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Commission disqualifies new senator

BY LIDIA E. KELLY
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Sean Connelly, the recently-elected senator for the College of Education, was disqualified by the election commission Wednesday for failing to submit a final financial statement.

The Associated Students of ASU elections commission assessed Connelly 20 penalty points for not filing the final statement with the elections coordinator by the March 31 deadline. The maximum points a candidate can receive is 19.

In addition, Erik Noland, activities vice-presidential run-off candidate, was hit with five penalty points for illegal campaigning.

Connelly said part of the whole incident was a miscommunication.

"Partly on my side, too," he said. "We had to submit the statements to a mailbox, which I did, and we had to check them later. I checked it once, but with all the things going on, I did not go to check it another time."

Connelly said it was an unfortunate mistake and he is going to look for options. He still can be appointed as the ASASU senator by the president of the education college student body.

With Connelly's disqualification, only one senator

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Extra, Extra ...



Millie Munsey (right), a Scottsdale resident, donates a dollar to *Grapevine* vendor Dennis Skolnick. "The juggling is free," said Skolnick, who earns his living selling the newspaper which is being peddled again on street corners everywhere, except Phoenix.

Lori Cain/State Press

ASU police prepare for accreditation process

BY DAVID CERULL
 SPECIAL TO THE STATE PRESS

Rewriting procedures to higher standards. Constructing a new facility. Replacing old equipment with new. Training at higher levels.

The ASU Police Department has to do quite a lot in the next eight months to become, for the first time, an accredited law enforcement agency.

Accreditation is a certification process that establishes acceptable standards of practices in universities, hospitals, law enforcement agencies and other organizations.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies is the independent agency that is assisting and judging ASU police during the process.

The UofA and NAU police departments are already accredited.

There have been stumbling blocks along the path to accreditation, said ASU Police Chief Lanny Standridge.

"It takes time and you need the resources to do it," Standridge said. "The monetary outlay is a hindrance in getting it done."

Even though the department started seeking accreditation in December 1991, following a mandate by the Arizona Board of Regents, the project did not get off the ground until July 1995.

"We're running at full tilt on this project, and we're hoping to complete the project by the end of the calendar year," Standridge said.

There are 436 standards in 40 different topic areas that are examined during the qualification process, but the department does not need to meet them all, Standridge said.

Stephen Mitchell, program manager for the accreditation commission, said agencies must meet 100 percent of the mandatory qualifications and 80 percent of the optional qualifications when first accredited.

"An agency must maintain that level at all times, and are encouraged to increase their optional qualifications 5 percent on reaccreditation every three years," he said.

The standards cover a wide range of topics. Among them are jurisdiction, records, benefits, evidence storage, fiscal management, grievance processing and traffic operations.

Standridge said the rules and regulations as applied in the accreditation process exceed the state and university standards.

Policies and procedures analyst Bonnie Klassen, who also serves as the accreditation manager, said when she joined the department in July 1995, the process was 24 percent completed.

"Usually it takes an agency three years to do it if it is done diligently. We're about 90 percent completed now," she said.

Klassen was given the task of complete-

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Labor union hits ASU to court student activists

BY SARA BUSH
 STATE PRESS

AFL-CIO Executive Vice President Linda Chavez-Thompson incited students to get involved in the labor movement at the Memorial Union Tuesday night.

"It is going to be the young people who are going to be the future of the labor movement," Chavez-Thompson said. "Today we are faced with a challenge. We are seeing the breakdown of our one society into two societies — the rich and everyone else."

Chavez-Thompson was the keynote speaker at a teach-in sponsored by MEChA, a Chicano/a student organization, and Arizona Jobs with Justice to increase student interest in labor unions.

"We want young people to realize the future for them is in their hands," Chavez-Thompson said. "If we don't protect what we've got today, there will be nothing left for them."

Chavez-Thompson said workers are working harder than ever for lower wages. She said labor unions are vital to improving working conditions in America.

"(Federal Reserve Chairman) Alan Greenspan said growth is happening now because workers are too scared to ask their bosses for raises because they might lose their jobs," she said. "Millions of working men and women struggle everyday just to make ends meet. Workers are making more money for companies, but wages are down

by 12 percent."

American workers should demand better wages and job benefits before it is too late, she said.

"We are the first generation of Americans who cannot offer our children a better tomorrow," she said. "It's not there. It's not there because of corporate greed."

"Workers in this country need to understand we need to work together. They need to understand no other organization can work for them but the AFL-CIO."

MEChA president Kathia Hidalgo, who helped organize this week's activities, was one of several other speakers at the event.

"We are beginning to realize that we as students have a lot of power," she said. "We have to start looking at the bigger picture. Life is not about going to college and getting a Mercedes. It's about looking at the bigger picture."

Other speakers at the teach-in included Tempe Councilman Dennis Cahill and Charles Fanniel, president of the Maricopa County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

An audience of almost 200 people, apparently more current union members than students, turned out for the event. More teach-in events occurred on campus Wednesday, including labor movement workshops.

The teach-in is one of many occurring on college campuses nationally to draw students to labor unions.

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.

- **Public Relations Student Society of America** — Bridgett O'Gara from Health Care PR, will speak at 4:30 p.m. in the Stauffer Hall Reading room A237.
- **NATAS** — Executive Board meeting at 5 p.m. in Stauffer Hall A132.
- **Barren Mind improv** — Free improvisational comedy show at 12:15 p.m. in the MU Programming Lounge.
- **ASU Young Democrats** — General meeting at 3:30 p.m. in MU Coconino 224.
- **Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club** — Meets at noon in the small gym A in the SRC.
- **Alpha Mu Gamma** — General

meeting at noon in MU Yavapai 209.

- **Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)** — General meeting and E-board elections at 4:30 p.m. in COB 251.
- **Campus Crusade for Christ** — "Too Young to Die" — Steve Sawyer, a college student with the AIDS virus, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Physical Science H-Wing 150.
- **MUAB Marketing Committee** — Meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the MU conference room 2A, third floor.
- **Career Services** — International Student Job Search Workshop at 2 p.m. in MU 222.
- **Phoenix Institute** — Dr. Robert Royal, Vice President of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington D.C., will speak about "Colonialism in the Americas" at 3:15 p.m. in Social Science 226.
- **ASU Pow Wow Committee** — ASU Pow Wow Committee — Organization meeting at 4 p.m. in the Multi-Cultural Lounge at the Student Services Building.
- **Campus Communities** — National Conference of Residential Colleges and Living/Learning Communities today thru Saturday in the MU.
- **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.
- **Re-Entry Center** — Stress Management Class with Judy Gibbons of Student Health at 1 p.m. in the Re-Entry Center in the MU lower level.

Elections

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remains for the college.

"With so few candidates for the senate, the punishment seems to be harsh," Connelly said. "But, I guess, that was the rule stated in the bylaws."

The complaint, filed by elections commissioner Chip Ahlswede, accused a total of 17 ASASU candidates of neglecting to claim expenses on a financial statement or not submitting a financial statement at all.

In two claims filed against Noland, plaintiffs asked the commission to assess Noland a penalty for illegal campaigning.

Noland said the five points he received were fair.

"I am not going to appeal," he said. "I was doing my job during the Mardi Gras ... and I just happened to have a sticker with my name while being within the 75-foot limit from a voting booth — that was a mistake."

Several other complaints were withdrawn this week.

Craig Reid filed claims against run-off presidential candidate Brent Maddin in which he accused Maddin of illegal campaigning on the Internet.

"I wanted to allow the students to have the opportunity to choose their candidate," Reid said. "And I want to encourage students to vote for their candidate."

Richard Golden, who accused run-off

presidential candidate Andy Ortiz's campaign manager of campaigning within the restricted 75-foot limit, also pulled his complaint.

Golden refused to comment on his decision.

Also, a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences senate candidate charged the elections commissioner with negligence.

Allison Jones filed a complaint against Ahlswede for not including her name on the ballot as a write-in candidate for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Jones said she submitted her name before the March 28 date and followed the bylaws in her campaign.

Her name didn't appear on the voting ballot nor the results.

"That cost me votes," said Jones, a freshman English major. "Many people assumed I was not running."

Jones requested a recount of the votes and a reelection with the other Liberal Arts and Sciences College senate candidate, Paul Frost, who got 63 votes.

Last night, the commission agreed with Jones. She will appear as a candidate for the senate seat during the run-off next week.

Ahlswede said Jones' case was just a "clerical mistake".

"Ms. Jones turned in her candidacy on time, but because of the procedures it had to go through, I did not get it on time."

Police

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rewriting the police services manual and, with the assistance of police personnel, ran each policy and procedure through its paces.

When ASU police are ready for the final stage of the process, Mitchell said he will prepare the department for an intensive four-day review period by the accreditation agency, and everything in the department

will be evaluated from "top to bottom."

Standridge said that application of the standards is a tough challenge, but it is a welcomed challenge.

"We will go beyond what was originally intended," he said. "This is a springboard for readying our police organization for the 21st century."

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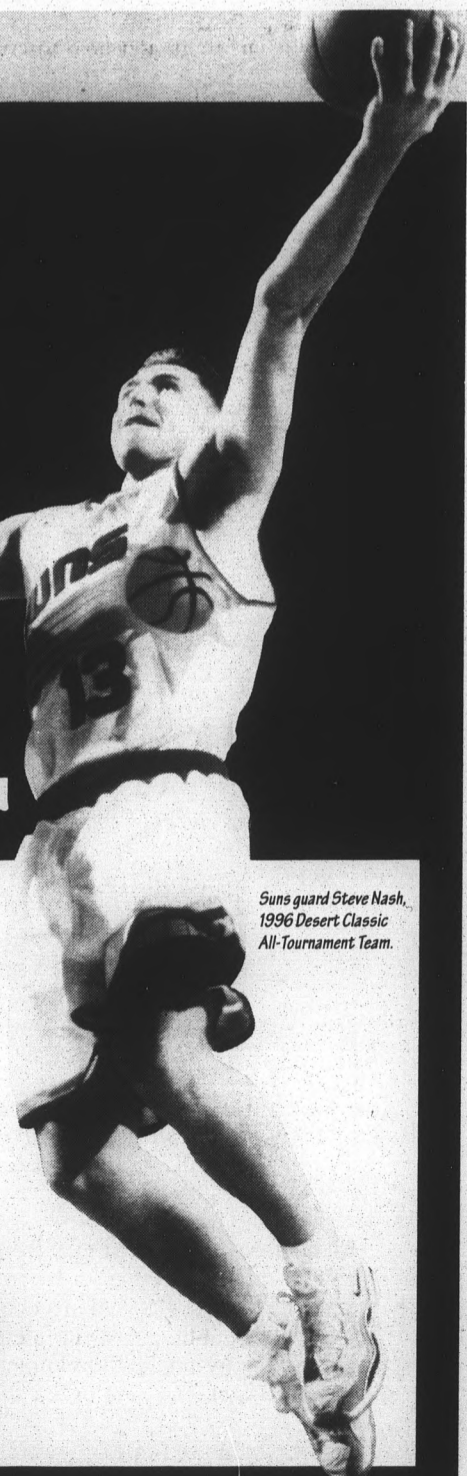
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New Prime Minister Etienne Tshisekedi, center, gestures after arriving outside the prime minister's office in Kinshasa with supporters Wednesday. His march signaled his intention to begin his first day in office despite his removal by President Mobutu Sese Seko. Mobutu fired Tshisekedi Wednesday and put an army general in charge of the government as he sought to reassert control over his crumbling country.

Zaire president pushes out prime minister with force

By DONNA BRYSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KINSHASA, Zaire — President Mobutu Sese Seko had soldiers pull the prime minister off the streets Wednesday as his reign appeared to crumble even further. The White House urged him to make way for a democratic government, calling his three-decade dictatorship "a creature of history."

The Zairian president, who had declared a nationwide state of emergency on Tuesday in response to rebel advances, named an army general as the new prime minister. Gen. Likulia Bolongo had previously served Mobutu as defense minister and army chief of staff.

Likulia promised a crackdown on civil liberties, saying his primary goal was "the restoration of public order."

The four-star general, dressed in his army uniform and surrounded by four other officers, did not elaborate on the crackdown at a news conference, but said measures would be taken against the news media if they published articles that "affected the morale of the military."

Several foreign journalists, including an Associated Press photographer and APTV cameraman, were beaten and had their cameras stolen by soldiers during an anti-government demonstration Wednesday.

And in southeastern Zaire, rebels bent on ending Mobutu's nearly 32-year dictatorship reportedly captured Lubumbashi, Zaire's second-largest city. They have already captured the eastern third of Zaire in their

seven-month campaign.

The United States increased pressure on Mobutu to leave office, with White House spokesman Mike McCurry saying that U.S. officials want to see a transitional government, then elections.

"That clearly reflects our view that Mobutuism is about to become a creature of history," McCurry said.

Last week, political parties allied against Mobutu named Etienne Tshisekedi as their choice for prime minister. Mobutu accepted his nomination in what was seen as a ploy to weaken the opposition by splitting it between Tshisekedi's supporters and those ready to join rebel leader Laurent Kabila.

Tshisekedi is revered in Zaire for the suffering he endured during his decades of opposition to Mobutu. Since his appointment, he had moved to undermine Mobutu by ordering parliament dissolved, annulling the constitution and offering Cabinet posts to the rebels.

The opposition lawmakers who had nominated him said he had gone too far, and they joined Mobutu supporters in calling for his ouster. On Wednesday, Tshisekedi tried to lead thousands of supporters to the prime minister's office to assume control.

Walking in the huge crowd with his hand raised in a victory salute, Tshisekedi confronted a row of soldiers backed by troops in armored personnel carriers. The showdown took place near a monument to peace and freedom erected in a traffic circle.

CIA owns up to 'Gulf' size military errors

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The CIA conceded Wednesday it did a poor job handling reports that could have warned U.S. troops against blowing up an Iraqi weapons storage site after the Persian Gulf War. The site was later found to have contained chemical weapons.

"Intelligence support before, during and after the war should have been better," Robert Walpole told reporters at a rare news conference held at the Central Intelligence Agency. He is the CIA's top official on Gulf War illness problems.

"If you're looking for an apology that we should have given this information out sooner, I'll give that apology," Walpole said. "We should have gotten it out sooner."

Some Gulf War veterans insist their medical ailments may be tied to exposure to poisons, possibly sarin gas, at the Khamisiyah site.

Walpole acknowledged the agency was reluctant to share some of its most sensitive information with other top government officials; had "problems with multiple databases" that contained multiple names for a single site; and conducted "incomplete searches of files" that did not go deeply enough into the agency's records when analysts attempted to prepare lists of known or suspected chemical weapons sites.

Walpole said task forces have been set up to deal with the various problems.

But he insisted that the agency's new information "does not contradict previous intelligence warnings" before and after the war that Iraq was likely to have had chemical weapons; that the weapons might not be marked; and that Iraq did not use chemical weapons during the war.

Critics of the agency's intelligence reports during the war argue that they came much too late to help the soldiers who destroyed the Khamisiyah site on March 4 and 10, and possibly March 12, 1991. The agency's warning, made public Wednesday, was sent on March 6, 1991, to intelligence officials at the Central Command headquarters in the Gulf.

The agency's admissions come as acting Director George Tenet prepares for confirmation hearings next week before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Last month, Tenet released a statement saying the agency had already performed a "vigorous search of all documents" relating to Gulf War illness issues and was supporting other government agencies attempting to help Gulf War veterans find answers to their problems. Nora Slatkin of the CIA previously testified the agency had declassified and released all documents pertaining to possible exposure of U.S. forces at Khamisiyah.

Walpole also released information indicating the CIA has not been completely clear about what it knew when.

One of the dozens of recently declassified documents given to reporters showed the CIA was given information on Feb. 23, 1991, by a U.S. ambassador in the region. The ambassador's report, passed on by a CIA operative, included the specific map coordinates of the weapons dump, and said "the location is described as a chemical weapons facility."

Hong Kong's government-to-be unveils limits on freedom

By DIDI KIRSTEN TATLOW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONG KONG — In the most detailed blueprint yet of the limits that could be put on Hong Kong's freedoms, the government-in-waiting unveiled plans Wednesday to require police approval for protests and allow political parties to be banned.

Hong Kong's future government said it wanted to "strike a balance between civil liberties and social stability." But the Democratic Party, which is often critical of China, called the proposals "flagrant violations of basic human rights."

Outgoing British Gov. Chris Patten said they would "undoubtedly tighten the screw on Hong Kong's civil liberties."

The proposed changes, outlined in a document released for public comment, stem from recent moves by a China-appointed committee to roll back Hong Kong's civil liberties.

The incoming government, which assumes power when the British colony

returns to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, defends the moves as needed to bring Hong Kong's freedoms into line with the constitution China has written for it.

The important test that lies ahead, however, is whether the future government is willing to compromise on the extent of the proposed rollbacks after the public consultation it has promised.

Patten told reporters that the case for amending the laws "has not been demonstrated and cannot be demonstrated."

Under the proposals, people wanting to hold demonstrations after July 1 must seek police permission seven days beforehand, or 48 hours in special circumstances, said Michael Suen, policy coordinator for the future government.

Demonstrators now must notify the police, but do not have to apply for permission.

Another change would prohibit groups that engage in politics from forming links with foreign political organizations.



Raymond Chow/Associated Press

A British Red Ensign flag, flown on British merchant ships, is seen waving from the back of a ferry on a misty Wednesday, as the vessel crossed Hong Kong's Victoria Harbor. The Hong Kong skyline is in the background. There are 83 days remaining before Hong Kong returns to Chinese sovereignty on July 1.

STATE PRESS Editorial

Tradition continues with newest candidate for gov

ARIZONA and politics: both have negative associations. It used to be that the nature of politics could turn earnest men (or women) into hustlers held in contempt by the public.

It also used to be when people who have never been to the southwest thought of Arizona, they usually envisioned sparse desert void of grass and piece-a-hay chewin' bumpkins who entertain backward ideals.

Perhaps it is the arena of politics which has given Arizona its ludicrous reputation.

It is not too much of a stretch when you look at the people who are our forefront representatives. From Ev Mecham to Gov. Fife Symington to our Sheriff Joe Arpaio and gubernatorial candidate Jim Howl, Arizona politics has been a string of jokes.

Politics almost seems to have gotten to a point where a candidate must have a good scandal lurking in his/her background in order to catapult into office. Think it's a joke? Consider our current national and local leaders, take a minute to think carefully now, there's something to be said about every one of them.

Now the new blood running for office belongs to former TV weatherman Jim Howl. What makes him think he's qualified — because he can predict sunny, warm weather five days out? That's not a special talent in this state.

Being able to recognize numbers in a row wouldn't stand for much in any other state either, but we might take it as a good indication that he could handle a budget better than Symington, stamped onto a plastic ball or not.

The only experience that seems to qualify Howl at this point are the allegations that he was fired from Channel 3 for improper conduct. That is *his* winning lottery ticket to the fancy building downtown.

Sexual harassment episodes in the termination were kept hush-hush until the official papers to run for governor in 1998 were filed. We suppose Howl was waiting for just the right amount of "publicity" to push along his campaign.

The attitude of today's voters on and off campus is not to bother with researching platforms that individual candidates stand on, but rather whose name is glaring the brightest. And the attitude of politicians is to get your name known. A good juicy bit of gossip will stick better in the mind of the public. It's all a name-game. Let's hope that's the real reason Symington was voted in again.



Persecution should end with prison term

It was a tragedy.

Seven-year-old Megan Kanka was an innocent child. She was the perfect prey for a recently paroled sex offender who had just moved into the neighborhood. Megan was raped and killed. Her death brought outrage to her community, as it should have. Residents asked how it came to be that a violent sex offender lived within their area and they had no knowledge.

The questions rang in the hearts and minds of legislators. In 1994, the New Jersey Legislature enacted Megan's Law to ensure that no sex offender would ever reside inconspicuously in communities. Forty-one other states followed, including Arizona. The law requires police to inform the residential area surrounding the property that a convicted sex offender moves to. It requires that these criminals register with the local police no matter where they are.

The law was intended to save other children from the fate of Megan Kanka. I don't believe that it was an all-out assault on the rights of released criminals. But it is.

Like it or not, released criminals have rights. They are protected under the same Constitution as you and me. Now some people are willing to go over that edge and join Joe Arpaio and China in trampling human rights — but I think most of us subscribe to a more logical form of justice.

Megan's Law tramples all over the Constitution and it just makes for bad public policy. Neighbors of one convicted child molester in California picketed his house until he moved. Where will he go? Is there one person who says, "Man, if we could just have one good child molester at the neighborhood picnic!"

These people are not welcome anywhere. Branding them publicly, as Megan's Law does, only increases the chances that they won't succeed at a job or personal life and will resort to crime.

As Americans, we have an obligation to protect each other from the infringement of civil rights. We are quick to

say that this type of law is good, until we find ourselves guilty of an embarrassing crime. In California, a bill has been proposed that mandates one-time DUI offenders to have a special license plate on their vehicle. Good idea? Well, the slippery slope is sliding when laws like this are getting a fair amount of consideration.

As much as I would like the government to protect me from all the bad guys out there like child molesters and drunk drivers, I understand the obligation our laws owe to the Constitution.

No child should be subject to what Megan endured in her last hours of life. We should enact legislation to protect other children in other neighborhoods. The answer, however, cannot be found in public humiliation and shame forced upon criminals. These people have already served their sentence and are guaranteed a right to privacy by the Constitution.

The answer may be that we aren't doing a good enough job helping these criminals while they are still in prison. If we were, there would be no demonstrated need for legislation like Megan's Law. There is a high rate of repeat sex offenders, but let's deal with that problem, not humiliate and anger them more.

We are fast becoming a society that feels no connection to those who are deemed weak, unworthy or bad. The rich feel nothing for the poor; the law-abiding feel nothing for the criminals. The truth is that the actions of one group greatly affect the lives of another. The longer we destine the poor and the criminals to lives of humiliation, poverty, violence and Joe Arpaio's idea of justice, the more they will grow to resent and loathe us.

Sex offenders are very bad people. Every person who violates a child should be sent to prison for a very long time. When they get out though, they should be entitled to try to better their lives and move on. As much as I would like to know everything about neighbors who could hurt my children, the Constitution doesn't allow it.

Everyone is quick to limit the powers of our "big government" when it comes to taxes and social programs. Why is it that when we are talking about abortion, criminal's rights or religion, the government can never do enough?

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... And starring Vice-president Al Gore as the Beaver

Mike Royko is ill. In his absence, we are substituting columns by Donald Kaul.

DONALD KAUL
Syndicated Columnist

You almost have to feel sorry for Al Gore. The vice president, who only months ago seemed the odds-on favorite for the Democratic nomination for president in 2000, is now foundering in heavy water.

Every day seems to bring a new allegation of fund-raising sleaze coming out of the White House; every other day, Gore's name is involved.

Did you see that picture of him this week, standing there at a Miami party with a convicted drug smuggler/party donor? The smuggler is this fat, jolly sort; he's got a big smile on his face. "Look at me," he seems to be saying. "I started out boosting cigarettes off trucks and now I party around with the vice president of the United States." Gore looks like Dan Quayle caught in the headlights.

The smuggler, Jorge Cabrera, made a \$20,000 donation to the Democratic cause and later showed up at a White House Christmas reception hosted by Hillary Clinton. When the Democratic National Committee found out about Cabrera's line of work, it gave the money back, which is par for the course. There are bond funds that don't give back as high a percentage of their take as the DNC does.

The drug smuggler picture is only the latest of the vice presi-

dent's embarrassments, however. He's still trying to explain what he was doing at a Democratic fund-raiser at a Buddhist temple last year. Didn't he know Buddhist monks' robes don't have pockets? He claimed he didn't know it was a fund-raiser which, for a politician, is like spending an hour in a brothel without figuring out it's not a PTA meeting.

He was also caught soliciting campaign contributions from a White House phone, which is frowned upon by the Federal Elections Commission. Gore immediately denied he'd done anything wrong and said he wouldn't do it again.

His trip to China didn't help him out much, either. He came off as the All-American lap dog, swilling toasts to the Butcher of Tiananmen Square and being otherwise servile. This impression was highlighted when Republican House Speaker Newt "Old Blood and Guts" Gingrich went to China and told the leaders there that if they attacked Taiwan, he'd attack them. (He's obviously got plans for beefing up the sergeant-at-arms staff in the House.)

All of this has taken its toll. In the past three months, Gore's favorability ratings dropped from 49 percent (which is terrific, considering most people can't even name the vice president, let alone rate him) to 25. If his stock were a Dow Jones component, profit-takers would be jumping out of windows.

Yet President Clinton continues to sail on, relatively unperturbed. He raised millions during the past campaign by opening the White House and his arms to a vast collection of swindlers,

hustlers, fast-buck artists and foreign agents. When confronted with evidence of this, he and his aides have invariably told a story that then had to be modified when more evidence came out.

Despite this, his approval rating, in the latest CBS/New York Times poll, is at 56 percent, only seven points down from his standing immediately after his inauguration. Go figure.

I credit the Eddie Haskell factor. Remember *Leave It to Beaver*? Beaver Cleaver was a nice little kid and Haskell, his brother's friend, was a smarmy con artist who made a point of sucking up to parents while plotting nefarious schemes. He was good at getting Beaver in trouble while avoiding blame.

This is also how it is with Clinton and Gore. Bill Clinton is Eddie Haskell; we don't expect much from him. We don't really believe the cockamamie explanations he produces to escape blame, but we don't care much, either. He's lowered our expectation below outrage. As long as he doesn't screw up the economy or cut Social Security, we'll put up with him.

Gore is another matter. We had hopes for Gore. We thought he might be someone who could restore a sense of dignity and integrity to the White House, someone to hold up as a role model for our children and grandchildren.

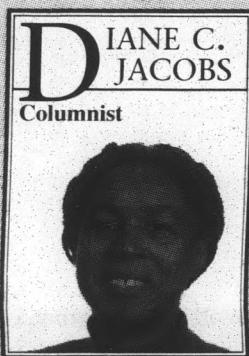
He's disappointing us, so we're disappointing him back.

It might turn out to be a blessing in disguise for him. If he gets our expectations low enough, we might elect him.

Donald Kaul is a syndicated Washington columnist for the *Des Moines Register*.

Often we find life imitates art

So, after a night on the town, he took me to Central Mountain for a spectacular view of Phoenix at night. Every metropolitan city has such a tourist sight. New York City has the view from the Empire State Building, Calgary has the view from the revolving restaurant and Quebec City has the view from the Plains of Abraham, where hundreds of years ago the French and English settlers fought over Quebec.



DIANE C. JACOBS
Columnist

news. Or from something that happens to me during the course of my day.

Last year, I had a real writer's block as my deadline for a Montreal newspaper approached. Finally, I felt that for the first time, I would have to call my editor and say I'd come up dry. I wasn't looking forward to it — I don't like to let things defeat me.

I started to dial my boyfriend, because he has always been there for me over the past several years, through the good times and the bad. But it was 2 a.m. in the morning — I have to remember that everyone is not nocturnal like me. But as I hung up the phone, I began to think of all the times my boyfriend had come through for me and realized I had a column. I wrote about that very special relationship, handed it in the following morning and promptly forgot about it — until the newspaper came out and I began to receive many positive calls about the column.

Oh my God, I thought. I never even asked my boyfriend if he would mind me writing about him. When I saw his number on my caller ID, I thought: this is it. He's calling to tell me off. Instead, my boyfriend was calling to tell me how good the article was. I was off the hook. But it got me thinking. Just because I'm such a tell-all person doesn't mean the people I care about will be.

So on top of Central Mountain, I told him all of this. He wondered whether he would see our evening in print. Hmm. I hadn't thought of that, I said. But his question had me thinking that it must be tough to be involved with someone for whom all aspects of everyday life are grist for the mill. In retrospect, I don't believe I gave him an answer to his question.

Diane C. Jacobs is a doctoral student in social work and can be reached at dianecjacob@juno.com.

As we neared the top of Central Mountain I felt a wave of nausea. I've been plagued my entire life by motion sickness in just about any type of vehicle — cars, boats, buses, planes. He was very solicitous and said all the right things, but I know that he was worried that I might get sick all over his new sports car. It didn't happen. But we did have a long talk on the mountain until my nausea passed.

During the course of the evening I mentioned that I have an obsession with writing: I write short stories, poetry and have written for a few newspapers, including the *State Press*.

Where do my story ideas come from, he wondered. The funny thing is that no matter how long or short my newspaper deadline, I never seem to come up with an idea until the day before — I seem to need the adrenaline from the pressure of writing under the gun. Sometimes an idea will come from something I read in the newspaper or see on the

Grief-struck friend seems to disregard underlying message

This letter is in response to the letter published on April 9 by the president of Sigma Delta Tau sorority about the death of Gary Gist. I never knew this man but I believe Gary was the kind of man you described him to be. The message hit me square — you drink, you drive, someone dies. It is a risk to drink and drive, even if the distance home is less than a mile away.

I do not want to disrespect Gist or his family, nor do I want to preach. The point is that in life, we don't always get what we want; sometimes we get what we get. Unfortunately, death is final — unlike a

Driving Under the Influence charge where a big fine or a possible suspension is given to the lucky ones.

I was once in a fraternity. I did the tour. I drank and I drove my car home on a regular basis. I was lucky and I am grateful that I never killed anyone or myself or got a DUI, for that matter.

It is natural for people to mourn the death of a close friend. But look a little closer and you may get a different message. Like I said, I never knew Gary, but I can bet that if he had to do it all over again ... well, you know the rest.

Name held on request

Innocent until proven guilty

This letter is in response to Brian Smith's concern over the missing A-10. While I agree with him that there is a serious concern over the potential that the pilot may have stolen the aircraft, I am disturbed by his attitude, referring to the pilot as a "psycho." He has obviously never been involved in a Search and Rescue (SAR) operation.

I suggest he contact the state police (which has jurisdiction over downed aircraft), the volunteers at the Civil Air Patrol and other SAR related organizations — who will have several stories of finding downed aircraft four to 500 miles from the original search zone based on their last radar location. I also suggest that he go down to Sky Harbor International Airport and learn a little about

how radar works. It is not infallible.

While there is plenty of evidence that flew off with the aircraft, it is all circumstantial. Some downed aircraft remain undetected for months.

Yes, Brian, I believe that there are people from Davis-Monthan to the Pentagon who are "crapping in their pants" over this. However, I would hope that until we know for sure that the pilot stole the plane you'd show some respect for a brave American serviceman. If you are wrong, you may have spoken ill of a dead man, or perhaps even a dying man who is praying to be found by an SAR team.

Patrick D. Lukens
Doctoral Program
History

Leave movie plot to screenwriters

In response to Brian S. Smith's letter, "Missing airplane does little for peace of mind," Brian, it's way past time for you to return that copy of *Broken Arrow* to the video store.

Robert S. Curry
Classified Staff
Registrar's Office

Warning: 'Computer Open' sign may be hazardous to your health

As a Computing Commons patron, I have a small request to ask of my fellow students: please, for the sanity of those waiting in line, if you are using a computer, take the "Mac Open" or "PC Open" sign down!

This one simple gesture will not only add to the convenience of the zombie-like drones peering over the surrounding wall,

but also will prevent one of those hapless individuals wasting away in line from coming over to your computer and whacking you on the head with a triangular shaped piece of cardboard.

Kennes Bolig
Senior
Journalism

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Quotables ...

"Almost all our misfortunes in life come from the wrong notions we have about the things that happen to us. To know men thoroughly, to judge events sanely is, therefore, a great step toward happiness."

— Henri Beyle

POLICE REPORT

ASU police reported the following incidents Wednesday:

- A male and female not affiliated with the University reported that someone unlawfully entered their stores and removed items.
- A male not affiliated with the University was arrested, cited and released on charges of loitering and panhandling at 929 S. Mill Ave.
- A student reported that someone unlawfully entered his vehicle and removed a CD player and a disc.
- A female employee reported that she lost three keys belonging to the University.
- A male affiliated with the University reported that someone unlawfully entered his office in Engineering Center D-Wing and removed items.
- A male affiliated with the University reported that someone removed items from the College of Business.
- A male affiliated with the University reported that someone unlawfully entered his office in the Engineering Research Center and removed a laptop computer.
- A male affiliated with the University reported that someone criminally damaged a gate arm in Area 43.
- A male affiliated with the University was arrested, cited and released on charges of interference with the peaceful conduct of an educational institution and loitering at 550 E.

Orange Mall.

- A male student reported that someone removed his bicycle from parking lot 21, where it wasn't secured with a lock.

- A male student was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana at Palo Verde East. He was released.

Tempe police reported the following incidents Wednesday:

- Police are searching for a Hispanic male who fired at least six shots from a handgun outside a popular Tempe nightclub Monday night. Police said the man — described as 5 foot 10 inches tall, 170 pounds with a gold tooth — fired the gun after he was kicked out of the Electric Ballroom at 1216 E. Apache Blvd. The suspect, who appeared to be in his 20s, reportedly got inside an orange 1972 Chevy Blazer with a white top and fired four shots, police said. He then drove around to the front door of the bar, exited the vehicle and fired three more rounds into the air. At that point, the suspect turned the gun towards the entrance but didn't pull the trigger, police said. The suspect fled west on Apache Boulevard in the Blazer, license number AZ/AKR690. Six .40 caliber shell casings were recovered in the parking lot. No one was injured.

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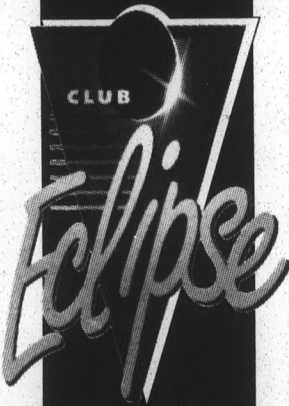
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University up to speed with computer resources

BY CADONNA PEYTON
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The May issue of *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine lists the top schools for computer resources, but ASU was absent.

According to the survey, the best schools for providing computer resources are MIT, Northwestern University and Boston's Emerson College.

New Jersey Institute of Technology and Hartwick College in New York, which provide computers to each student, were also listed.

University of Arizona was ranked 14th in the survey.

The survey addressed 35 factors in four categories. The categories were student services, hardware and wiring, academics and social uses.

Student services include to what extent the school provides access to administrators and course information on line. Hardware and wiring is the actual Internet access the school provides, such as port outlets. Computer-assisted classrooms and e-mail access to faculty and classmates were under the academics category, and any extracurricular activities students engaged themselves in fell under the social category.

ASU was not listed in the survey, but does offer some of the resources surveyed.

ASU students have access to library catalogs on line. They also have unlimited

access to the Web and space is provided for students to set up home pages.

Some aspects of the survey that ASU does not have are viewing transcripts and registering for classes on line.

"Currently, students can't pull up their transcripts on line," said Janice Garcia, students systems analyst in the registrar's office. "Hopefully, we will be able to do it. It would be possible, but we don't have a project underway right now."

However, students will have the capability of registering for classes in the near future, Garcia said.

The survey also specified which schools provided a port for the students in the residence halls. Not all ASU halls have the necessary wiring.

As an alternative, the halls do have computer labs in which they can make Ethernet connection, said Tom Boylan, principal systems analyst in Residential Life.

"Right now we are looking into a variety of options," he said. "We would like to enhance students' living environment as much as possible. Ethernet connections are very costly."

Last year, Information Technology received \$25,000 from the provost's office to be allocated for an Ethernet connection in McClintock Hall, said Ted Humphrey, dean of the University Honors College.

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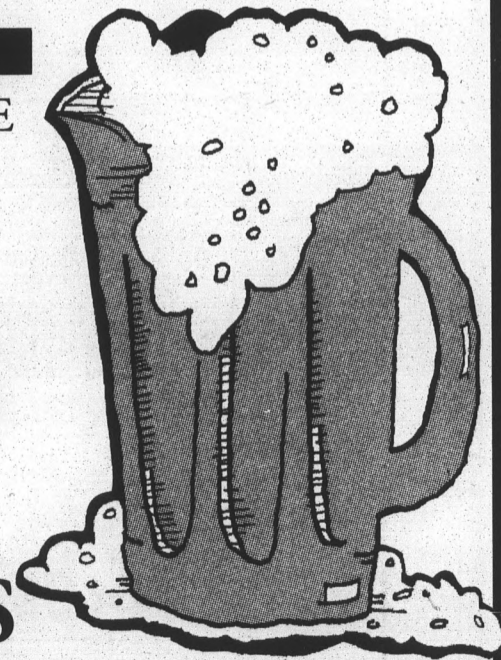
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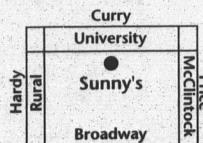
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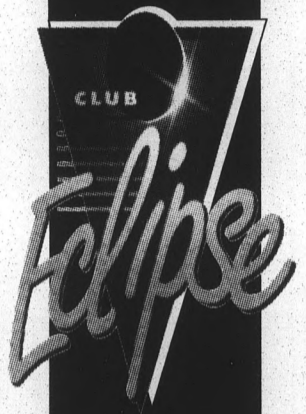
Cotton mouth

Junior physical education major Kare Ward (right) borrows a piece of cotton candy from her friend Baub Pilolla, graduate environmental student, until her twirl is finished by Memorial Union Activities Board volunteer Laura Hughes. The cotton candy was free to promote the MUAB sponsored serendipity arts and crafts fair which is in on display next to the MU through Friday.



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Tempe takes first step in plan to reduce Fifth Street noise

By JENNIFER NETHERBY
STATE PRESS

The City of Tempe will try to curb speeding and noise on Fifth Street in downtown Tempe by making it more appealing to pedestrians.

For the past two years, the city has been working with neighbors in the area to decrease traffic problems, said Eric Iwerson of the city transit department.

"It's definitely something that has been brought forward by citizens," he said.

In May, the city will put a temporary median on Fifth

Street to test how well the ultimate street design will handle traffic problems. A "choker" will be placed on the street, which will act as a median and narrow the lanes, Iwerson said.

Actual construction of the project won't begin until next year.

Iwerson said the testing done with the medians will allow the city to tweak the design if needed.

In the end, the street will look similar to the University Drive and College Street enhancements done in the past few years, he said. Bike lanes will be added and the sidewalks will be widened for pedestrians.

The project will be done in phases, depending on funding.

So far it has attracted \$20,000 in grant money from the Maricopa Association of Governments, \$10,000 from the Tempe Arts Commission and other grant sources. Additional funding will come from the City of Tempe's Capital Improvement Project money.

The MAG pedestrian design grant is the first to be awarded to any city, Iwerson said. He added that Fifth Street will serve as a model for other Valley cities.

The design project will be discussed tonight at the City Council meeting.

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Heavyweights called to help pass 'medical marijuana' limits

(AP) — Arizona lawmakers questioning legislative moves to limit Arizona's medicinal marijuana law may get a personal call from the nation's anti-drugs czar — or even the White House.

Proponents of steps to make prescribing marijuana for certain illnesses dependent on federal approval of its medical use are enlisting the help of retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, President Clinton's anti-narcotics chief; U.S. Attorney for Arizona Janet Napolitano; Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.; and former national drug czar Bill Bennett.

"I've asked for those people who support the legislation to call legislators — everyone from elected officials to anti-drug organizations," said Sen. John Kaites, R-Glendale.

Bennett and Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley were to speak against the voter-approved prescription initiative today. Nelson Cooney, a representative of a national anti-drug coalition that is fighting to weaken Arizona and California marijuana-as-medicine laws, was to join them.

Dan Drake, an assistant U.S. attorney under Napolitano, said his office already has been in contact with lawmakers.

Arizonans overwhelmingly approved Proposition 200 allowing doctors to prescribe all federally classified "Schedule I" drugs for people who are in debilitating pain or terminally ill. That included heroin, LSD and methamphetamine as well as marijuana.

A Senate committee has approved a bill with the federal-approval requirement and a resolution that would ask voters to limit Proposition 200's prescription provision to marijuana, excluding the other Schedule I drugs. Passage by the full Senate apparently has begun to be questionable, however.

Kaites said that whether Clinton would be asked to help would depend on whether Democrats' votes are needed for passage.

"If the votes are with Democrats, clearly the (Clinton) administration cares about this issue, and clearly they have expressed a desire to help in any way that we think may be helpful," he said.

House Minority Leader Art Hamilton, D-Phoenix, said that although Clinton carried Arizona in the November election, "he doesn't dictate Arizona policy."

"My bottom line remains the same: that the people of the state spoke on this issue at the polls," Hamilton said. "They understood clearly what they voted on."

Senate Democrats have not taken a formal position on the bill that would require the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of marijuana for medical use before it would be legal in Arizona. The House has approved the proposal.

"It's one that people are all over the board on," said Senate Minority Leader Jack Brown, D-St. Johns. "There is a fine line we have to walk. People voted it in, so we've got to pay them some attention."

Sen. Carol Springer, R-Prescott, one of the GOP lawmakers opposing the bill, disparaged both the bills and backers' use of national political heavyweights.

"To me, it's just trying to get more cover for those who don't agree with Proposition 200 and who are trying to undermine it," she said. "And I don't think it will work."

Ed Wren, a lobbyist for the original backers of Proposition 200, said her view was typical of why the bills were in trouble in the Senate.

"There are several senators who feel that this bill does, in fact, thwart the will of the voters," he said.

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Tall man squeezed into coffin, family says in mortuary suit

BY JEFF WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Clarence Freeman Jr. was a very tall man who is now 6 feet under in an eternal squeeze.

As the family tells it, his 6-foot-9 body was bent like a pretzel and stuffed into a too-short casket in an everlasting indignity to the man.

"He can't rest in peace comfortably," his widow, Josie Freeman, said Wednesday.

Freeman's relatives are suing Angelus Funeral Home, which insists it was only trying to keep down costs for the bereaved, and the family hopes someday to exhume the body from a Chicago cemetery and place it in a larger casket.

"I just want everything done right," Mrs. Freeman said. "My husband took a lot of pride in himself. He took care of his appearance and personal hygiene. This just isn't him."

Freeman, 39, died of complications of Hodgkin's lymphoma on Valentine's Day, and his wife contacted the 74-

year-old Angelus Funeral Home, one of the most widely respected mortuaries in Los Angeles.

Angelus funeral director Blanche Laws-McConnell said she told the family Freeman's legs would be crossed and his knees bent so he would fit in a standard casket. The average inside length of a casket is 6 feet, 6 inches.

Ron Hast, publisher of the national industry magazine Mortuary Management, said he was familiar with the case and defended Angelus. He said Freeman's knees were raised only 5 or 6 inches, and some of the padding was removed from the coffin.

Otherwise, Freeman would have required a custom-made extra-long casket, a custom grave, a custom vault and other custom features, and "those things would have greatly increased costs," Hast said.

The family paid \$5,320.95 for the funeral, which included air shipment to Illinois for burial. He was buried in the York Co.'s Majestic casket (\$2,341.50), the standard casket with the longest interior space, Hast said.

"I have seen many times where legs have been crossed and knees bent," he said.

But David E. Wood, the Freemans' attorney, said Angelus had assured the family a larger casket would be used and the body would "rest comfortably."

The March 28 Superior Court suit claimed fraud, breach of contract, negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress. It seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

Mrs. Freeman, the suit said, had heard that some funeral homes break, bend, fold or cut the legs of tall people to fit them into regular caskets. The widow "vowed that such an indignity should not, would not, be visited on the remains," the suit said.

Just before the burial in Chicago, Mrs. Freeman looked inside the casket. "To her astonishment, amazement, horror, shock and mortification," her husband's body was crammed inside with his legs at a 45-degree angle, the suit said.

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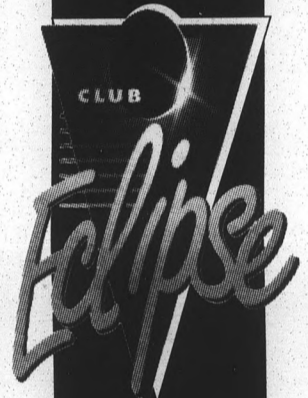
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Cronkite leaves hospital after bypass

NEW YORK — Eight days after undergoing a quadruple bypass, Walter Cronkite left the hospital today with plans to return to the tennis court.

The 80-year-old broadcaster, who had surgery at New York Hospital on April 1, was taken to a car in a wheelchair and driven to his home in Manhattan.

"I feel fine," he told reporters.

Earlier, in a statement issued through his office, he said his doctors had told him that "my recovery is right on schedule and that I'm in excellent shape."

"I asked them if I'd be able to play singles tennis and they said I could. That made me very happy since I haven't

played singles in five years," he said.

Cronkite's coronary artery problems showed up during a regular checkup, his aide Julie Sukman said.

Cronkite was called "the most trusted man in America" during his 19 years as anchor of the CBS Evening News. Since retiring from that job in 1981 he has produced or appeared in numerous documentaries on CBS, the Public Broadcasting Service and the Discovery Channel.

He said he wants to resume a "normal life" as soon as possible.

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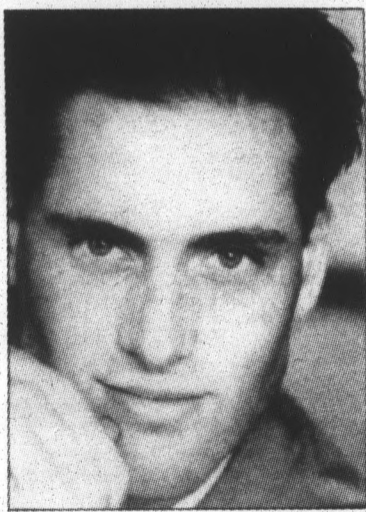


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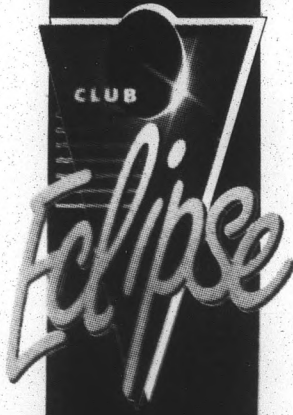
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Above, Ann Abaquin, 10, dances the Subli, a Phillipino dance, with her 11-year-old partner Edrick Hill Wednesday on Hayden Lawn. The performance was hosted by the Asian Students Association and conducted by the Phillipino American Families of Arizona. Right, mentor Nellie Galit performs the parasol dance with other members of the Phillipino American Families of Arizona.



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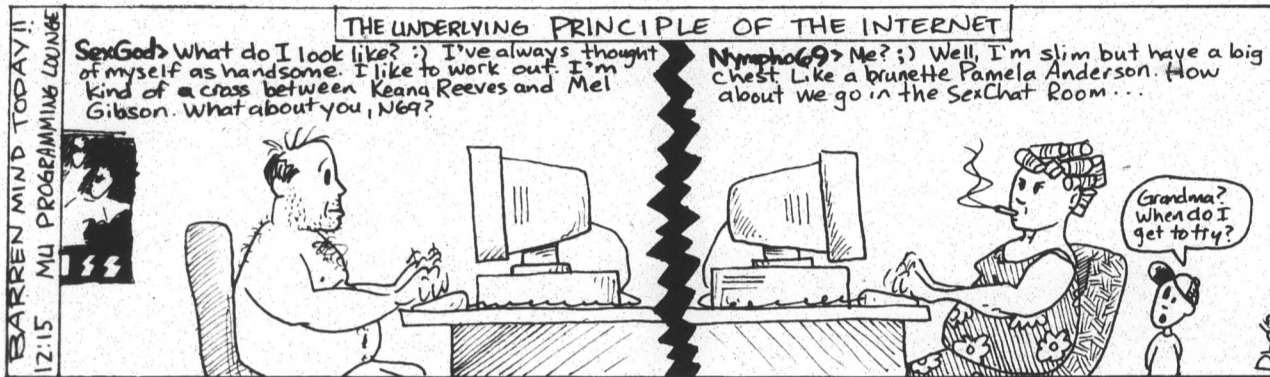
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Sun Devil softball squad swept by No. 2 Wildcats



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UofA's Katie Swan beats out an infield single Wednesday as ASU's second baseman Raja Woods covers first base for the throw. UofA won the game 5-1 and also defeated ASU 15-1 in the second game of a doubleheader at Sun Devil Club Stadium.

BY JOSH DEFAMIO
STATE PRESS

The Arizona State Sun Devils were one of the hottest softball teams in the Pac-10, winning nine of their last 10 games.

Then came the Arizona Wildcats.

The second-ranked Wildcats (35-4, 9-1 Pac-10) swept a doubleheader from the No. 10 Sun Devils (28-10, 6-6 Pac-10), 5-1 and 10-1, at Sun Devil Club Stadium Wednesday night.

"Although it was 10-1, 10-1 is some steps forward with this team," head coach Linda Wells said. "I've been here when it was 26-3. As much as 10-1 looks bad, sounds bad, the first game was only 5-1."

ASU stayed competitive for most of the first game. Sophomore Carla Fortune singled home a run in the fourth inning to close the Wildcats' lead to 2-1. But with runners at first and second and only one out, UofA pitcher Nancy Evans struck out the next two batters to end the Sun Devils' threat.

The Wildcats got the run back and more in the next inning. Junior Leah Braatz-Cochrane connected on a three-run blast to put Arizona up 5-1.

Evans (18-1) picked up the win, while junior Roxanne Tsosie (14-3) absorbed the loss for the Sun Devils.

ASU kept close in the second game for three innings before the floodgates were opened in the fourth. UofA batted around and scored seven runs off starter Carrie Breedlove to open up an 8-1 lead. The Wildcats added two more in the fifth to close out the scoring.

"(Breedlove) was OK even after the intentional walk (to

TURN TO SOFTBALL, PAGE 16.

Up-and-down Suns complete circle; 0-13 to playoff team

BY MEL REISNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — From almost certain lottery team to playoff darkhorse, the Phoenix Suns have made one of the most remarkable one-season transformations in NBA history.

The Suns, who lost their first 13 games, now have a 10-game winning streak. That's two NBA record-book notations in one sentence — worst start by an eventual playoff team, and the only squad to have double-digit losing and winning streaks in a season.

Predictably, they also have a new look.

Of the five players who started in a 96-82 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Nov.

1, only Wesley Person is still on the roster, and Jason Kidd, acquired in a trade Dec. 26, has had an enormous impact in the late surge that has lifted Phoenix to a 37-39 record with six games left.

The victory string includes two wins each over playoff heavyweights Seattle and Houston.

"There was a stretch of our schedule where we won nine out of 13, but our schedule was softer," said Danny Ainge, the coach since Cotton Fitzsimmons retired after going 0-8. "But to win 10 in a row against some of the teams that we've had makes it more significant and more satisfying."

The coaching change was just one of the obstacles Phoenix faced in the turnaround.

The Suns started in a flux after trading Charles Barkley, and since the season began they have played through two big trades, and some key injuries.

Kevin Johnson and Hot Rod Williams started the season on the injured list, and Rex Chapman missed 14 games because of a broken finger. The Suns are 16-3 since Chapman returned, 14-2 with him as a starter.

"It's been kind of up-and-down around here, but we've gone from where the name tags were being changed every two months to where we're solid and playing with a lot of

confidence," said Kidd, who missed 21 games after breaking his collarbone in his first game with the Suns.

Ainge says his players are unselfish, essential to a system that sometimes puts four guards on the floor and has relegated Danny Manning, the No. 1 pick in the 1988 draft, to sixth man.

"The players have all been good chemistry-builders," Ainge said.

No one had a bigger adjustment than Johnson. A three-time All-Star at point guard, it was a foregone conclusion he would move to shooting guard after the Suns

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Tough schedule shows ASU not trying to back into CWS

BY PERCY EDNALINO JR.
STATE PRESS

With Stanford on deck for this weekend, and California and UofA rounding out the Six-Pac season, ASU's race for a regional spot could be decided with the last game of the series against UofA.

The Sun Devils are arguably playing one of the toughest schedules of the season. With the exception of losses to UC Santa Barbara and Cal, all of ASU's losses have been to ranked opponents. ASU head coach Pat Murphy said despite the fact that the team has played such a rugged schedule, respect still has not come.

But he's not concerned. For Murphy, the only concern is winning a national championship.

"I just hope somebody at some point gives us the credit," Murphy said. "If the (NCAA) committee doesn't notice and they want to keep us out of the tournament, they'll keep us out. And that's fine. We know what we're doing. We're playing to be a national champion, we're not playing to please the committee."

BACKUP NO MORE

After weeks of tossing in the bullpen, Murphy said righthanded pitcher Jason Verdugo should make an appearance during this weekend's series. Verdugo (1-1) has struggled on the mound and has posted a 10.18 ERA with 15 strikeouts.

The senior last saw action when he threw one inning against USC on Mar. 29.

"Verdugo needs to take a step up," Murphy said. "He's put a lot of pressure on himself. It's time for him to start being a pitcher and keep his mind off trying to prove anything to anybody."

INJURY REPORT

Second baseman/pitcher Richy Leon is expected to be well enough to play for this weekend's road trip. Leon, who bruised his ribs during the Sun Devils' homestand against USC two weeks ago, reaggravated them against UCLA on Saturday.

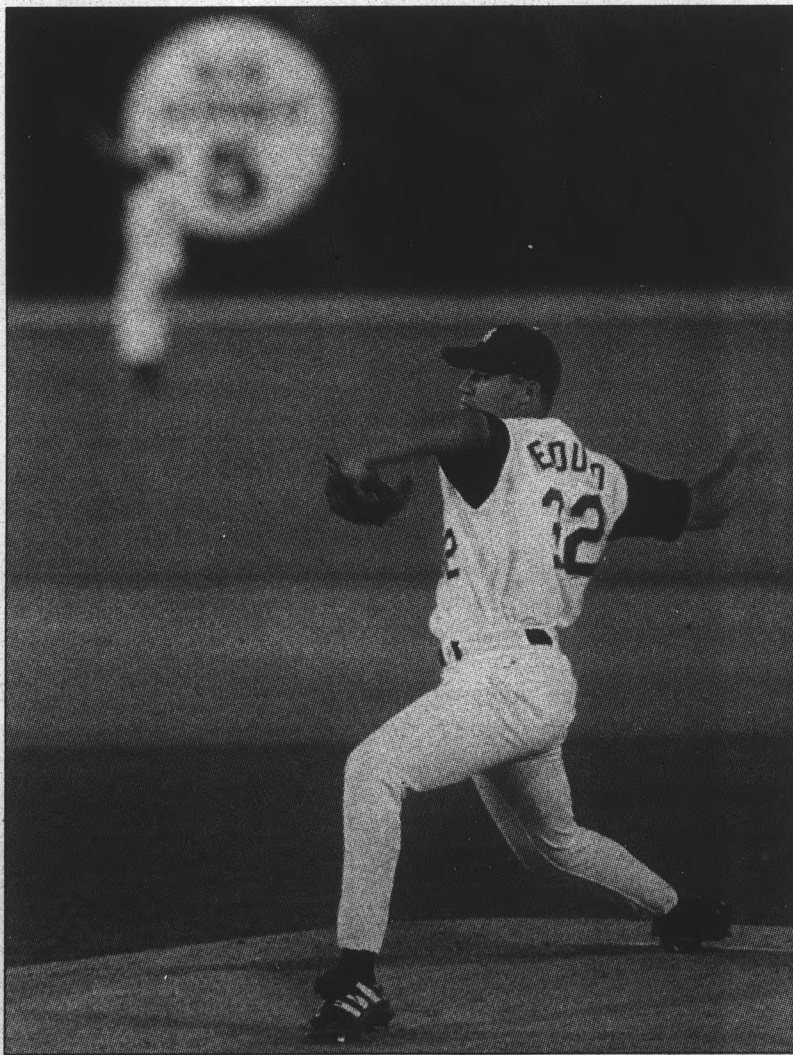
Leon said that he still feels a twinge when he tries to throw, and believes it could be a fracture.

"He might have a fracture," Murphy said. "We're not sure. But he's a tough kid. He's played banged-up. (Mikel) Moreno has been banged-up all year. And other guys have had their share of nagging injuries, but you're going to have that. I'm just thankful that we have some guys who are playing well (to overcome those injuries)."

MCKINLEY NABS HONOR

Left fielder Dan McKinley was named Pac-10 Southern Division Player of the Week on Tuesday, while UofA's Darrell Hussman was named Six-Pac player of the week.

McKinley, a junior from Mesa, hit .588 (10-for-17) with seven runs scored, six RBI, a triple, a double, a home run and a stolen base against the Bruins this past weekend. Against Grand Canyon last



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Pitcher Jason Verdugo should see action during this weekend's series versus Stanford. The senior has not seen action since Mar. 29.

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Cubs' awful beginning hints of things to come?

By MIKE NADEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs keep saying it over and over again: The funk they're in can't last all season.

Just for fun, though, let's say it does.

What if they keep losing? Having already matched the worst start in the team's 122-year history — 0-7 — they are only 5 1/2 months away from finishing 0-162.

That would be quite an accomplishment for a franchise that has turned futility into an art form. No NL pennants since 1945. No World Series championships since 1908. No victories in 1997 would fit right in.

Some other projections if the Cubs keep doing for 162 games what they've done so far:

—They will commit 278 errors.

—They will steal no bases.

—They will bat .185, hit 46 home runs and have a .270 slugging percentage.

—They will be outscored 949-440.

—They will have a 5.68 ERA.

Of course, the Cubs won't lose every game, and none of the projections will come close to happening — OK, given the state of their starting pitching, maybe the ERA is on target — but there seems to be more cause for concern than the surprisingly serene Cubs are displaying.

"There are going to be people who

feel I ought to do some ranting and raving, but that's not me," manager Jim Riggleman said Tuesday after the Cubs' latest loss, a 5-3 comeback effort against the Florida Marlins.

"We can't work any harder than we are. We're just not winning games. I know people are getting tired of hearing it, but the opponents we've played are good. We just have to keep going out there and getting after it."

The Cubs have played only the Marlins, who at 6-1 have the major leagues' best record, and the defending NL champion Atlanta Braves. Those free-spending teams are expected to contend for the pennant.

Chicago, which was off Wednesday, meets Florida again Thursday before playing host to Atlanta for a three-game weekend series.

"A lot of teams that start against Atlanta and Florida would be 0-7 right now," said Sammy Sosa, a .160 hitter who wants a \$10 million-a-year contract. "I think we've been playing real great."

Real great? C'mon, Sammy.

The Cubs, who led the league in fielding last season, already have 12 errors — and could have a half-dozen more if not for generous official scorers.

They have crammed seven weeks worth of mental mistakes, base-running blunders and bad pitches into a mere seven games.

They have been blown out three times.



Associated Press

Cubs shortstop Shawn Dunston gives his bat a perplexed look during a recent game. Chicago, at 0-7, is off to its worst start ever, and every Cub batter seems confused as the team is hitting a mere .185.

And in the close games, they always managed to mess up at the most inopportune times.

Make no mistake, the Cubs have not been playing real great. But Riggleman is right when he said they have been playing

hard. Even at the end of lopsided losses, they ran out grounders and tried to make diving catches.

"And that's about all a manager can ask for," Riggleman said.

Though a win or two would be nice.

Suns

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got Kidd from Dallas.

"If it happened earlier in my career, I might not have been at the stage where I could have adjusted as well as I have to the '2' guard spot," Johnson said. "For him, he does what he does so good that it's always the other person that's going to have to adjust."

Johnson, who ranks fourth all-time in assists average, has rediscovered his shot. During the winning streak, he has aver-

aged 26.2 points and made 23 of 48 3-point tries.

He's also relishing being the team spokesman, a role Barkley took over five years ago. The trade that sent Barkley to Houston seemed to free Johnson's body as well, and he has been injury-free since returning from preseason hernia surgery.

When the Suns were 14 games below .500 at the All-Star break, Johnson predicted they would break even.

"I never thought we would not make the playoffs," he

said. "I thought we would be .500, and if you're .500 that's almost automatic."

Williams had a miserable 1995-96 season because of a back injury. Now he's giving the Suns their best play at center in years, averaging 11.8 points, 11.1 rebounds and 2.2 blocks the last 10 games.

Behind Williams, the Suns have filled the tough-guy vacuum that was expected with Barkley's departure.

Softball

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UofA's Lety Pineda.) Wells said. "Then she served up four (hits) in a row. By the time I could get her out and get her some help, they got seven."

Breedlove (8-5) took the loss, while UofA's Carrie Dolan (16-3) picked up the win.

The losses come on the same day in which ASU reentered the top 10. Backed by the strength of a split with No. 6 Washington, the Sun Devils rose one spot in the polls. UofA dropped out of the top spot for the first time all year after being swept by new-No. 1 Fresno State.

Although ASU has not beaten UofA

since 1991, the defeats marked the first losses to the archrival for several ASU players.

"(All the newcomers) kept their heads up," said senior Tammy Lohmann, who knocked in the Sun Devil's only run in the second game. "I think that is one of the positive things that came out, even though we lost. Another thing was that we all kept our heads up and played as a team instead of trying to break off. We all worked together."

ASU will be back in action on the road against conference foes Oregon and Oregon State over the weekend.

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Tuesday, hit for the cycle.

McKinley, who currently is riding a six-game hitting streak, became the first Sun Devil to complete the cycle since Antone Williamson did it in 1993.

"He's an underrated player," ASU head coach Pat Murphy said. "He's an awesome player. I love being around the kid."

McKinley is the third ASU player to earn Pac-10 Player of the Week honors this season. Third baseman Andrew

Beinbrink was named Player of the Week Mar. 18, while pitcher Ryan Mills earned the honor Feb. 18.

Hussman, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, tossed a complete-game four-hit shutout against California over the weekend. The shutout was Hussman's first of his career and was the first Wildcat to throw a shutout since 1992.

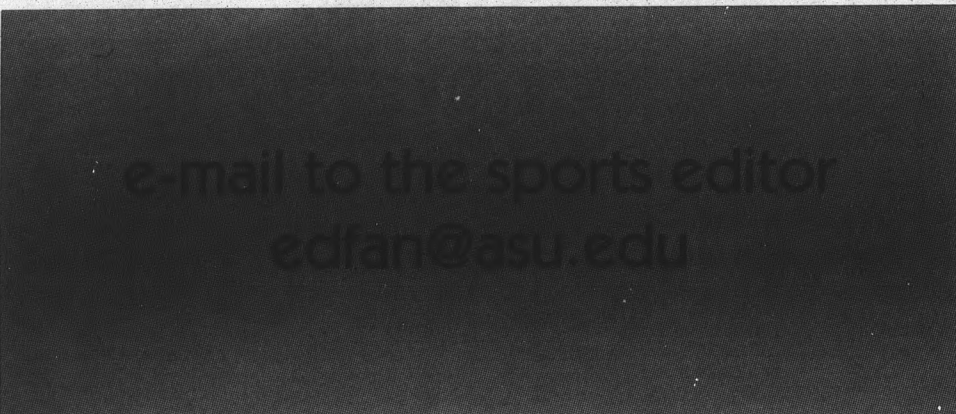
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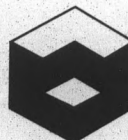
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