROTC."

Carter and ASU Vice Provost Charles Bantz also served on the investigative committee.


"It's a question between the national government and the students," Bantz said. "Potential enlistees sign a contract with the national government. In that context they follow the presidential policies."

The anonymous student who approached the ASASU senator about the Air Force ROTC's policies is currently seeking enrollment into the organization, Reed said.

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Albanians clamber aboard a ferry headed for the Greek island of Corfu in the southern port city of Sarande Thursday in order to seek refuge from the chaos that has engulfed this small Balkan nation. Tensions are high in the capital Tirana as President Sali Berisha seeks a solution to the crisis before the country erupts into civil war.

Anarchy erupts in Albania as Americans flee turmoil

By JUDITH INGRAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TIRANA, Albania — U.S. troops flew into Tirana to evacuate Americans trapped in chaos as, one by one, Albania's few remaining tranquil towns descended into anarchy Thursday. Gangs ransacked armories, civilians navigated tanks and children played with assault rifles.

Helpless army commanders asked for Western military involvement after the unrest that has engulfed southern Albania for days spread north, east and west, destroying the last semblance of order and leaving at least 12 people dead and 50 others injured.

The president's son and daughter and five other family members were among the masses to flee Albania, arriving in Italy aboard a ferry, an Italian coast guard officer said.

Responding to the increasing threat, four U.S. military helicopters based on warships in the Ionian Sea began evacuating Americans. Up to 2,000 U.S. citizens are in the country, and State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the flights could continue for days.

Burns told reporters in Washington that U.S. Ambassador Marisa Linó and 17 core embassy staff would remain in the capital for the time being. Italian helicopters also airlifted 400 people from Tirana, and Britain and other embassies hurried with plans to get their nationals out.

The unrest threatens to swamp neighboring countries, particularly Italy and Greece, with another flood of

refugees. Because there are sizable ethnic Albanian populations in Serbia's Kosovo province and in Macedonia, those chronically unstable areas also are at risk.

Macedonian border guards said they fired on seven armed Albanians trying to cross the mountainous frontier on Thursday, repulsing the group and causing it to flee.

In Tirana, guards deserted the central prison, allowing 600 prisoners, including ex-President Ramiz Alia and another prominent leader of the former Communists to get away. Then, the guards returned to loot the prison.

Pressure was building on current President Sali Berisha to leave office — the one move that might help restore order.

"Berisha accepted that he has no institutional control," Skender Gjinushi of the opposition Social Democrats reported after meeting with the president. "He has no army, no police, Tirana is in total anarchy."

The new eruption of violence left virtually no community of any size untouched. The weeks-long uprising was sparked by the collapse of high-risk investment schemes, draining the savings of thousands of Albanians, and has grown into anti-government protests.

At least 12 people were reported killed throughout the country, many of them by random gunfire. Citizens increasingly have been taking arms from looted armories, more for protection than out of political protest.

"We don't know who is armed and who is not," Gjinushi said. "Do they want to fight, or fire in the air? Or what are their demands?"

Cosby suspect said to have Russian mob ties

By JEFF WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A man who was said to be tied to a Russian car theft ring was arrested in the roadside slaying of Bill Cosby's son after a tipster went to the *National Enquirer* in hopes of claiming a \$100,000 reward.

Police refused to comment on any Russian connection, saying only that they had seized evidence tying the suspect to the Jan. 16 slaying of Ennis Cosby, who was shot as he changed a tire on his \$130,000 Mercedes convertible.

But the supermarket tabloid said that the key to Wednesday's arrest may have been call from a tipster who said "a Russian gang member was involved."

The identity of the suspect was not immediately released. A man and a woman were also taken in for questioning.

"We got a call on our Cosby reward tip line in January, within days of the killing," *Enquirer* editor Steve Coz said Thursday. "Normally it would have sounded like some nut — the Russian mob? But this guy sounded so credible, we began to pursue it."

He said the tipster provided an *Enquirer* reporter with a pager number and told the tabloid "his friend heard point-blank that he heard a Russian gang member say, 'I shot a black boy.'"

The *Los Angeles Times*, citing an anonymous source, also reported that detectives believed the shooting involved a gang of about four Russian robbers.

Coz said the tabloid's tipster helped police find the gun by pointing out the area a few miles from the crime scene where it had been dumped. It was eventually found after a thorough search of the area with help from recruits from the Los Angeles police academy.

On Monday, ballistics experts identified the gun as the weapon used to kill Cosby's son, the *New York Daily News* reported.

In a late-night news conference Wednesday, Police Chief Willie Williams attributed the arrest in the San Fernando Valley to "a lot of hard work and a little bit of luck." Williams said the suspect closely resembled a composite drawing circulated earlier of a man in a light-colored knit cap.

Cosby family spokesman David Brokaw talked to Bill and Camille Cosby and said, "I sense a real sense of triumph, exuberance and something along the lines of some sort of closure."

In a statement, the couple thanked police and said they "felt certain and had every hope that they would find the suspect and that the process of jurisprudence would unfold."

The younger Cosby was a doctoral candidate in special education at Columbia University. The slaying came as a particular shock to many because of the elder Cosby's role as America's favorite TV father.

The state of California and two tabloids offered rewards totaling nearly \$400,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer. The state later withdrew its \$50,000 offer at the request of the Cosby family. Los Angeles County also dropped a reward.

The primary witness was a woman Ennis Cosby apparently was going to visit the night of the slaying. After Cosby got a flat tire, she went to the scene in her car, apparently to illuminate the road.

She later gave police a description of the killer.

No one answered the door at her home Thursday.

Jordanian soldier fires on Israeli children, kills seven

By JACK KATZENELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAHARAYIM, Jordan — Grabbing a comrade's assault rifle, a Jordanian soldier fired on Israeli junior high school girls taking a field trip Thursday to a Jordan River island known as a symbol of Mideast peace. Seven girls were killed and six were wounded.

Still shooting, the gunman chased the screaming students down a grassy river embankment while his fellow soldiers yelled "Madman, madman" before overpowering him. He was in the custody of Jordanian security officials.

It was unclear whether the gunman, 22-year-old army driver Lance Cpl. Ahmed Yousef Mustafa, had political motives or was mentally unstable. But the shooting on the island of Naharayim — known as the "Island of Peace" — came at a time of deep crisis between Israel and Jordan over the impasse in Mideast peacemaking.

Israeli leaders indirectly blamed

Jordan's King Hussein for creating the climate that made such violence possible. "Words and a difficult atmosphere can also lead to violence," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said.

Earlier this week, Hussein sent a harsh letter to Benjamin Netanyahu, accusing the prime minister of endangering Mideast peace with his tough policies toward the Palestinians.

"When I warned a few days ago of the danger of the possibility of violence, I never thought it would lead to this," the king said in Spain, where he cut short a trip to return home. He bristled, however, at suggestions he was somehow responsible, saying he has the right to warn of the dangers to peacemaking.

The shooting also was "aimed at me, my children, the people of Jordan," Hussein said.

President Clinton called the shootings a "senseless denial of a future for these children" and said: "I condemn this act in the strongest possible terms."



Brian Hendler/Associated Press

The family of slain schoolgirl Shiri Bagdaev weep at her funeral in Jerusalem after seven girls were killed by a Jordanian Army driver at Peace Island Thursday. The girls were on a school outing to an area between Israel and Jordan along the Jordan river

STATE PRESS Boos & Bravos

BRAVO — To some of the 4,309 Tempe voters who turned out Tuesday to approve a \$90 million city bond. The money will be used to improve water and sewage systems, upgrade police department equipment, street improvements and fire department upgrades and a station relocation.

BOO — To the City of Tempe's bond election results web page for failing to denote that tabulated votes were concerning independent issues. Using the technological medium to allow more people access to city government is important, but city employees should at least provide clear and accurate information.

BRAVO — To the math class alterations that have seemingly helped more non-mathemagicians to succeed. Aside from eliminating math requirements outright, giving students more of a helping hand is a pretty darn good idea. Too bad math department gurus had not thought of it earlier.

BOO — To the Arizona House of Representatives for passing a law requiring people to include evidence of American citizenship when registering to vote. When considering the current climate of cutbacks and downsizing, it's hard to rationalize our elected officials wasting time and money to prevent a problem that is virtually nonexistent. One thing's for sure, most illegal aliens don't come to the United States to participate in our elections. Hell, even if they did, it's not like Americans are breaking down doors at polling places on election day.

BRAVO — To the Residence Hall Association for granting ASU's Channel 2 \$3,599 for upgrades and new equipment. With any hope, the limited access station will be cranking out a better quality product in no time.

BOO — To the flurry of publicity over the death of rapper Notorious B.I.G. and the rehashing of the death of Tupac Shakur. Why is it so difficult for people to understand that preaching violence results in violence? This might be a good time for Americans, especially kids, to re-examine the importance of listening to the glorification of killing, money and drugs.

BRAVO — To the organizers of the "clothesline project" for highlighting the tragedy of domestic violence. Unfortunately, the problem will not be solved with the display of a few painted shirts.

BRAVO — To the impending arrival of spring break. It's high time for a break from the daily monotony we know as life. Pack the car full of snacks, drinks and tunes and head off into the warm countryside for some much deserved R & R. HALLELUJAH.



Incognito protests won't help cause

Just when you thought that our campus couldn't get any more politically charged, there is yet another social movement in our midst. However, this movement, unlike the mall preachers on Cady Mall, or the "I Hate Ned" fan club, works in anonymity.

Recently, near the Tower Center and the Architecture building, a person (or persons) has been putting up flyers that are calling on us to "Stop Jesse Helms." Sen. Jesse Helms, the controversial lawmaker from North Carolina, is under a strong attack on ASU campus.

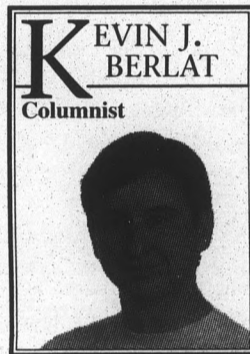
I have personally seen three flyers. One, which I stole to write this column, screams that "Poverty Kills." It then proceeds to list the bad things that Helms has allegedly done to "protect the rich" and hurt the not-so-fortunate.

Listed among the charges are such items as: "Jesse Helms voted against senior citizens 90 percent of the time in 1989," "Jesse Helms has voted against a job training program for people on welfare" and "Jesse Helms has voted for reducing the food stamp program by 50 percent."

Other flyers in this series decry Helms' foreign policies, especially with regard to El Salvador. A final flyer which I saw calls Helms a "bigot" for his stances on homosexuality and AIDS funding and research, both of which he strongly opposes.

This campaign is certainly eye-opening. There has been no public acknowledgment of which I am aware as to who is responsible for posting these flyers on the doors of the Tower Center. The flyers themselves, on 11-by-17-inch paper, bear no names, no organization to which we can write, and no way to "Stop Jesse Helms" that we can implement personally.

It is clear that Helms should be stopped, or at least slowed.



KEVIN J. BERLAT
Columnist

His policies cater to the religious right-wing of America, with little regard for the rights and feelings of those who would dare live in America without his approval. In fact, Michael Moore of *TV Nation* fame once sent a group of gay activists out to his congressional office to sing to him about peace and love, since he has little of either on his mind.

However, by merely posting these flyers, it doesn't appear that this anonymous group will succeed in stopping Helms anytime soon. There are several flaws inherent in this movement.

1) Jesse Helms is not our senator. While we do have students from North Carolina here on campus, their numbers cannot be great enough to enact changes 3,000 miles away. We have enough problems with our two Republican senators and our Republican governor to worry about another state's dirty laundry.

2) By not revealing who they are, the protesters lose any chance of gaining community support for their reform movement. If we do not know who these people are, then how are we supposed to join them in stopping Helms? I encourage them to come forward and let their true identities be known, so that those who wish to do so may join them in protesting against him.

3) The flyers list very specific claims against Helms, but they do not state where they got the claims whether or not they are true, or even if there was a good reason for voting a particular way. This group is making claims that they do not substantiate, but we

are expected to believe them. This puts them on shaky ground where credibility is concerned.

It is wonderful to see social movements flourishing on campus. However, this particular social movement, seeking to "Stop Jesse Helms," cannot fully succeed. There is widespread support for the stopping of Helms' policies and politics, but the way that the anonymous protesters have chosen is not the way to gain the desired results.

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Military's battle plan on sex is based on a no-win strategy

If men and women are going to serve together in the military, the rules regarding sex should be changed. That's the only way to avert what the headline writers and broadcasters breathlessly refer to as "sex scandals."

Think about it: The military might be the last place in our society where it is possible to have a "sex scandal."

It doesn't happen in the world of entertainment, where Madonna and other big stars have children without benefit of marriage and nobody even snickers about it.

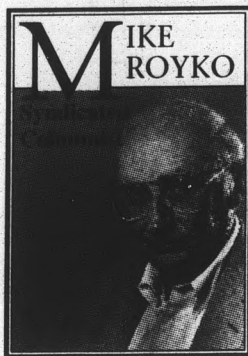
In sports, some of the top names have fathered children by this or that female acquaintance even before they quit college for pro careers.

And in politics, we have a president who was re-elected and saw his popularity rating go up while facing a sex-related lawsuit and rumors that he was one of the most active two-legged tomcats in Arkansas.

Nobody would be shocked if they saw a headline that said: "College students engaging in sex" or "Professor reported sleeping with teaching assistant."

And in Chicago, a most conservative city, the mayor has said he wants to give health benefits and such to the live-in partners of homosexual city workers. That this mayor's name is Daley is the only shocking aspect to it.

But we're supposed to be wide-eyed that in an army that has more than 50,000 females training and working closely



MIKE ROYKO

with a few hundred thousand males, there would be an occasional surrender to glandular urgings.

So what happens? What is really a predictable occurrence turns into a scandal, with people locked in stockades and put on military trial for engaging in that which happens every Friday night in singles bars across the nation: making out.

We have female soldiers holding a news conference to say that they engaged in "consensual" sex, but superiors tried to bully them into saying it was rape.

If that's true, the bullying and distorting of what actually happened is far worse than anything that went on between the sheets. It's trying to pig a fake criminal charge on someone. And the people who do that should be locked up and court-martialed themselves.

The main concern about sex in the military appears to be that some heads will use their higher rank to persuade lower-ranking females into satisfying their lusts.

And that is bad behavior, whether it is in the military, private industry or anywhere else. It also is a mark of poor character and a lack of initiative. If a guy can't seduce a female on the up and up, he ought to be ashamed of himself and give it up.

But it can happen. A person with more military rank is in a position to use intimidation or rewards in exchange for sexual favors.

I will be frank. When I was a young enlisted man, if I had a female officer tell me that she would give me an assignment which would exempt me from KP and guard duty, and permit me to sleep late in the morning and play poker half the night if I would satisfy her animal desires, I would have stifled my pride and allowed her to use my

body. Yes, I might have wept tears of shame afterward, but I would have done it. Some guys are just weak sluts.

So that is the real problem — the use of the power that comes with rank.

It is naive and unrealistic to expect that with thousands of healthy, vigorous young people being in such close proximity, there will not be natural urges.

The solution is not to outlaw sex, which just leads to silly scandals of the sort we have now.

The answer is to change the military's sex rules.

Sex should be permitted when it involves consenting people of the same rank. That would not only help eliminate the possibility of harassment and favoritism but would be fair, and fairness is always good for morale.

After all, why should a lowly male yard bird, or whatever they are now called, have to look on in envy while some drill sergeant or a commissioned officer has his way with a shapely female private?

If a male officer wants to engage in hanky-panky, he should find a willing female officer.

Stars and Stripes and other military publications could start running the kind of classified ads that are now common in civilian life:

"Lean and vigorous male lieutenant colonel wants to meet like-minded female lieutenant colonel for quiet 10-mile forced marches, working out on obstacle courses, fireplace discussions of Alexander the Great's siege tactics and going to off-base motels to really mess around. Non-smokers only."

Mike Royko is a syndicated columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

Lobbyists prefer their own dirty air True colors emerge

There's a brown cloud hanging over the Valley of the Sun, and if the oil companies have their way, it's going to stay.

Just last week the Arizona House of Representatives voted on an omnibus reconciliation bill (ORB) that would give consumers in this state the opportunity to clear the air. The legislation would give grants or rebates of up to \$5,000 to residents who choose to drive electric or alternative fuel vehicles.

Some would say "So, what's the problem?" The problem is that local oil lobbyists have opposed the legislation and have withdrawn their support for the main clean air bill. One of the principal lobbyists for the oil industry is Charlie Stevens, who represents the Western States Petroleum Association. Stevens maintained in a phone interview that Jeff Grosco, R-Mesa, was trying to be "sneaky" by attaching the amendment to some budget-related legislation, rather than the clean air bill.

Grosco contends this is not so. He points to no less than two public hearings and two public votes on the issue. Grosco then chuckled and said, "That's the way it is in this business. Sometimes you get surprised."

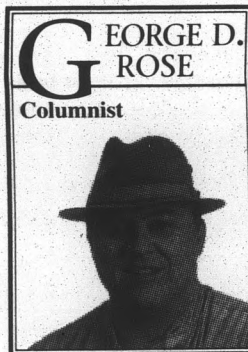
Stevens claims that this is nothing more than a "subsidy for General Motors, for their electrical vehicle called EV-1. Nobody subsidizes the oil industry like this."

Grosco again laughed and asked, "Did Charlie mention the \$600 billion that the oil industry has received in drilling and exploration subsidies since 1971?" I shook my head no.

"Oil is the reason we fought Desert Storm and it is the reason the U.S. fleet is in the middle east right now," Grosco said. "That's the reality. 'This isn't just about electric cars. We have 10 times the amount of natural gas in this country as there are oil reserves in the whole world. The oil companies control most of it, but they can't make as much money from it.'"

There is so much natural gas in this country that the oil companies burn it off to get to the crude. All of this makes me wonder what the oil producers are doing. The way it adds up is not good.

Someone in the Department of Air Quality for the state



GEORGE D. ROSE
Columnist

told me the biggest reason these guys were against any legislation in Arizona is that they don't control the natural gas distribution here. That is Southwest Gas' job.

If we increased the number of Compressed Natural Gas vehicles, there would be a corresponding reduction in the oil companies' revenue. Here's the breakdown.

Currently, you're paying between \$1.20 and \$1.50 per gallon of gas, depending on the day of the week and current crisis. This is for octane levels of somewhere between 83 and 87. CNG weighs in at 130 octane and can cost as little as 38 cents per gallon. If you fill up at home, add 40 cents per fill-up at a CNG station.

This adds up to huge savings for regular folks like ourselves. The oil companies don't like this. They want your money and are determined to keep things as they are for as long as possible.

According to Grosco, the amendment is almost a done deal. The only way for it to fail now, he said, is if the budget fails. Some sources say the oil lobby is capable of doing just that. Not only are the oil companies trying to prevent CNG conversions, but they have also filed for a hearing concerning the reformulated fuels that have been federally mandated.

The net effect of this is to delay the delivery of these fuels in time for the summer driving season. Wonderful, another hit. They don't care about the Valley's air quality. All they care about is their balance sheet. Maybe it's true that the love of money is the root of all evil.

Their insensitivity to the average citizens' health issues is going to cost Arizona dearly. It turns out that if we can't meet our clean air standards, we will be subject to what's called a two-to-one offset.

This means that any new industries — this means jobs — have to do a pollution impact assessment. They would then have to "buy up" enough businesses to "offset" twice the pollution generated by the new business. This generally results in an overall loss of jobs (not good).

All of this without any real impunity against the very people who helped cause the problem. In my estimation, the best thing each of us can do is to contact our representatives and senators and encourage them to ensure passage of the bill. Maybe then we will see positive steps toward clearing the air.

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I was starved for intellectual stimulation today, as I snoozed through a finance lecture, but went ahead and picked up a discarded *State Press* from March 12. I was rewarded with a Mike Royko column, and in my euphoric gratitude read the rest of the opinion pages. So much for stimulating, intelligent thought.

See, at first I was impressed with Adam Schiffer's piece on distorting feminine ideologies. Finally someone was explaining how negative meanings are being attached to otherwise neutral terms, and then pasted on individuals as moral labels. And he was right on target about those labels confusing political discussion: people waste time arguing what brand of politico they are, rather than discussing ideas. But then his punch line, "The simplistic, arcane economic and social policies advocated by the 'Contract with America' demagogues certainly give us plenty to attack," gave away his true feelings: some labels and their negative connotations are appropriately matched.

So, do me and the rest of ASU a favor. Move Royko and the comics to the front page, and print the crossword and police report on the back. That way we can get the best out of the *State Press*, yet won't bother our lecturers with crinkly page turning.

Nathan Huey
Junior
Marketing

Cry-baby strategy is not effective in proving point

I am responding to the home schooling editorial on March 10. I am disgusted with the idea that if everyone can't have a good education, then no one deserves one.

You ignore the fact that many "poor families" do have one parent at home, even though the family would benefit from the additional income. You also fail to consider that some home-schooled children have medical problems and physical handicaps.

You suggest that parents who teach at home lack social responsibility for failing to help educate others' children. You forget that everyone pays taxes to support the public education of all children.

I hope I never read another whiny "It isn't fair ..." piece, especially one written with so little thought or research. Grow up. Few things in life are fair. Seventy years of Russian history taught us that there is no true equality of wealth, education or opportunity.

Faye Stump
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Astronomical wonders abound in March

By BEN LEATHERMAN
STATE PRESS

The recent appearance of the Hale-Bopp comet has a lot of people scanning the horizon, but Valley sky watchers will get an eyeful of astronomical anomalies next week.

Dan Matlaga, coordinator of the ASU Planetarium, said that on the evening of March 23 there will be a partial lunar eclipse starting at sunset when the moon begins to rise. Approximately 92 percent of the Earth's shadow will cover the moon at 9:39 p.m.

During the same week, both Hale-Bopp and Mars will be at their closest points to Earth. The comet will be 124 million miles away, while the Red Planet will be only 61.4 million miles distant.

"It's also the start of spring, which has traditionally been a symbolic time for rebirth in many societies," Matlaga said. "Ancient civilizations used to get excited at coincidences such as this. Pagans these days would get goose bumps."

Matlaga said there is nothing to fear from by all of these heavenly events occurring at the same time.

"This isn't a sign of anything other than that as a human you should be aware of what's going on around you," he said. "A person looking into the sky and seeing all these odd occurrences shouldn't have to run and hide under the bed."

Certain societies view Hale-Bopp's appearance as a harbinger of disaster.

Student Satyanarayan Koka said East Indian culture believes comets to be bad omens. "It's related to ancient events. Someone prominent died when there was a comet close to the Earth," he said.

A modern fear associated with comets is the concern of an extraterrestrial impact that could doom the planet. Matlaga thinks this is ironic because life on the Earth might have come from organic substances carried by comets that struck the planet.

"The water we have on Earth is the result of billions of comets hitting the Earth early in its formation," he said. "The next time you take a drink of water, what you are really drinking is melted comet."



Pat Shannahan/ State Press

Comet Hale-Bopp as seen before dawn from Glendale in the early morning. The comet will be visible in the northwest skies for the rest of this month.

Hale-Bopp will be easily visible in the northwest evening sky from now until about mid-April, with the best viewing from March 26 to April 10.

Starting March 24, the ASU Planetarium will be letting students check out the comet nightly with telescopes.

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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it:

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One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

3-14 CRYPTOQUOTE

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By Judy Gibbons, MSW, ASU Student Health

IDENTIFICATION TO BRING:

- Passport or birth certificate (foreign travel), keep a copy with you & the original in the hotel safe.
- Driver's license or state-issued ID card
- Health insurance card
- International students must carry their visas with them abroad or in the U.S.

IMMUNIZATIONS:

- Heading to Mexico? Call the Mexican Consulate at (213) 351-6800 to see if immunizations are recommended.
- Check with the Student Health immunization clinic for more information. You can't go wrong with a tetanus booster. Hepatitis-A vaccine is recommended if travel includes places with poor sanitation.

DRINKING:

- Drink moderately, or not at all.
- Mixed drinks may be more potent than bar fare here -- be cautious.
- Drinking can lead to: driving while impaired, fighting, risk-taking and engaging in unprotected or undesired sexual activity.
- When drinking, a person is less likely to use a condom, less able to fight off unwanted sexual advances or make rational sexual decisions.

MONEY:

- Carry travelers' checks, not large amounts of cash.
- Money should be left in the hotel safe, not your hotel room.
- Keep money or travelers' checks in the front pants pocket, in a flat "shoulder holster" wallet worn strapped to the chest, or in a fanny pack worn facing front (not in a rear pocket wallet).
- Never take large amounts of money or valuables with you in beach bags -- this can quickly disappear.

PERSONAL SAFETY:

- Always travel in groups of people well known to you. Some thieves "buddy-up" to a tourist in order to rob them later.
- Also, he or she might seem like a nice, new acquaintance now, but cases of acquaintance rape are common. Stay sober, stay with friends and watch out for each other.
- In hotels, remember to bring a doorstop or other internal room lock that you can use to prevent entry to your room while you are inside.
- Locks that travelers can put on dresser drawers or suitcases are available at most discount stores or hardware stores.
- Travelers may wish to carry a personal alarm, pepper spray or similar protection that they feel comfortable using. There may be legal consequences for using pepper spray or some self-defense items in other countries; check first. Never transport guns over the border.
- Criminals don't take Spring Break off.

HEALTH:

- Take all your prescriptions with you, as well as something separate from the prescription bottle that has your prescription written on it.
- Take a small first-aid kit with you that includes bandages, antiseptic, an elastic bandage, pain reliever (like aspirin, ibuprofen) and remedies for indigestion, diarrhea and constipation.
- Every medication bottle should be clearly labeled as to its contents by the manufacturer or with the prescription label.
- Bring condoms with you rather than buying them at your destination, especially when traveling to other countries.
- If you have ongoing health concerns, consult your doctor regarding special needs.

Have a wonderful Spring Break—whether you travel or stay close to home!

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Diversity center seeks director to help group achieve goals

By SARA BUSH
STATE PRESS

ASU administrators are close to selecting a director for the future Intergroup Relations Center, which they hope to start by July 1.

The Intergroup Relations Center, first proposed by the Students Against Discrimination in early 1996, will serve as a cultural diversity resource for faculty, students and staff, and encourage dialogue between the various cultural groups on campus.

"The list of possibilities for the Intergroup Relations Center is endless," said Dondrell Swanson, an undergraduate admissions employee who is serving on the selection committee for the center's director. Swanson was active in SAD before he graduated in May.

"The goals of the center are to provide education and training on cultural diversity to the ASU community," he said. "We hope the center can help build community from a cross-cultural perspective."

SAD first presented the idea for the Intergroup Relations Center to campus administrators as part of their list of 10 suggestions for improving group relations at ASU, Swanson said. Other suggestions included the establishment of the African-American studies program.

"Many of the students had attended Leadership 2000, an intergroup relations training retreat, and went on to say, 'Why don't we propose a permanent intergroup center for the entire campus?'" said Jesus Trevino, assistant dean of Student Life for Cultural Diversity, who has been involved in development of the project.

Administrators liked the idea, Trevino said. Provost Milton Glick and Swanson cooperated to form a 13-person task force to draw up a formal proposal and budget for the center.

"When we met with the students, they seemed to feel that just integrating the idea into other proposals wasn't really enough meat on the bones," said Glick. "They wanted to know how it would actually look, so we organized a good committee to form a proposal."

The group worked throughout the summer to create the 28-page proposal, which outlines the purpose, duties and goals for the center. The proposed budget for the project is about \$500,000.

Glick approved the proposal with only minor changes in early fall and began to form a team to select the new director. The team solicited applications both inside and outside of the ASU community.

Vice Provost Walter Harris, chair of the selection committee, said he expects the group to have selected someone by July 1. The center will be located on the ASU campus, but Harris said he is not sure where yet. He said he did not know of any other similar programs at other universities.

"I think this center will be a real plus for the campus," Harris said. "If operated well, it will even serve as a model for other universities."

Glick said he shared his optimism for the new center.

"What I hope the center does is more than just conflict resolution," Glick said. "I hope it can help create a climate on campus in which we are not reacting to problems but preventing them through education."

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ASU police reported the following incidents Thursday:

- A female student was contacted at Physical Education East, where she sustained an injury. She was transported to the Student Health Center.
- A male student reported that someone unlawfully entered his vehicle while it was parked in Area 40 and attempted to remove the in-dash stereo.
- A male employee reported that someone 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 that someone removed a shoulder bag and its contents from Ocotillo Hall.
- A male reported that someone removed his bicycle from Physical Science Building H-wing, where it was locked up.
- A female affiliated with the University was contacted at

the Memorial Union, where she sustained an injury. She refused further treatment.

- A male affiliated with the University reported that someone removed his motorcycle helmet from the north side of the Memorial Union.

Tempe police reported the following incidents Thursday:

- Police are investigating a homicide that occurred Wednesday in an apartment at 2075 E. Apache Blvd., where a 34-year-old male and 41-year-old female lived. Police said the man left the apartment after arguing with his girlfriend earlier in the evening. When he returned home at about 10:30 p.m., the man reportedly found his girlfriend dead on the apartment floor with extensive head trauma, police said. Homicide investigators are processing the scene. No arrests have been made.

Police reports compiled by State Press reporter Melody McDonald.

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Tempe businesses offer other options for spring break fun

By CADONNA PEYTON
STATE PRESS

For those students who will be stuck in the Valley over spring break, there will be a chance to get a "taste of Arizona" through a few venues around town.

Bashas' is hosting Taste of Arizona, a three-day food and entertainment festival, March 21-23 at the Rio Salado festival grounds across from the Sun Devil Stadium.

There will be a diverse menu daily from 17 Arizona restaurants and also live music provided by 17 bands which includes a performance by national recording artist Matthew Sweet, on Friday, March 21.

Admission to the festival is free.

Also, Maloney's On Campus, 955 E. University Drive, will be having a St. Patrick's Day celebration. There will be two tents outside with bars in each and live bands for entertainment.

During the week, Maloney's will contin-

ue to have their Tuesday night drink and sing-along and Thursday night's Must See TV with a two-for-one drink special.

The Mill Avenue Beer Co., 605 S. Mill Ave., will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, opening at 6 a.m. and offering drink specials. All day long, most Irish beers will be \$1 off. Many beer representatives will also be at the celebration and there will be free giveaways.

For the under 21 crowd, the Electric Ballroom is hosting one all-age performance by group Suicidal Tendencies on March 15. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster for \$10.

Six bands, including Dislocated Styles, will also be performing at the Electric Ballroom on March 14. On March 16, the Atomic Punks — a Van Halen tribute band from Los Angeles — will be performing. For both shows, tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Man loses hand in apartment blast

(AP) — An explosion in which a man lost his hand may have happened when the man was mixing drugs and not because of a bomb thrown through the window as the victim initially claimed, police said Thursday.

Adam Broodwater, 23, was in critical condition Thursday at the Maricopa Medical Center with severe injuries to his face and chest.

The explosion Wednesday night happened in the kitchen of a northwest Phoenix apartment, blowing out the front and rear windows. Rescuers temporarily evacuated

other tenants in the complex to enable a police bomb squad to investigate.

"At this point it's an explosion of unknown origin," said Detective Mike McCullough, a police spokesman. "We don't know if it was caused by chemicals used to make some type of drug or some sort of explosive device."

It wasn't immediately clear why Broodwater told emergency crews someone had thrown a bomb into his apartment. He may have been lying to cover up a drug-making mishap or may have been disoriented, McCullough said.

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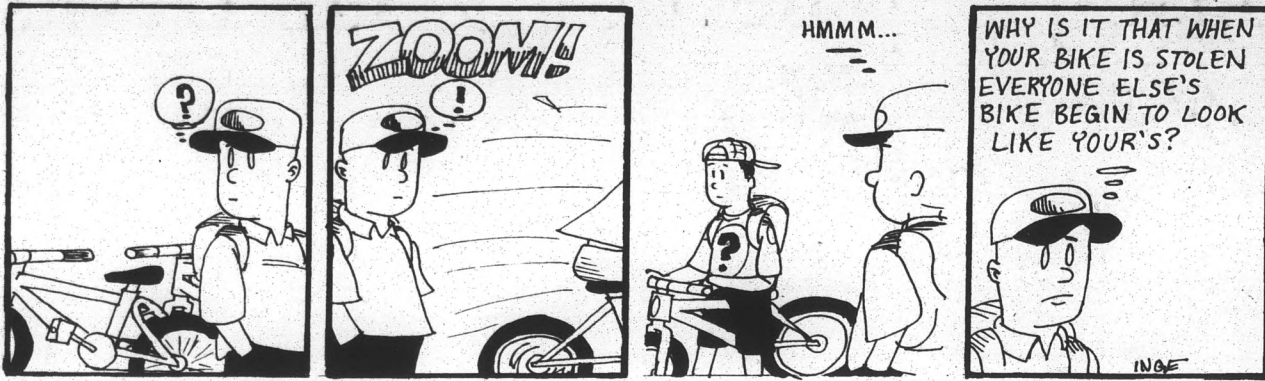
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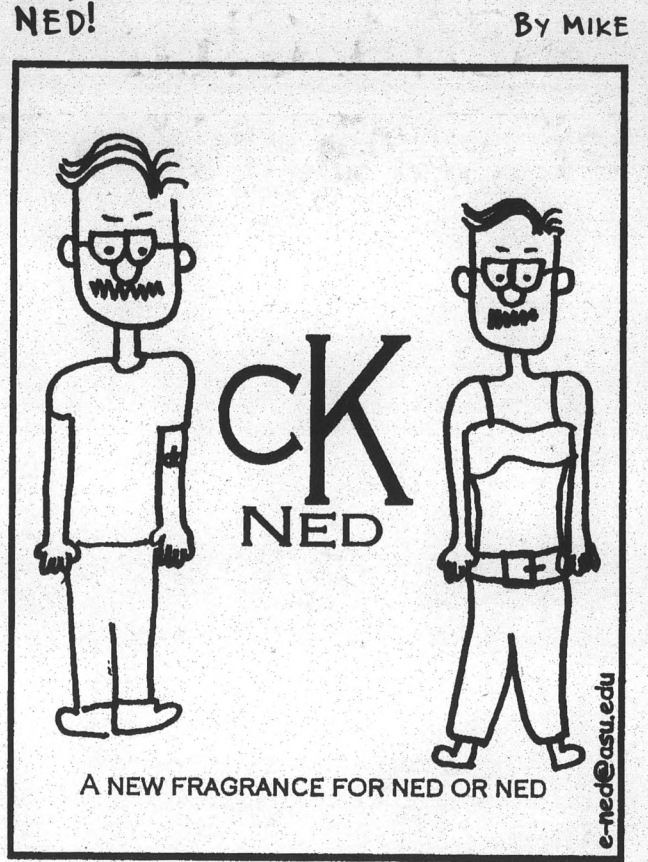
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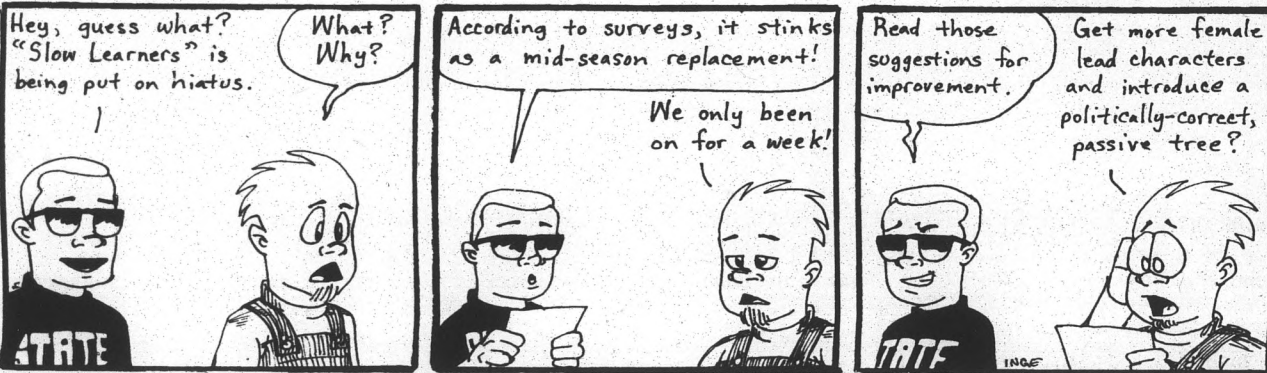
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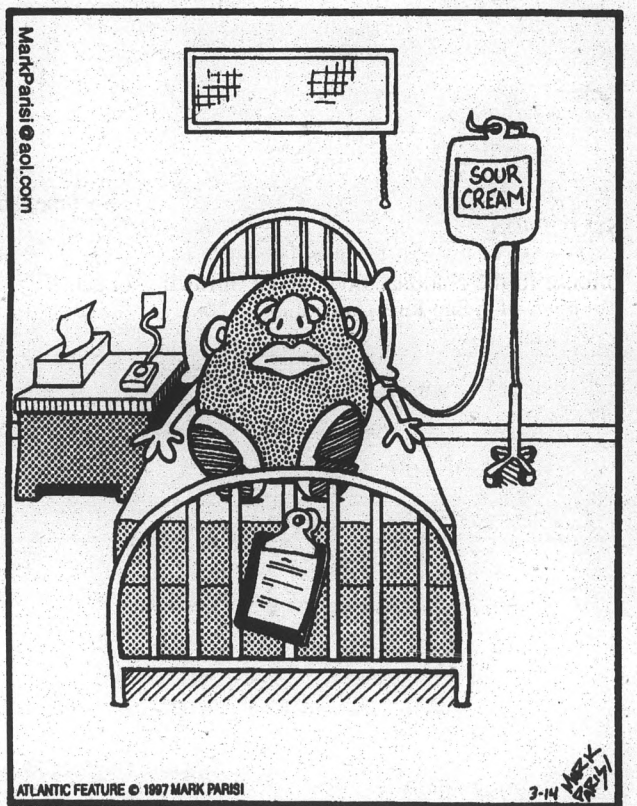
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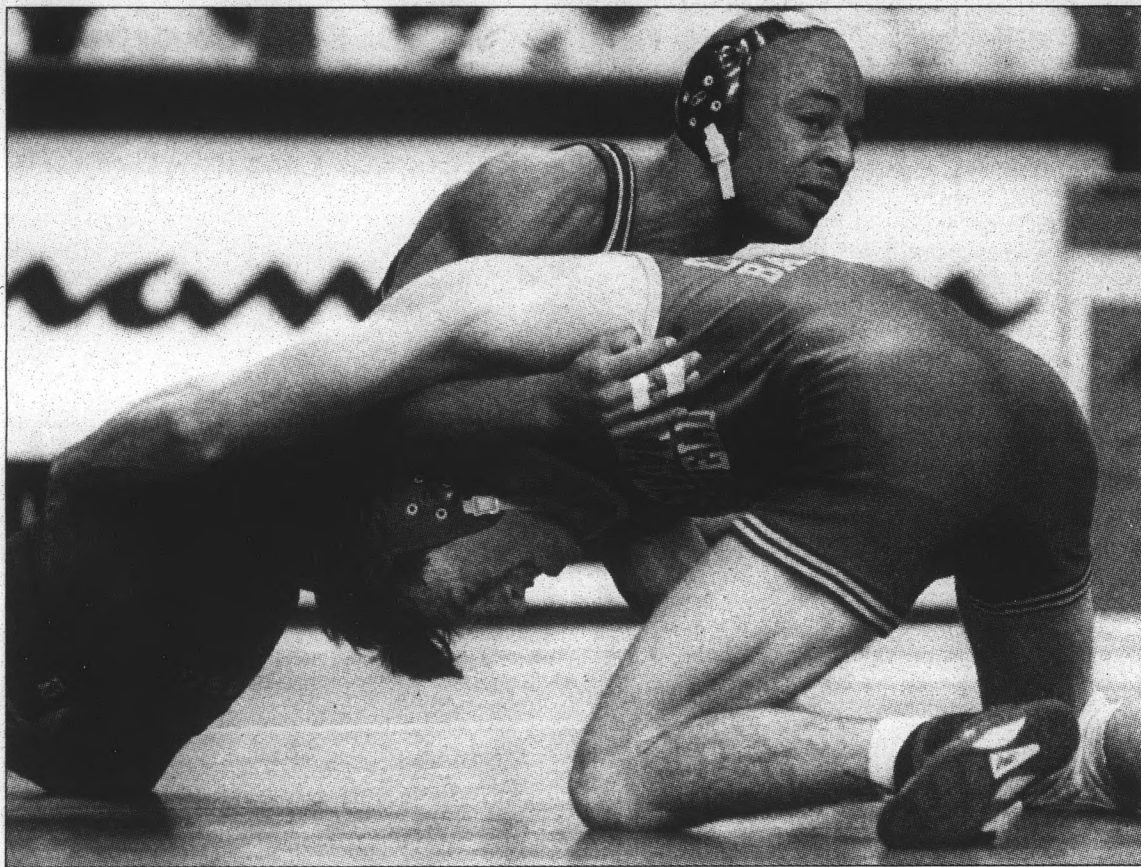
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NCAA Championships up next for 9 Sun Devils



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ASU junior Shawn Ford (facing right), will be one of nine Sun Devil wrestlers traveling to Cedar Falls, Iowa for the NCAA Wrestling Championships.

BY JOSH DEFAMIO
STATE PRESS

For nine ASU students, spring break means an opportunity to travel to the cold of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Of course those nine are freshman Michael Kawamura, junior Shawn Ford, senior Joey Heckel, junior Tracy Brown, senior Michael Douglas, junior Matt Suter, sophomore Casey Strand, junior Aaron Simpson and senior Danny Faqir, who represent the No. 10 ASU wrestling team at the NCAA championships in Northern Iowa.

"I definitely feel (we can be a top five team)," said Faqir, the Pac-10 champion at 190 pounds. "We have the potential to do so many things at nationals, if everybody comes together like we should. People around the country have this misconception of us, Arizona State, that we're just a party school and all we do is have fun and go places and we have tans. But we work harder than pretty much anybody in the nation."

Some of those other teams Faqir and teammates will face include the two favorites, top ranked Oklahoma State and No. 2 Iowa. Both teams defeated ASU in dual matches early in the season. Head coach Lee Roy Smith feels his team can still com-

pete well with those schools.

"A lot of unexpected (things) happen," Smith said. "Because people go out there expecting the unexpected. We're going to have a lot of guys going there in that mindset. We want to finish in the top 10 and we would like to think that we are going to achieve what we are capable of achieving there."

Four of ASU wrestler's will likely be seeded in the top 10. Simpson is expected to be ranked anywhere from first to third. Strand and Ford should land anywhere from third to sixth seed, while Suter will most likely be seeded ninth or tenth.

But Smith feels the others can make impacts as well.

"We have guys that are considered potential All-Americans, such as Faqir, Douglas, and Heckel," Smith said. "And then you have out two that nobody but us are expecting to do well. That would be Kawamura and Tracy Brown."

The nine wrestlers represent the highest total ASU has sent to the championships since 1990.

The matches begin next Thursday, Mar. 20. The finals will be held on Saturday, with the top eight wrestlers earning All-American status.

Softball's slingers saving suddenly slumping swingers

BY JOSH DEFAMIO
STATE PRESS

The ASU softball team is taking some offense to the National Invitational Softball Tournament in San Jose, Calif., this weekend.

At least, its hoping to.

After a weekend series against California and Stanford in which the bats slumped, the No. 12 Sun Devils plan to reverse that trend this week.

"I think it was the first time our offense has been weak all year," senior outfielder Tina Ruff said. "And I think we learned from that. Of course your offense is going to break down

sometime, and it did (last) weekend which is nice, because it lets us build on that for this coming up weekend, which is going to be a lot of games."

The San Jose Invitational consists of 14 teams. ASU is the highest-ranked team competing, as well as the lone Pac-10 representative.

"The important thing for us this weekend is to go in and not worry about who were playing," senior pitcher Carrie James said. "But for us to worry about playing our best and dominated. The important thing is we can focus on really going in and dominating our opponents."

The tournament begins this afternoon and concludes with the championships on Sunday. The winner of the double elimination tourney will play as many as eight games.

ASU will commence its tournament against Hofstra at noon today. It then faces Santa Clara and Evansville later in the afternoon.

NOTES

•Junior Roxanne Tsosie earned Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week for her efforts against the Northern California schools last weekend. Tsosie allowed only seven hits while pitching complete game shutouts against both Stanford and Cal. Tsosie is second in the conference

with 0.83 walks per seven innings.

•Designated player Lisa Dacquisto ranks 10th in the Pac-10 with a .418 batting average. Dacquisto, a senior, ranks ninth in the Pac-10 in hits, and her 1.6 hits per game average is second in the conference among players with at least 28 hits.

•Led by junior Raja Woods, ASU has swiped 40 bases, second in the conference. Woods has stolen 12, while Dacquisto, senior Tammy Lohmann, and senior Stacey Slick have swiped 10, seven, and six bases, respectively. Opponents have stolen only eight against the Sun Devils.

Baseball team pack its bags, hits the road for games vs. California

BY PERCY EDNALINO JR.
STATE PRESS

After playing host for the past two weeks, the ASU baseball team returns to the road for a weekend series against Pac-10 Southern Division opponent California.

ASU left fielder Dan McKinley said he's glad to be back on the road.

He added that when the team went on the road to face USC and UCLA earlier this season, the Sun Devils held their own.

"I think we played well against USC and UCLA," McKinley said. "We didn't go and win all three games, but hopefully, we'll catch the breaks this weekend."

The Sun Devils have won three in a row while Cal (11-15, 0-6 Six-Pac) is still seeking its first Pac-10 win. Cal beat non-conference opponent Santa Clara 1-0 on Tuesday.

The fact that the Bears are winless in the conference is something that ASU coach Pat Murphy is not going to overlook. He said being winless makes Cal a team that is desperate for a victory.

"Sometimes, I'd rather be

playing a 3-3 team than a 0-6 team," Murphy said. "It's the mentality of the ball club."

The Sun Devils (17-10, 3-6) have not faced an opponent on the road since a Feb. 21-23 meeting with No. 3 UCLA. Last season, ASU took two games out of four from Cal, and won two of three on the road.

Murphy said that being back on the road will be good for the team. He said that playing in front of the home crowd has at times been tougher than playing on the road and facing an opponent's crowd.

"The fans are kind of funny," Murphy said. "Sometimes the fans think that ASU is supposed to be up 19-1. It's a little more nerve-wracking for them (the team) to play at home because the fans are very critical. But I guess it'll be good for us in the long run. It'll be a good learning experience. I know I'll appreciate it."

Murphy also said that playing on the road hasn't had any ill affects on the team. He added that the team tends to be more relaxed on the road.

Lefthanded pitcher Ryan Mills (2-0, 1.91 ERA) is sched-

uled to open the series against righthander Drew Fischer (2-3, 5.72). Richy Leon is slated to start on Saturday against freshman Jon Shirley and either Phill Lowery or Jeff Cermak will throw on Sunday against righty Doug Nickle.

McKinley is hitting at a .389 clip with seven doubles and 26 RBI. He and leadoff hitter Mikel Moreno lead the team with seven home runs and are currently on seven-game hitting streaks.

Beinbrink, who is hitting .364 with four home runs and 31 RBI, said he thinks the team is just hitting its peak offensively.

"Hitting is contagious," he said. "When we start stringing together a couple of good at-bats, that string just keeps continuing. We've just got to keep putting together good at-bats."

John Furstenthal leads the Golden Bears offensively, hitting .421 with two doubles and two RBI while Aaron Gordner Jr. is batting .241 with 19 RBI and two home runs.

"Cal's got good pitching and they run the bases great," Murphy said. "Their defensive mistakes are what keeps them from being a great team."



Jim Poulin/State Press

ASU shortstop Michael Collins looks to help the Sun Devils extend their three-game winning streak when the team travels to Berkeley to face California for a weekend series at Evans Diamond.

Spring training for spring break?

If you are like me and stuck here for spring break, do not fret. Arizona offers some of the greatest places to visit. Events take place at these places that are so spectacular, so remarkable, so impressive that you'll almost forget that you are in Arizona.



LORI HARO
Sports Columnist

I am of course talking about baseball.

That's right. If you think March Madness only applies to NCAA basketball, you obviously have not been among the many sweaty, drunk and obnoxious fans out at any of the Cactus League baseball games. The Cactus League is off and running, and provides a relatively fun and cheap way to have a good time.

I recently had to preview, (what a tough job), five baseball parks in the East Valley. I visited the Angels at Tempe Diablo Stadium, the Brewers at Compadre Stadium, the Giants at Scottsdale Stadium, the Cubs at HoHoKam Stadium, and the Athletics at Phoenix Municipal Stadium. I've rated the stadiums based on elements such as best atmosphere, best lawn, best parking, worst food, worst fans, etc...Here are the results:

The overall best stadium award goes to...Scottsdale Stadium. If you have never been out to Scottsdale Stadium I highly recommend you visit. This stadium is the best for various reasons. Right off the bat one will notice the striking resemblance to a major league ballpark, just smaller. The stadium is mostly done in brick and has a concrete floor that is sporadically decorated with miniature home plates. These home plates are memorials and engraved with baseball lingo like strike, swing, and hit.

Scottsdale Stadium has bleacher and grandstand seating extending from the first baseline to the third baseline. There is lawn seating behind right and left field, but if you're sitting in left field sit higher on the lawn because there are fences; the fences are lower in center field. Also, if you're sitting in the lawn there is no view of the scoreboard.

Scottsdale Stadium also has the best food. They go beyond the standard hot dogs and soda of other concessions. At this stadium there is a fajita stand, and a Hamburger Heaven stand grilling hamburgers and double cheeseburgers and serving fries in souvenir cups. Plus Scottsdale Stadium is the only stadium I visited that sold sunflower seeds. The stadium serves most domestic beers and offers quarter yards of Miller beer for \$8.50, refills \$4.50. They also serve San Francisco's own, Anchor Steam Beer.

Also as an added bonus, if you park at the Civic Center it's free!

Compared to what it looked like last year, all I can say about HoHoKam is wow. Actually HoHoKam now looks a lot like Scottsdale Stadium. HoHoKam has all of its concessions in the shade and there is no view of the field from the shaded areas. Grandstands and bleachers stretch from the first to third baselines. There is lawn in right field and left field and it is elevated, so the view is great. They also have a great new scoreboard, but there is no view of it if you're in the right field lawn.

HoHoKam kept it simple when it came to the concessions. They don't offer anything special, but kept to the basic hot dogs, Cracker Jack, American beer and Killian's Irish Red.

I do think that HoHoKam has the best fans. Cubs' fans have to be the strongest, most devoted fans ever and are proud to wear the attire and cheer on their team. Wouldn't you be a serious fan if you waited 89 years for them to win a World Series?

Plus, HoHoKam has something that no other park has or ever will, Harry Carey. The quirky Cubs announcer is still the highlight of the game when he leads the crowd in "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the seventh inning stretch.

The improvements didn't extend to the parking lot, where you will pay \$3 to park in the dirt or grass.

The Angels may have a new name, logo, and uniform, but their ball park is still the same. Tempe Diablo Stadium is a great ballpark with bleachers all along the first and third baselines and lawn in left field. The best thing about the stadium is that the concessions are behind the bleachers and provide a shaded area and view of the game.

Another great thing about Diablo is that lots of people go and sit on the grass not just to watch the game, but to meet people. So even if you're not a huge baseball fan, you can still have a good time.

Compadre Stadium is a lot like Diablo, but smaller. It has a shaded area with plenty of room to view the game. They also have a grill out before the lawn in left field cooking hamburgers, polish sausages, and chicken sandwiches. This stadium offers the widest choices of beer, as it should, it hosts the Brewers. If you are a beer connoisseur you can choose from Corona, Heineken, Samuel Adam's, Pete's Wicked Ale, Summer Brew and Honey Wheat, Killian's Irish Red, and Strawberry, Piña Colada and Calypso Berry Bacardi wine coolers.

The only complaint I have about Compadre is that you park in the dirt and pay \$5 to do so.

The last park I visited was Phoenix Municipal Stadium. The greatest thing about 'Muni' is the surroundings. Phoenix Municipal is just a good looking ballpark being set in the middle of the Papago Mountains.

No matter which stadium you choose to visit there are a few things you must keep in mind.

Do not forget, I repeat, do not forget to bring sunscreen. You can still get a tan while using sunscreen and keep the red out. Wearing sunglasses and a hat is also a good suggestion.

If you're sitting in the lawn, bring along a towel or blanket, and if you want to bring a cooler some stadiums will let you, but call first and make sure.

If you want to get autographs the best way is to hang out around the clubhouse after the seventh inning or by the bullpen. Players will also sign sometimes before the game, but get there early.

If you choose to visit one of these stadiums and follow these simple suggestions your trip to the ballpark should turn out to be most enjoyable. And watching players like Barry Bonds, Ken Griffey, Jr., Tony Gwynn and Mark Grace among many others, how could you go wrong?

Ticket prices for most of the stadiums start at around \$3 and go as high as \$12. Watch for special half-price days or for ads in the newspaper that offer free admission.

Track set to begin outdoor season at Classic

BY LORI HARO
STATE PRESS

The outdoor season starts Saturday for the ASU track and field team as the travel to California to compete against Long Beach State and others in the Long Beach Classic.

Other teams that will be competing in the tourney include Cornell, Idaho State, C. Irvine, Cal State Fullerton, USC, Weber State, University of Wisconsin, and the Japanese national team.

ASU ended its indoor season Feb. 22, at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships in Reno, Nevada. Head coach Greg Kraft said that he thought the team did fairly well in the indoor season, despite its inability to qualify anyone for the USA Indoor Championships.

"I was pleased (with the indoor season), especially with the lack of a facility," Kraft said. "I think we're making

progress. We don't always talk about winning, but preparing to win."

The USA Indoor Championships was the only postseason meet ASU was eligible to participate in. The sanction that keeps the Sun Devils from participating in postseason meets will also hold for the outdoor season.

Distance runner Matt Repak said that the sanctions are somewhat frustrating because, by not being able to compete in those meets, some athletes may lose their motivation. However, the team will focus on improving each meet and trying to do their personal bests, he said.

Another obstacle the team faced was not having a constant facility to train in. Sun Angel Stadium has been under construction all season and the team has had to practice at either Tempe High School or the ASU band field.

Sun Angel Stadium is scheduled to be finished in mid-March and Kraft said

that the team should be able to practice there the week after spring break.

Some members of the team thought that they did better than people expected them to in the indoor season. The indoor season is basically preparation for the outdoor season, and in the outdoor season one of the team's goals is to once again try to qualify for the USA Outdoor Championships.

"I think indoor prepared us for outdoor," senior Karen Vigilant said. "(For the outdoor season) in the beginning we're going to be a little bit slow, but towards the end we'll be better athletes." Kraft looks to use this meet to measure how they will do in the outdoor season.

"We're trying to look at the transition from the indoor times to outdoor times," Kraft said. "They've (the team) had the benefit of running at high altitude levels."

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Spring break offers little rest for many ASU athletes

WOMEN'S TENNIS HOSTS TWO

The ASU women's tennis team takes a break from conference matches this weekend as they face Syracuse Saturday at noon and Miami Sunday at 10 a.m.

As of now the Sun Devils are nationally ranked at No. 11. ASU's top-player Reka Cseresnyes has moved up in the rankings from No. 18 to No. 15, but the doubles team of Stephanie Lansdorp and Katie Propstra has dropped from No. 17 to No. 19.

"We are going for a win, actually two wins," Cseresnyes said. "We don't know the teams very well because they are not in our conference. It will be good to play some new people." — **Lori Haro**

PAC-10s ON DECK FOR GYMNASTICS

Spring break brings two things for the No. 5-ranked ASU women's gymnastics squad.

First the team gets a week off from the rig-

ors of competition.

Second, is a chance to make a last push for a higher seed for the Midwest Regional in Utah, when it heads to Tucson for the Pac-10 Championships to be held at 7 p.m. on March 22 at the McKale Center.

ASU's regional qualifying score currently stands at 196.03, second in the midwest to Utah, who possess a 196.847.

Despite losing to Boise State last week, the team laid claim to the last event high score with junior Carrie Courtney's perfect 10 on the vault.

Along with Courtney, sophomore Lisa Vincijanovic leads on balance beam with a 10, junior Meagan Wright has the lead on floor exercise with another 10, while freshman Amy Shelton heads the uneven bars list with a 9.975.

Fox Sports Arizona will broadcast the Pac-10 Championships tape-delayed on five occa-

sions after the meet. Sun Devil fans can watch the event on March 25 at noon and midnight, the 26th at 2 p.m. or 3 a.m. or on the 30th at 6 p.m. — **Randy Jones**

MEN'S GOLF HEADS TO HOUSTON

The ASU men's golf team will begin its spring break in Houston. They are scheduled to participate in the *Golf Digest* Invitational this weekend. Last year, the Sun Devils finished a disappointing 12th in the event.

Senior All-American, Chris Hanell's three-round score of 223, was tops for the Sun Devils, good enough for a 23rd-place finish. He has yet to finish out of the top-10 this year.

The UTEP Invitational marked the return of Darren Angel to the lineup. Angel was sidelined because of an elbow injury earlier in the year.

Joining Hanell and Angel this weekend will be Sun Devils Scott Johnson, Padilla, and

Brad Cannon. — John Sheehy

WOMEN'S SWIMMING GOES TO INDIANA

Four Sun Devils will travel to Indianapolis during spring break for the NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

The quartet of Carolyn Adel, Amanda Clegg, Casey Murphy and Ann-Kristin Riiser will attempt to improve on ASU's 23rd place showing at the NCAAs last season.

Adel, who swam the 400-meter individual medley for Suriname in the 1996 Olympics, will swim the 400-yard individual medley at nationals. She was ASU's top finisher at the Pac-10 Conference Championships two weeks ago, placing third in the 400 I.M.

The NCAA championships will take place from March 20-22 at the Indiana University Natatorium. The preliminaries will start at 11 a.m. each day and finals at 7 p.m. — **Ed Oddeven**

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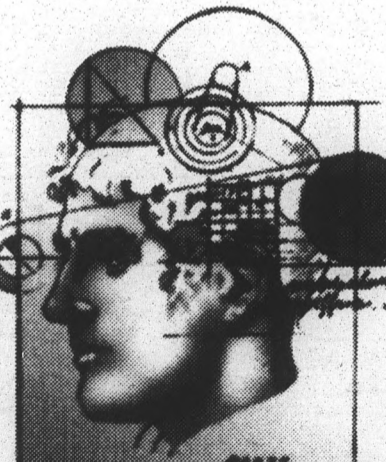
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