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Car accident on University claims 1 life



A Tempe police officer surveys the wreckage of a van that collided with a Ford Ranger early Thursday morning. The accident claimed the life of the Ranger's driver.

BY KRISTEN HATCHER
STATE PRESS

A Mesa man died Thursday morning near ASU after he drifted over the center line and smashed into the driver's side of an oncoming van, Tempe police said.

His identity is being held pending notification of the family.

Police received the call at 6:48 a.m. They said the man was headed east on University Drive in a brown 1995 Ford Ranger, when he drove left of the center line and collided with a white van, driven westbound by Andrew Stewart, 36, of Tempe.

The driver of the truck was transferred to Maricopa County Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Stewart was transported to Scottsdale Memorial Hospital, where he was listed in fair condition Thursday afternoon with a broken right ankle, left arm and pelvis.

A third car, a 1998 Dodge Stratus driven by 33-year-old Melody Jane Thomas of Chandler, was headed westbound immediately after the accident. Thomas was unable to stop and drove between the first two cars, grazing both sides of her car, police said.

Thomas was treated and released from Tempe St. Luke's Hospital for minor injuries.

According to Tempe police, the accident does not appear to be related to speeding, drugs or alcohol.

University Drive was closed between McAllister Drive and College Street about two-and-a-half hours as police cleared the scene.

Eating disorders on the rise, psychologist says

BY CHRIS KAHN
STATE PRESS

Her first diet came at the age of 11. By 18, she was starving herself during the day, only to go racing from drive-through to drive-through at night, eating whatever she could get her hands on. Then came the laxatives.

"Even when I was really young, I didn't feel good about my body. I'm not exactly sure why it happened," said Janet, an ASU graduate student who asked that her last name not be used.

Eating disorders are secretive problems, tearing at people from the inside, Janet said, and although Body Acceptance Week ends today, the pressures to look like a supermodel will continue after it's over.

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of an addiction, but it's not really the core issue."

Eating disorders have much more personal origins, Wright said, such as an individual's self confidence in physical appearance and feelings of worthiness.

"I couldn't figure out how to deal with these incredible feelings of insecurity and pain and defectiveness, so I created a food drama instead," Janet said. "I became obsessed with the food and with the controlling and the losing the control of the food. It took me away from the horrible drama that was inside of me, the terrible emotions, the terrible pain that I could not face for whatever reason."

Janet is not the only one.

TURN TO BODY IMAGE, PAGE 2.

Campus crimes down, but police not satisfied

BY CADONNA PEYTON
STATE PRESS

The decline in campus crime from 1996 to 1997 is encouraging but not satisfying, ASU Police Chief Lanny Standridge said.

According to figures released by ASU's Department of Public Safety, main-campus crime has dropped 10.6 percent. In 1996, there were 2,312 crimes committed, compared to 2,066 in 1997. But even though there is a decline in on-campus crime, with a rate of 46.9 crimes per 1,000 students, Standridge said there is still more work to be done.

"There has been a slight decrease in crime in the general area," he said. "However, whatever drop we may have is encouraging but not satisfying. We certainly should not become complacent."

Even though the majority of crimes are down, there were increases in some categories. The most "disturbing" statistic is the number of attempted suicides, which doubled since 1996. In 1997, there were 12 attempted suicides on campus.

"It's very disturbing," Standridge said. "It is probably one of the most tragic events in our society when someone takes, or attempts to take, their own life."

"It is a statistic that merits a lot of study. There are so many issues involved."

"We have officers that have talked people out of potentially self-destructing circumstances. It is not a statutory violation. But there are other sanctions," Standridge added. "Religious, shame, financial."

TURN TO CRIME RATE, PAGE 2.

Campus Crimes, Then and Now

Note: 1996 figures reflect crimes committed in January and February of that year.

Crime	1996	1997
Homicide	3	2
Rape	10	2
Robbery	38	17
Aggravated Assault	35	17
Simple Assault	632	440
Burglary	907	903
Larceny Theft	45	45
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	5
Arson	317	306
Minor Possessing Alcohol	115	124
Drug Possession	201	138
DUI	3	10
Domestic Violence	0	0
Hate Crimes	16	19
Weapons Violation	6	12
Attempted Suicide	3332	2066
Totals		

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.

• **Asian Students Association** — A general meeting will be held in the MU Yavapai Room 209 at 4 p.m.

• **Body Acceptance Week** — A workshop on how to help when you suspect a friend has an eating disorder will be held in the MU Apache Room 221 at noon.

• **Counselor Training Center** — Free counseling is available for ASU students, faculty and staff. The cost is \$10 for part-time, \$35 for non-ASU people; session are unlimited. The center is located in Payne Hall Room 402.

• **Engineering College Council (EASCC)** — Engineering fun day, including a carnival, games, food and contests,

will be held on Tyler Mall from noon to 2 p.m.

• **Farce Side Comedy Hour** — The sketch comedy group will be performing in the MU Programming Lounge at 12:40 p.m.

• **ASU Gospel Choir** — Rehearsals are held every Friday in Gammage Auditorium Room 206 at 3 p.m.

• **Institute for Co-Curricular Programs and Service** — A living and learning lunch with Dr. Montye Ruse, including the film Eyes on the Prize, to be held in the Best Hall C-wing Study Lounge at 12:30 p.m.

• **Latina/o Graduate Student Alliance** — A general meeting will take place in the Payne Education Building Multicultural Room at 5 p.m.

• **Lambda Theta Phi** — A final rush meeting for the ASU founding line will be held in the MU Havasupai Room 208D at 12:30 p.m.

• **Phi Alpha Delta** — A prospectus information meeting will take place in the Life Science Building A-wing Room 163 at 4 p.m.

• **Young Democrats** — A general meeting will be held in the MU Apache Room 221 at 3 p.m.

Saturday's Events:

• **All Saints Catholic Newman Center** — Meet at the center to go on a reflective Lenten prayer hike up South Mountain at 1 p.m.

• **Ballroom Club** — A practice meeting will take place in the Physical Education Building West Room 113 at 3:30 p.m.

Body image

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Counseling and Consultation treated more than 200 cases of eating disorders last year, Wright said, and the number has been increasing by about 25 percent for the past five years. However, Wright said that it's hard to tell if the increase is due to more students having eating disorders or more students finding out about the consultation program.

Eating disorders are common problems for students dealing with the trauma of being away from family and friends for the first time, dealing with new pressures and

new expectations, Wright said.

But many might be able to learn something from Janet, who has since confronted her disorder and now seeks comfort in her husband and her career instead of her body image.

"I've learned that it's OK to feel bad, I've learned to share my most painful feelings with other people, and I've learned that there is a lot of love in the world for me," she said. "Sure, I think about food still and I think about my body, but it doesn't rule my life anymore."

Crime rate

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Other crimes that increased slightly were domestic violence, which rose from three in 1996 to 10 last year; minors in possession of alcohol, which escalated from 306 to 317 and simple assaults, which mostly consist of fist fights or shoving matches, that went from 35 to 47.

Standridge said these numbers are higher because the University hosts a lot of sporting events, like ASU and Cardinals football games, when crowds or players may get out of hand.

Violent crimes, which include murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, dropped from 50 in 1996 to 17 in 1997, down 1.1 violent crimes per 1,000 students to .38. Other crimes such as theft, burglary, minor in possession of alcohol and driving under the influence also decreased.

Standridge said it is hard to pinpoint a

reason as to why there is a decrease, but the department's crime-prevention efforts can be a factor.

"It can be attributed in part to an intensified crime-prevention effort," he said. "We have had considerable amount of surveillance and word gets around in the criminal community."

Director of the DPS Bill Bess attributes the decrease in the number of burglaries, which dropped from 632 to 440, to the increased security in academic buildings.

"We have been funded for an academic building-security program which will increase the presence of persons in the building(s) and around the building(s)," he said, adding that the department is also pursuing funding from the state to help decrease the number of thefts.

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Caribbean consumed by last total eclipse of century

By JAMES ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao — Confused roosters crowed and mothers thrust children under their beds during a solar eclipse of the sun that plunged much of Venezuela, Colombia and the Caribbean in deep twilight Thursday, inspiring awe and not a little fear.

Thousands of cruise ship tourists, Carnival revelers and astronomers gathered to behold the Western Hemisphere's last total solar eclipse of the century.

At Venezuela's Plaza Bolivar in downtown Caracas, New Age devotees formed a circle, closed their eyes and opened their palms in worship.

Families enjoying the spectacle on the Dutch island of Curacao spread picnic fare on a windswept plain dotted by 15-foot cacti and slow-running iguanas.

But in some places, the phenomenon caused panic. In Haiti, parents thrust children under their beds and youngsters raced to get home for fear of being struck blind — an exaggeration of the damage that can be done to unprotected eyes.

Confused roosters crowed as if it were dawn in Valledupar, a state capital in Colombia surrounded by ranchland. Nocturnal animals awoke while birds retreated to their nests, thinking it was bedtime.

"It's a mystery. Who knows what will happen? Who knows whether the sun will return?" Osman Jordan said as he arranged rows of apples, bananas and onions on a wooden stand at the pier of Willemstad, capital of Curacao.

Jordan, 42, had brought lanterns to light his stand.

Radio hosts spent the day trying to alleviate fears of a phenomenon this island won't experience for another 600 years. Around the Caribbean, government officials spent weeks educating

the public. Some distributed special glasses for safe viewing.

One campaign in Haiti caused a panic that forced schools and shops to close. A mayor warned people's eyes would burst if they looked at the sun.

A new rumor ran threw Port-au-Prince Thursday morning: Under the cover of darkness, right-wing activists would return ousted dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier.

"There's a lot of people who fear this eclipse," said Zaira Busby, 24, of the Curacao government's Solar Eclipse Committee. "But to me this is great. It's a once in a lifetime experience."

In a total solar eclipse, the moon blocks all but the sun's corona, its flaring outer envelope, casting the earth into deep twilight through which the stars and planets shine.

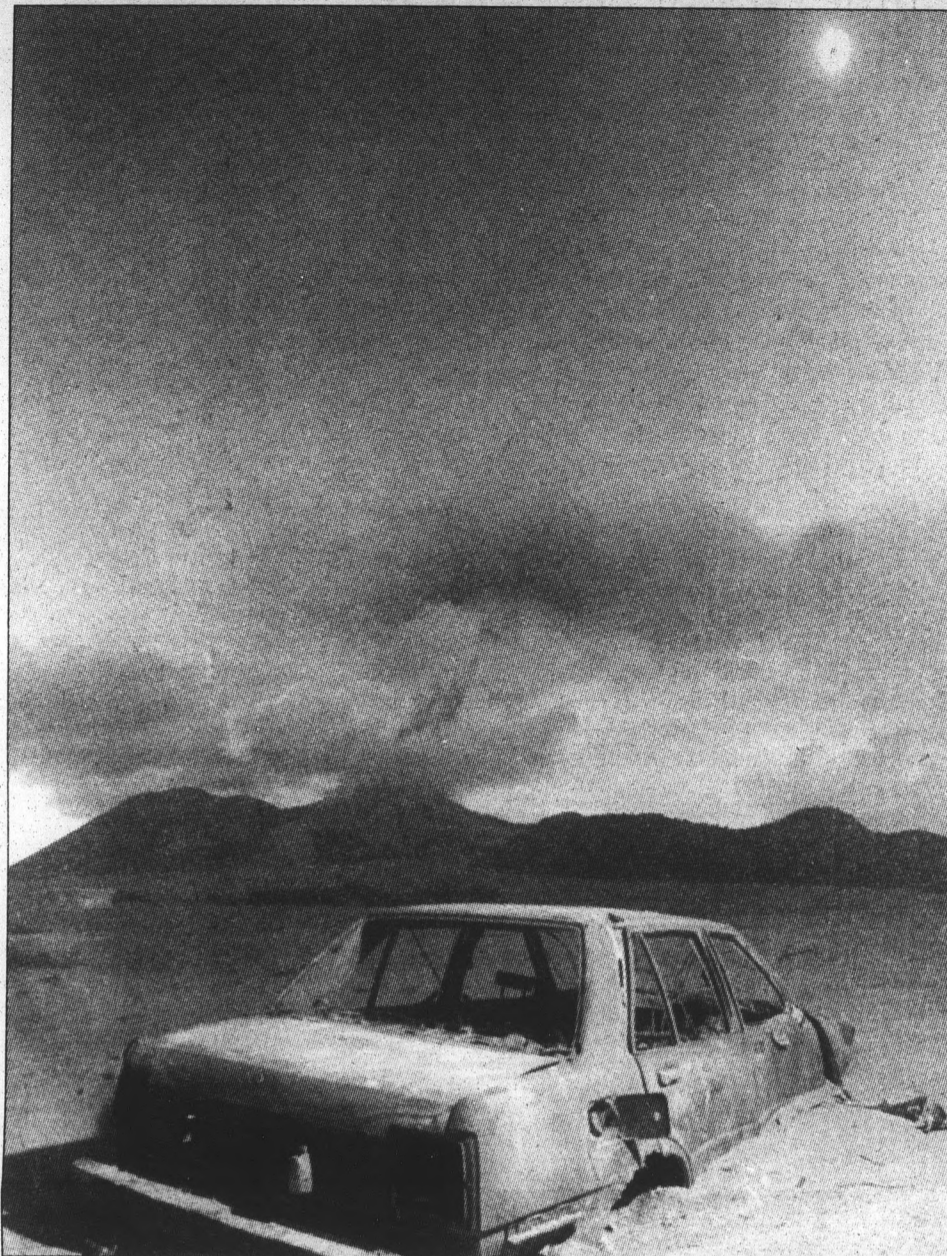
Many areas experienced a partial eclipse, from Ecuador to Puerto Rico to parts of the southeastern United States.

People set up picnic tables, vendors sold souvenir T-shirts, and astronomers fidgeted with dozens of sophisticated and not-so-sophisticated cameras and telescopes as the sky began to darken and take the edge off the tropical heat.

"If I get one picture — just the corona and the stars and the planets — that's all I want," said a hopeful Stefan Dieters, 39, an astronomer at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. He stared at a sky dotted with puffy white clouds.

After a career spent studying and photographing eclipses, Roy Bishop, 58, of Avonport, Nova Scotia, prepared to simply enjoy one. An editor and past president of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, his sole equipment Thursday was a handmade viewing lens.

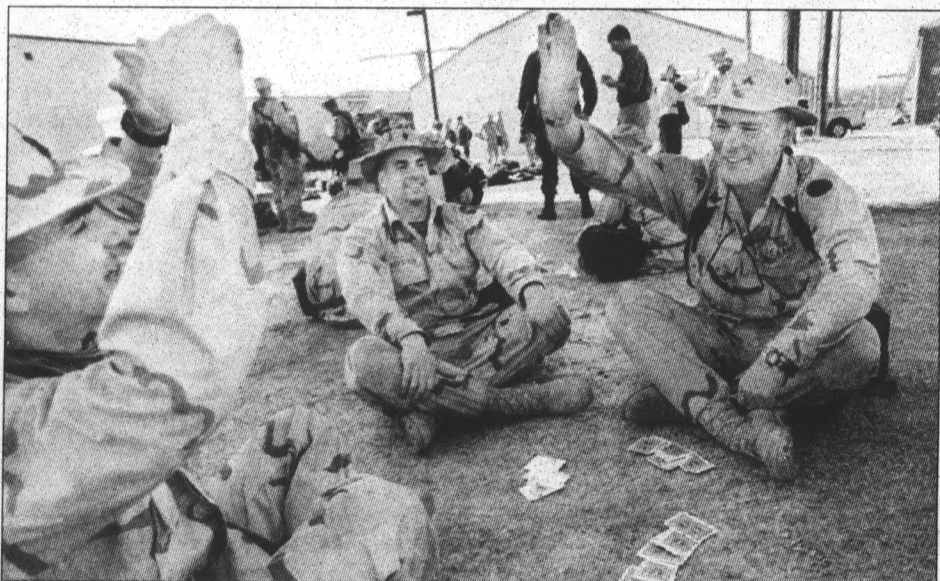
"This time I just want to see it," Bishop said. "This is just an emotional experience today. On the scale of one to 10 of celestial events, this is a 10."



Gregory Bull/Associated Press

The sun is eclipsed by the moon as seen above a car buried in volcanic ash on the Caribbean island of Montserrat Thursday. Residents on this tiny island who have refused to leave despite the active Soufriere volcano, donned protective "eclipse shades" to watch the total sun eclipse.

U.S., Britain push resolution warning Iraqi adherence



Robin Trimarchi/Associated Press

Pfc. Jan Labanoski, left, Pfc. Kevin Reifsteck and Cpl. Daniel Tice, right, soldiers with the 209th Military Police unit from Ft. McClellan, Ala., play cards while waiting to deploy to Kuwait from Lawson Airfield, Fort Benning, in Columbus Ga., Wednesday.

By SUSAN SEVAREID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — Britain and the United States pressed other permanent members of the Security Council on Thursday to back a resolution that packs a blunt warning to Iraq: Break a promise to open sensitive sights to arms inspection and face the "severest consequences."

China, France and Russia are wary of words that could lead to a military strike against Iraq, and it wasn't clear they could be persuaded to accept the tough language.

Chief weapons inspector Richard Butler rejected speculation that his authority would be undermined by the deal, which calls for diplomats to accompany inspectors on their visits.

Butler said his U.N. Special Commission, or UNSCOM, would still be in charge of the inspections and the scientific analysis.

"What's different? We'll have some diplomatic observers with us to make sure that both sides — not just UNSCOM but Iraq, too — behave in an appropriate manner in these special

sites," Butler said. "I think that's fine."

U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said he was pleased Butler's team would remain in charge, a key demand of the United States. The leader of the diplomatic team — the U.N.'s top disarmament official Jayantha Dhanapala — will report to Butler.

The diplomats will accompany U.N. inspectors into the eight presidential palaces at the heart of the latest crisis. Iraq had refused to allow inspectors into the sites, claiming that would violate Iraq's sovereignty.

The inspectors must certify Iraq has eliminated all its weapons of mass destruction before the Security Council will lift tough economic sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait, sparking the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Any Iraqi failure to provide weapons experts "immediate, unconditional and unrestricted" access to the sites they wish to inspect would, according to the draft Security Council resolution, "have the severest consequences for Iraq."

The draft doesn't spell out the use of military force.

GOP senators accused of discriminating against gay nominee

By LAURA MYERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is accusing a small group of Republican senators of discrimination for blocking the confirmation of a San Francisco philanthropist who would be the first openly gay U.S. ambassador.

But conservative lawmakers who are preventing a Senate vote on James Hormel's bid for the Luxembourg post contend it's his gay rights activism and not his sexual orientation they find disturbing.

"This is not a tolerance issue. This is a matter of advocacy of the gay lifestyle," said Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., the most recent

lawmaker to declare he had placed a hold on Hormel's Senate floor consideration.

President Clinton, making a personal plea for his embattled nominee, told a San Francisco fund-raising event Wednesday night that Hormel's sexuality shouldn't be a consideration.

"I have just one question," Clinton said. "The only question the United States Senate should ask, and there is only one answer, will he or will he not be a good ambassador. ... That is all we should ever ask."

The White House acknowledges it faces an uphill battle in securing the high-profile post for Hormel, who has given more than \$200,000 to the party since 1995, but Hormel's rights are at

stake.

"There's only one reason he's being held up and that is the fact that he's gay," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said. "We don't think that's right or fair ... He deserves an up or down vote."

Heir to a meatpacking fortune, Hormel, 64, is a founding board member of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest gay rights organization in America. But he has pledged to resign and give up gay-rights activism if confirmed.

"I will not use, nor do I think it is appropriate to use, the office of the ambassador to advocate any personal views I may hold on any issue," Hormel wrote recently to Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore.

Boos & Bravos

Bravo — To Christine Wilkinson, ASU's vice president of Student Affairs. Wikinson was honored by the YWCA Thursday for her support and contributions to students and women in the community. 'Nuff said. The award was presented at the Phoenix Civic Plaza and honors females for their work in empowering other women and eliminating racism. Sun Devils are a proud bunch, and we love it when one of our own is honored in this way.

Boo — To the carjacker who appropriated a student's car Tuesday night. We'd like you to try that in our editor-in-chief's old 'hood, where elderly ladies are strapped with Glockes, high schools have metal detectors and a gun rack is standard on every pickup truck.

Bravo — To Danforth Chapel, for celebrating its 50th birthday on Thursday. Some of us at the *State Press* singles bar may be destined to remain single for the rest of our unnatural lives, and will never use the chapel for wedding services. That's (sigh!) OK. It's still nice to have a place on campus where you can be at peace.

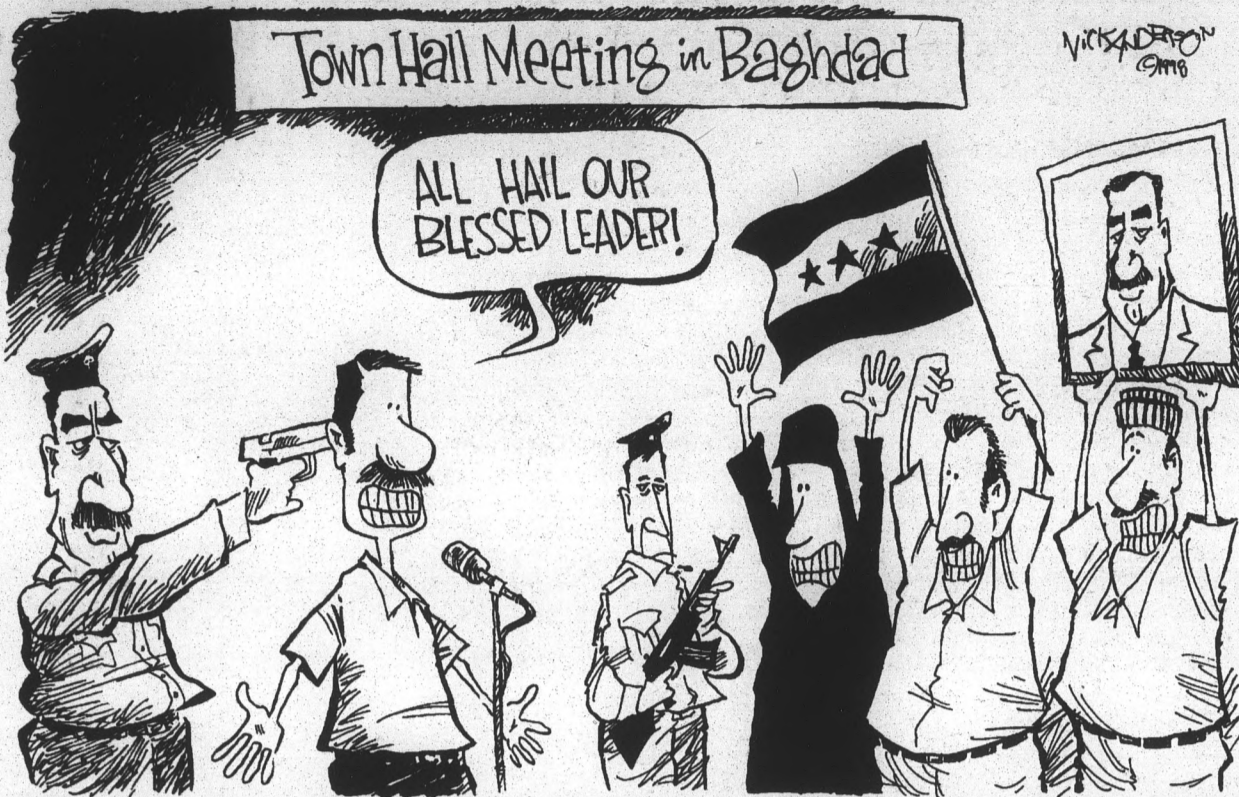
Boo — To U.S. House of Representatives Bill 715, the Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act (ACCRA). The bill proposes the naming of victims, in addition to calling for timely and detailed public reporting of college-campus crimes. Victims have it tough enough, without having to see their names plastered all over the media. Rest assured, if this bill passes, it is bound to put many a victim in jeopardy. And we don't mean the game show.

Bravo — To the *Rolling Stone* Covers Tour, for providing us with some much-needed entertainment. The magazine has been part of American culture for 30 years, and it's fun to look back and see just who was on the cover of *Rolling Stone*. These are the blah days of the semester, when you're counting down — to the second — Spring Break's arrival. We could use the diversion.

Boo — To Parking and Transit Services, for announcing that fees will be hiked in August. Sure, our rates are still lower than those at other Pac-10 universities, but dammit, we're still starving students. Not all of us rely on our parents to pay for our education. Some of actually pay our own way through college. Break out that credit card and be prepared to eat nothing but cans of tuna and Ramen noodles all next semester, just so that we can get "better service" when we park. Better service? Valet service is expected for the prices we pay.

Bravo — To Saddam Hussein and the United Nations, for settling a deal that quelled a possible global war. War sucks, and so does Saddam, but in this case the wacky Iraqi made a wise choice. It's too bad he got off so lightly, though. Which brings us to ...

Boo — To Saddam Hussein, too. He's managed to thumb his nose at the United States. He shouldn't be allowed to get away with this. If we at the *State Press* war room had our druthers, Saddam would have to be punished. Strap the man in a chair and force him to watch *Titanic* 50 times, that'll learn him. That lowly man practically got away with murder.



Internet is gateway to academic empowerment

Our university's libraries are the backbone of this institution. The fact that many of our own faculty do not trust electronic media (I like to call it "hard-copy culture") may bankrupt our libraries.

ADRIAN FONTES
Guest Columnist

I'm concerned about the "publish and purchase" mentality that has a stranglehold on our professors and libraries, keeping them at the mercy of publishing companies. What I'm asking is that the administration and the faculty take a few steps back and look, through a different lens, at a problem that will not simply go away. They have the power to fix this problem. This situation affects the average student when it comes to accessing the research that our instructors create; the research that helps us learn.

Consider this part of the problem — the publication and subsequent need to purchase academic serials. We all use them, we all need them and we all know that the academic review-and-editing process is irreplaceable. Professors must continue to publish if they are to justify their worth to administrators. Our libraries must purchase the newest academic serials to maintain their value on campus.

Bottom line: since 1986, serial-publication expenditures have risen 124 percent, while the number of serials purchased has dropped 7 percent. These numbers, from the Association of Research Libraries, clearly show that there is a fiscal problem with the way information flows from the researcher to the publisher and back to our libraries. Our nation's research libraries are spending more money and getting fewer materials for their shelves. Here's my solution to the problem (I had help with this one).

First, the players: The Researchers: University professors who write, edit and use research in their fields. The Administrators: The "don't-want-to-stir-the-water-because-I-like-my job" crowd. The Students: Grads and undergrads who depend on libraries for the best and newest information from the Researchers. The Publishers: Middlemen who, under current academic (hard-copy) cultural norms, demand all rights to the work of a researcher and retain ownership of the work while selling it back to the academic community at increasingly inflated prices.

Second, the playing field.

The world of academic serial publication, a multi-million dollar industrial culture that perpetuates the following myth — a hard copy of academic writing, one that you can hold in your hand, is of infinitely better quality than any electronic reproduction of the exact same material.

Third, the game.

The teams, one Green (\$\$\$ Publishers), and the rest of us are the Maroon (I got that from our fight song) on the field. The clock is ticking and Green is about to smother Maroon under shrinking budgets and overpriced, yet vitally important, serial purchases.

Suddenly, the Maroon team looks into the stands and sees other teams forming. From across the nation, former "athletic" conferences are coming together as "academic" conferences. They're pooling their talents and strengths to produce, ELECTRONICALLY, the serials that were once under the complete control of the publishers.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Green team has just faded from the picture and we have a whole new ball game! The conferences have formed their own on-line networks of research, editing and publishing! The Pac-10, Big Ten, SEC, ACC, Big-12, WAC and all the researchers in those conferences are now in total control of their own work!

It's amazing, folks. These people can now keep all the rights to their work. This new system even allows them to retain control over the politics of editing that are such a time-honored aspect of their profession.

Pie in the sky? Not if the faculty and administration of the schools in our "athletic" conferences change their "hard-copy culture." The way they think and the things they do (and the publishers they surrender to), are all a part of a culture that has yet to embrace the World Wide Web and its potentials. The Web is more than a way to purchase plane tickets or check the weather in Vancouver; it is a tool that, if properly utilized, means freedom from the finances of the printing press. It means academic self-empowerment and self-determination. It is a viable option to our crowded shelves and stingy Legislatures.

We might even save a tree or two along the way. *Adrian Fontes is a senior studying communications and can be reached at adrian.fontes@asu.edu via e-mail.*

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Academia diverse

I am writing in response to Tom McDermott's guest column of Feb. 25. Under the article's title of "Diversity in Classroom Readings Key to Foundation for Education," the author claims that the "Left" has hijacked control of America's universities and is preventing students from reading the classics of Western civilization (Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Jefferson, Madison and Tocqueville to name only a few). In place of this traditional canon of texts, he argues that instructors are requiring students to read "politically correct favorites" like Marx.

As a political philosopher, I will speak only for my field of political science, although I would be surprised if the members of other departments would not agree with me (Anthropology, Economics, English, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Women's Studies and other disciplines can explain themselves, etc.). The canon of texts written by "dead white European males" is still the dominant portion of content taught in most university curriculums. We can debate whether that is a good or bad thing. However, it is impossible to get a political science degree at ASU without being exposed to *The Federalist Papers*, for instance.

I do not know how McDermott sampled the bookstore listings, but I know for a fact that *Democracy in America* is required reading for several courses in our department. Consequently, the bookstore carries it every semester! Similarly, I have never been in the bookstore when a copy of the *Norton Anthology of English Literature* or various Shakespeare collections were not on hand for the English courses that require students to read them. This is not a matter of subjective interpretation, as many things in the humanities and social sciences inevitably are. Rather, like the heroic natural scientist McDermott presumably aspires to be, we can objectively determine what books were actually on sale in the ASU bookstore. It is a simple matter of measurement, assuming one bothers to look for balanced facts to support his claims. Perhaps, McDermott should remove the lens cap from his microscope, or better yet, try observing the world around him without such tunnel vision apparatuses (ideological superstructure puns intended!).

Gerald A. Duff
Political Science Instructor

Star Wars will prevail

I would like to commend the author of the editorial "Titanic can't handle the power of the force." It is pretty sad that a director can put a teenage heartthrob in a disaster movie, make it a love story and become the world's biggest box-office smash. What's next, *The Hindenberg* starring Leonardo DiCaprio? It's unbelievable folks, he falls in love with the stewardess, but then the zeppelin blows up, DiCaprio dies, but the stewardess lives ... Hey there is a blockbuster right there, the next big money-maker. I am not trying to take anything away from James Cameron, but at least now he will be able to get back to making sci-fi flicks. Disaster movies should not be love stories. The editorial, which was printed in the Feb. 26 edition, touched on a

very important point — movies in 1977 were not \$5.75! Another thing, the following of the *Star Wars* phenomenon is far greater than even the potential of *Titanic*, for every viewer that has seen *Titanic* 6 times, there are three *Star Wars* viewers that have seen the movie 10 times (like myself). Also, I highly doubt that they will re-release *Titanic* with the unseen footage of Leonardo actually drowning while he is frozen. *Star Wars* is by far a better film/epic. The world will know this once more when the installments of the prequels hit the movie theaters next summer. Watch out *Titanic*, your record will sink. And may the force be with you.

Michael Girard
Information Technology

Be safe, not sorry

Anyone who takes the stance that Meghan Gaynor did in her Feb. 24 article "Alcohol Obstructs Our Freedom to Reason," is treading on thin ice. It is completely un-politically correct to point out that there are ways that people can take safety into their own hands, and Rebecca Jousset Lolicata's response letter published on Feb. 26, is a fine example of a typical hysterical knee-jerk reaction to this kind of statement. Of course we all realize that rape victims are not to blame for their assaults. The reprehensible policy of putting the victim on trial, that has dominated prosecution of these cases in the past, has been the target of much-needed social reform. While I know that change still needs to occur, we have to analyze what Gaynor was really saying, and separate it from our political motivations to effect change in the criminal-justice system and society. The key point is that while no victim is to blame for an assault, there are a variety of things one can do to prevent becoming a victim. It has been shown that alcohol and sexual assault are linked more often than not. Knowledge of this correlation should encourage us to exercise caution when drinking, and take extra measures to ensure our safety. Unfortunately, the society we live in is not always a safe one — especially for women. Lolicata complains that Gaynor places blame on the rape victim with the statement, "If this woman had not been drinking ..." — and wants to know why no mention was made of the rapist's drinking. The answer is that the victim is obviously the only one interested in taking steps to prevent an assault — not the assaulter. This argument does not assign blame, it merely points out that it is much better to be safe than sorry.

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Sophomore
Exercise Science

Bravo SPM

Thank you for changing the SPM from an insert to an attached part of the *State Press*. This has already significantly reduced the amount of litter throughout the campus vs. a typical SPM day, as people are unable to drop the magazine section without dropping the rest of the paper.

Nathan Corwin
Computing Site Operator

What comes around goes around: The first annual Cliché Awards

'Tis the season for awards ceremonies, eh? The Grammy Awards just

PERCY EDNALINO
Editor in Chief

aired Wednesday night and the Academy Awards are approaching. The Golden Globe Awards have passed. The Espy Awards? Been there, done that. The MTV Music Awards also are over.

This is the time of the year when awards are the focus for athletes, actors, actresses and musicians. We watch these awards shows, trying to predict who will win which award. Yet all these ceremonies are just a precursor to the biggest extravaganza, the Academy Awards.

But before the Oscars arrive, there's one award that must be presented — with deadly urgency. It's an award that celebrates the pinnacle of triteness and lauds the chafing irritation of clichés.

As a sports writer and editor of the *State Press*, I have seen many clichés in print. I have heard them on television and radio — and trust me, television and radio broadcasters are the biggest culprits when it comes to using clichés — and on occasion, I also have been guilty of using them in a story (or five). I beg your forgiveness.

Therefore, I present to you the first annual Cliché-Filled Event of the Year Award.

Like the Academy Awards, the Cliché-Filled Event of the Year features five nominees — nominees who were chosen based on their contribution to poor journalism and hackneyed writing.

Without further ado, we present to you, in no particular order, the five nominees for Cliché-Filled Event of the Year (drum roll, if you please):

Our first nominee caught our attention by announcing to the world that The Pack is Back when it hit New Orleans at the start of 1997.

We're talking about Super Bowl XXXI, the matchup pitting the Blue-collar Green Bay Packers and the Underdog New England Patriots. It was Smash Mouth Football at its finest. It was a Quarterback Duel that saw Brett Favre of the Packers take on Drew Bledsoe of the Patriots. After The Smoke Cleared, the Packers walked away as NFL champions.

Backup Packers quarterback Jim McMahon Couldn't Sleep A Wink the night before the game. Favre and the Pack made it to the Super Bowl by Playing One Game At A Time.

Ugh. Our next nominee is the Mike Myers/Elizabeth Hurley movie, *Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery*.

"Yeah, Baby, Yeah!" Need I say more? The phrase has been uttered almost as frequently as "Show Me the Money." The catchphrase from *Jerry Maguire*. The first time we heard the term was cool. The second time we heard it, the phrase Hadn't Lost Its Flavor. But when it was spoken for the 237th time, it grew tiresome. Enough, already.

Myers, by the way, is the winner of the

first annual Lifetime Triteness Achievement Award. His work in both *Wayne's World* movies introduced us to the word "Schwing!" and suckered, I mean, coerced us all into greeting each other by saying, "Party On, (Insert Name Here)."

The Big Dance. March Madness. And so on. The NCAA Final Four is our next nominee, and since it is an annual event, it will always be a strong contender.

While the Final Four draws hackneyed writing every March, sports writers have become more careful to avoid triteness — but they haven't avoided it completely. When UofA won the NCAA Tournament, they became America's Team (yeah, riiiight). They were America's Sweethearts.

Oh, the agony. Move on, move on.

Our next nominee originally Entered The Scene during the holiday season, but is still currently In The Public Eye. Still, our next nominee is The Apple Of Our Eye. It's the movie about the Unsinkable Ship and its Date With Destiny. It's about the Doomed Vessel and its two Star-Crossed Lovers, Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. We're talking, of course, about the James Cameron film, *Titanic*.

Hey, it may be a great movie — I don't have the attention span to sit through such a long film — but it did spawn these abominations of wordplay in many magazines and newspapers:

"Titanic Capsizes Competition," "Who Can Sink Titanic?" And so on. For the sake of sanity, we'll continue no further with the *Titanic* wordplay. *Titanic* is titanic, OK?

Titanic also introduced us to Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" (aka, "The Titanic Song"). The song itself is fine, it's the trite snippets of dialogue from the film that are mixed into the song that make it an abomination.

Still, nothing was more Ear-ritating than the aftermath of Mike Tyson's heavy-weight bout with Evander Holyfield.

The Ever-Controversial Tyson chose to chomp on Holyfield's ear mid-bout, thus giving sports copy editors plenty of material To Chew On. If You'll Pardon The Expression, there was a lot of bite to Tyson's bite.

Tyson's mid-fight snack Gets The Nod for filling us with bad ear jokes. But it is The Dark Horse among our nominees.

Our winner was chosen With Careful Consideration.

And In A Surprising Move, our winner is: *Titanic*.

Hey, the movie already has garnered numerous awards. Fourteen Academy Award nominations. It won at the Golden Globe Awards. We might as well add another honor to its résumé.

Congratulations, *Titanic*. Now you may Bask In Victory as King Of The Hill. For triteness, *Titanic* is (forgive me, Lord) At The Tip Of The Iceberg. The costly movie is Making Waves at the box office and poised to topple *Star Wars* as the No. 1 movie of all time.

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QUOTABLES

The new definition of a heathen is a man who has never played baseball.

— Elbert Hubbard,
The Roycroft Dictionary and Book of Epigrams, 1923.

New-moon holiday honors women

By ALLY ASHER
STATE PRESS

The monthly cycle of the new moon begins today. For many Jewish women, it is a time to step outside and view the moon's glowing light, symbolizing their renewed faith in the Creator. On nights like these, Jewish women come together all over the world and rejoice in their Jewish faith during Rosh Chodesh, the Jewish holiday that celebrates the new moon.

This month's Rosh Chodesh is unique because it falls on Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest that traditionally stresses the importance of women. Hillel, ASU's Jewish Student Center, is hosting a special Rosh Chodesh dinner celebration and discussion for female students and community members.

"Rosh Chodesh falls on Shabbat, which makes the holiday doubly important," said Saari Rosen, Hillel's Rosh Chodesh chair. "In many ways, Shabbat is one of the most important Jewish holidays. It makes it even more special."

Rosen organizes the monthly meetings and said the holi-

day reinforces the importance for women to come together and study Judaism.

"It's a way for women and students to express their spirituality with regard to Judaism in a modern society," Rosen said.

Stephanie Perler, outreach coordinator for Hillel, said the holiday brings women together to focus on important issues and helps keep the Jewish tradition alive.

"It creates a comfort zone for people who might not feel comfortable coming to Hillel," Perler said. "It's a different outlook for women to learn about being Jewish. It's a community."

Rosen said instead of the traditional Rosh Chodesh meeting, they will be having a kosher potluck dinner and a detailed discussion about women and their roles during Shabbat. The event is being held at Hillel, 1012 S. Mill Ave. in Tempe.

About 30 people are expected to attend the event, a number that Rosen said changes depending on the day of the month on which the holiday falls.

Mentoring program helps junior-high kids

By MONICA J. AGUIRRE
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Seventy junior high students and Associated Students of ASU volunteers cheered on the Phoenix Coyotes at Wednesday night's game, to strengthen friendships and build trust.

The Visions program, which is supported by ASASU and the Education Student Council, establishes partnerships between ASU and Gililand Junior High students.

"This game brought everyone together," said Leon Vainshhtein, a ASU junior studying psychology and a Visions volunteer.

The game gave Gililand students

a chance to experience something they wouldn't ordinarily get to, said Jeanne Young, counselor for Gililand.

"The game was a good idea, because now when we visit the school, it will be more relaxing and the lines of communication will be open," said Jeff Kuhnenbecker, a sophomore studying accounting.

The ASU mentors volunteer two to four hours a month. They go to Gililand to eat lunch and help mentees with homework. The mentors provide support, friendship and someone to talk to.

"I joined the Visions program because I needed help with my

work," said Matt Hanna, an eighth grade Gililand student. "It offered me a chance to help with my grades and I just needed a friend to talk to. (My mentor has) really been there for me."

The program was created last year by ASASU President Andy Ortiz and former ASASU President Matt Baumgartner to get ASU involved in the community. It has increased from the original 50 volunteers to nearly 100 this year.

"We want the kids to feel special and to know that we, as ASU students, care about their development," Ortiz said. "I think the game was really rewarding for them."

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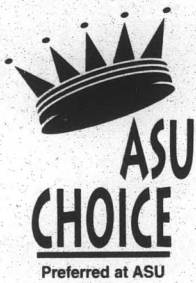
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BY DAVID WOODFILL
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Rock legends take home the awards at Grammys — finally

BY DAVID BAUDER
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NEW YORK — When John Fogerty was cranking out classic hits for Creedence Clearwater Revival three decades ago, he'd watch the Grammys and see Henry Mancini, Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra carrying home all the trophies.

Bennett's still winning — some people are just indestructible — but this year's Grammys showed rock's old guard being recognized by a music establishment that once wished they would go away.

"It's kind of a function of the calendar," Fogerty said. "Sooner or later you become old enough to win a Grammy."

Fogerty won his first Grammy in Wednesday night's ceremony, for best rock album. During the days he was writing songs like "Proud Mary," "Green River" and "Fortunate Son," he was never even nominated.

Bob Dylan, who had won or shared in only four minor Grammys during his entire career, doubled that in one night Wednesday. He was a sentimental favorite after suffering a

life-threatening heart infection last year. His top award was best album for *Time Out of Mind*.

Van Morrison and blues artist John Lee Hooker received a Grammy for their collaboration on "Don't Look Back." They beat Grammy favorites like Barbra Streisand and Celine Dion.

James Taylor's best pop-album Grammy for Hourglass was his third award and first since 1977.

His producer, Frank Filipetti, said voters were probably looking at more than just one album when they checked the names of Taylor and some of his older colleagues.

"Certainly I can't sit there and definitely say that it's not a nostalgia vote," he said.

It's not as if those artists have given up creating; Dylan's album was widely acknowledged as his strongest in decades and Fogerty's comeback showed real vigor.

Veteran folk-rocker Shawn Colvin, who won song and record of the year for "Sunny Came Home," produced the best work of her career.

Even cranky rock pioneer Bo Diddley, angry that he

didn't get a lifetime achievement award earlier, seemed more interested backstage in what he was doing than in what he had done.

He heard kids today like to hear a lot of noise, he said, and that's just what he's going to give them.

The awards show also had a certain rock 'n' roll spirit of unpredictability, something the Grammys have never been accused of before. Dylan's performance of "Love Sick" was interrupted by a marginally coordinated dancer who had the words "Soy Bomb" painted on his bare torso.

Dylan sidled away from him, giving a few sidelong glances, but never missed a note.

And a member of the rap group Wu-Tang Clan, upset that he didn't win a Grammy, grabbed a microphone for an impromptu monologue while a baffled Colvin was climbing on stage to accept an award.

"Maybe next year we'll set up a mosh pit or something," said Grammy chief Michael Greene, who was involved in his own rock star-style feud with New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the weeks leading up to the Grammys.

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Unsettled weather gives Californians winter discontent

By MICHELLE LOCKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY, Calif. — It's 10 a.m. and the sun is shining, casting a warm golden net over rain-plumped lawns. No, wait, it's 10:30 a.m. and a bank of gray clouds has rolled in. Eleven o'clock — is it going to rain AGAIN?

In a state where the sun is supposed to come out tomorrow, yesterday and today, two months of unsettled weather has been a rude awakening to California dreamers.

"We've gotten our comeuppance, suddenly having a much better perspective on how fortunate we usually are," Berkeley resident Sangwan Zimmerman said between downpours Wednesday.

"We have almost every day the kind of days that people in, say, Cleveland near the lake get so excited about because they get three a year. But I think last winter and this winter we've gotten some valuable new perspective. Other than that," she said with a twinkle, "it really stinks."

The El Niño storms pounding California this winter have

brought tragedy. Seven people died in a two-day storm this week, including two Highway Patrol officers whose car plunged into a river as they were on their way to help a stranded motorist.

In Northern California, some have watched helplessly as their homes slid down rain-sodden hillsides. Others can only wonder whether the next downpour will mean catastrophe for them, too.

But for most, the weather is more an irritant than a life-changing event. Motorists fume in rain-snarled traffic. Exercise enthusiasts glumly pace their living rooms. Frazzled parents scramble for ways to keep the rambunctious kids entertained.

For people in the San Francisco Bay area used to a perpetually mild climate — a little damper in the winter, a little foggier in the summer — the suddenly unpredictable weather was particularly vexing.

"I fell asleep out in the sun in shorts and a shirt and when I woke up it was raining," said Patty Witcher, a freshman at the University of California at Berkeley. She said the rain has definitely made her crabby.

Not far away, evangelist Eddie Richards, a figure on Sproul Plaza, the main gathering point of campus and site of the 1964 Free Speech Movement, was preaching in the rain. "We should build the ark now or what?" he joked.

Forecasters see a break in the weather that has punished the state since Feb. 1, causing more than \$475 million in damage. But the rains are expected to return.

"I hope I'm wrong. You people have had enough rain," said Gerald Bell, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. He said forecasters expect the El Niño warming of the tropical Pacific to stay strong through May or June before weakening.

Still, for as long as it lasted, most were pleased by the reappearance this week of what *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist Jon Carroll called "The Odd Glowing Yellow Thing."

In Pasadena, the return of the sun meant a brighter financial outlook for 22-year-old Loco Campos, who is homeless.

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So says the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which opposes any more escorted excursions for the actor, who is serving a six-month jail sentence for drug violations.

Downey has twice been allowed to leave jail for a day to work on movies. The most recent trip came Feb. 17, when deputies escorted him to Paramount Studios to do some recording.

"It's too disruptive and not the way to operate a jail for the convenience of any inmate, no matter who that might be," Sheriff Sherman Block said Wednesday.

Judge Lawrence A. Mira ordered Downey, 32, to pay for the escorts.

After a series of drug arrests and second chances, the actor was sent to jail Dec. 8 for violating probation by failing to stay clean and sober.

On Feb. 13, Downey suffered a slight cut on his nose after fighting with another inmate. He was moved to another jail across the street.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Romance novelist Danielle Steel is writing a new chapter in her life.

The best-selling author will marry for the fifth time, this time to venture capitalist Thomas J. Perkins, who helped found Genentech, Compaq and Tandem Computers.

Steel would not give a date for the wedding but said the ceremony will be small. In

Perkins, she gets a husband who takes an avid interest in her career and inspired her book *The Klone and I*, due this summer.

"The idea came from correspondence between us and a joke between us, and I actually wrote the book as a Christmas present for him," she told the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Perkins, 65, is a widower with two grown children. Steel, 49, has seven children and two stepchildren.

Steel recently finished her 70th book, *His Bright Light*, a nonfiction work about her son who died of a morphine overdose last September.

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The Spice Girls have no plans to perform at an Indian archaeological site famed for its erotic sculptures, a spokeswoman for the group said Thursday.

A newspaper report about the British pop group's planned performance in November in the central Indian town of Khajuraho drew protests from a leading exponent of the classical dance form called Bharatanatyam.

"The profile of the Spice Girls does not match that of the temples," Geeta Chandran said last week. "Eroticism sans spirituality will be reduced to pornography."

On Thursday, Sharon Hanley of the London-based agency that handles public relations for the group said: "That story broke here a week ago and it was not true."

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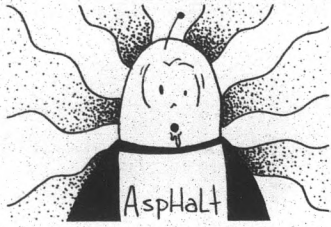
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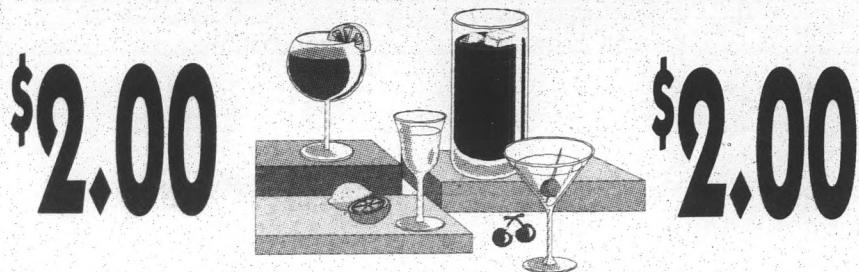
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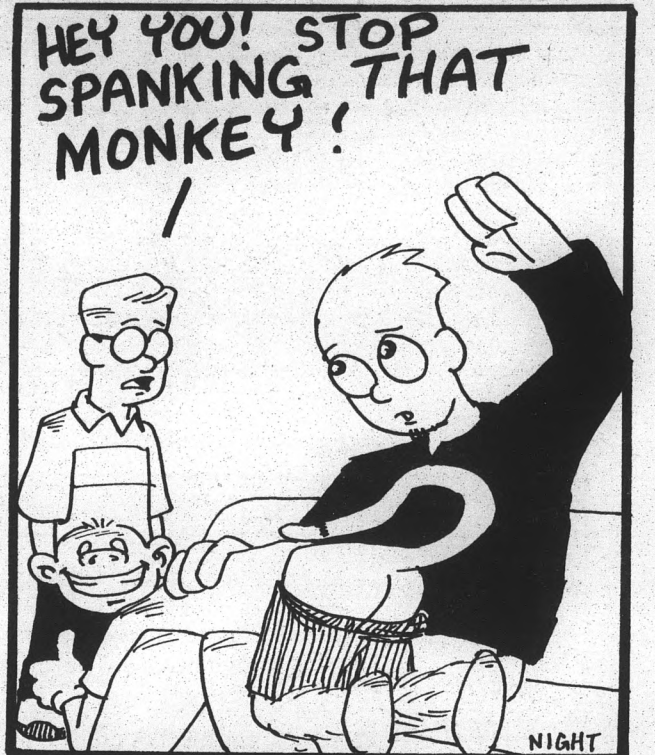
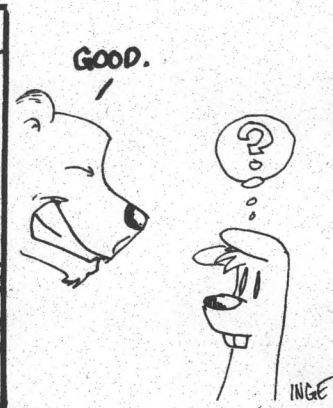
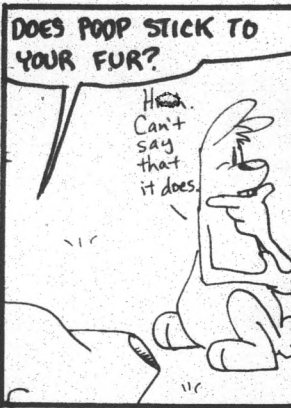
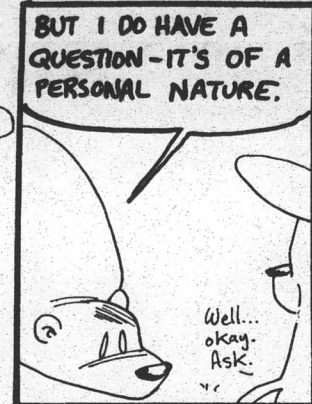
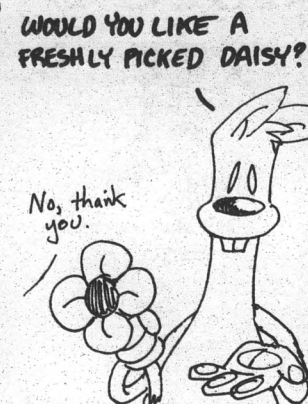
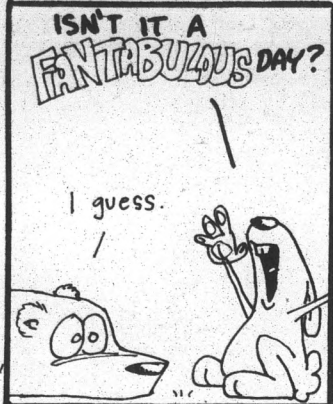
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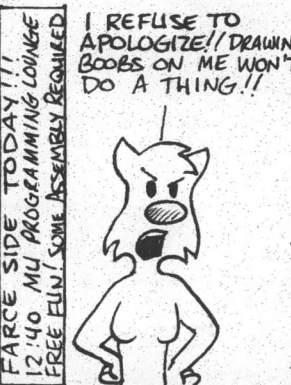
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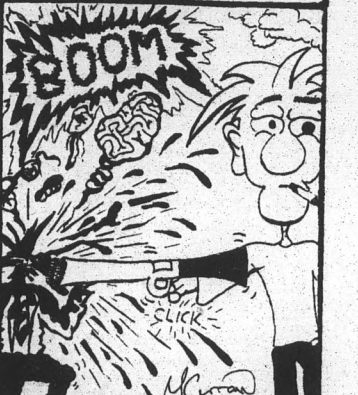
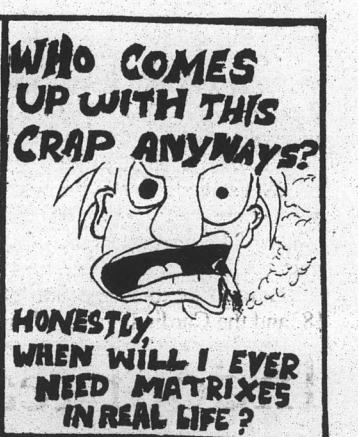
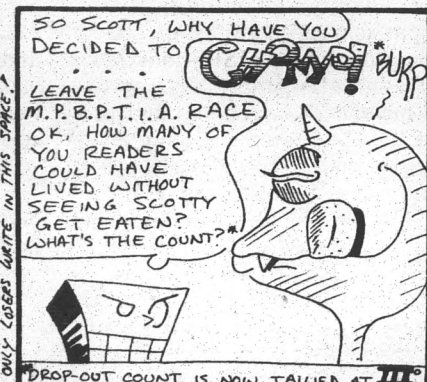
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ASU's NCAA chances dimmed by Stanford, 86-73

BY MATT PAULSON
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The ASU men's basketball team was unable overcome an 18-point first-half deficit and 19-second-chance points by Stanford (24-3, 13-2 Pac-10) Thursday night as it fell 86-73 in front of 8,504 at home.

The loss leaves the Sun Devils (17-11, 7-8) with little room for error in the final three games of regular season if they hope to make the NCAA Tournament.

"To me, (to make the tournament) they're all must-win games," said guard Jeremy Veal, who finished with a team-high 24 points and added six rebounds.

Interim coach Don Newman, though, said winning two contests should get his team an invitation.

"We have a legitimate win against Stanford," Newman said referring to the Jan. 31 90-88 overtime win at Stanford. "We have a legitimate win against Cincinnati, and we're two shots away from beating Kansas and Arizona."

"We need to get number 18 as quickly as possible, hopefully Saturday. I think 19 should get the Sun Devils into the NCAA(s)."

ASU defeated Cincinnati 87-79 and fell to Kansas by two and Arizona by one, missing three-point attempts at the buzzer each time.

The Sun Devils trailed 42-38 at intermission and were able to stay within five points until the midway though the half.

The No. 9 Cardinal put together runs of 10-5 and 11-6, though, and pulled away by 14 points, 79-65 with 1:37 remaining.

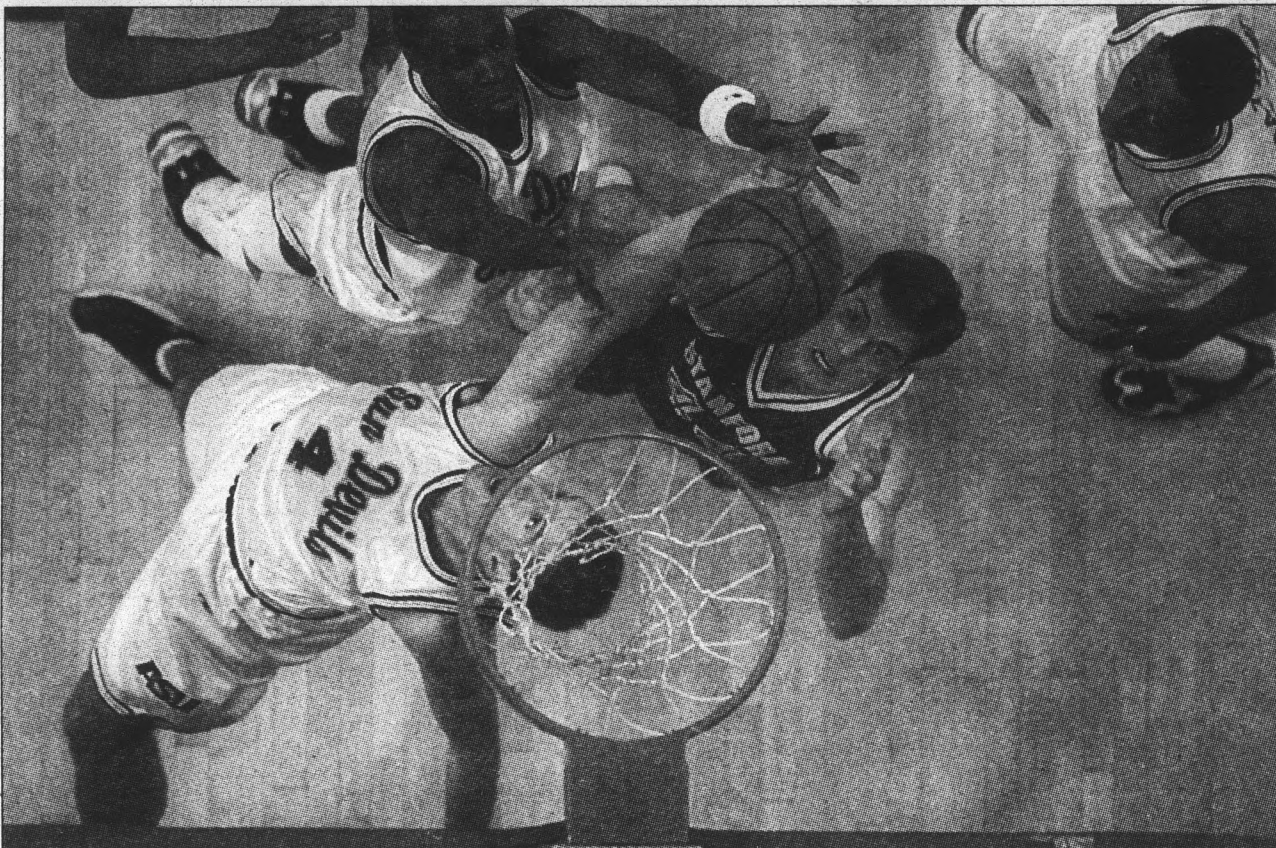
After a free throw by Mike Batiste (11 rebounds), Veal brought the deficit back to single digits in the next 12 seconds. He tipped in a Batiste miss from the charity stripe, stole the inbound pass and converted a three-point attempt.

The score stood at 79-71 with a 1:16 remaining and ASU never got closer as the Cardinal made eight straight free throws to seal the win.

"They're a little bit streaky," Stanford head coach Mike Montgomery said. "When they got going and the crowd got going, I didn't want to have to deal with them starting to throw it in the way they did in the first half. So we kept a consistent defense on them."

ASU stayed close in the first few minutes of the game, trailing by only one, 11-10, with 14:51 left in the first half. A Mark Madsen (17 points 13 rebounds) dunk seconds later, however, started a 25-8 Cardinal run that lasted until the 5:10 mark.

Stanford doubled the Sun Devils' score at that point, 36-18, and the Cardinal gained their largest lead of the game.



Forwards Bobby Lazor (4) and Urit Kelly fight Stanford's Mark Seaton for a rebound Thursday night in ASU's 86-73 loss at the UAC. Jeremy Hein/State Press

Newman pointed to bad shot selection and poor rebounding effort as the reasons for Stanford's run.

"I thought we came out a little tentative," Newman said referring to his team missing eight of its first 11 shots. "I would have much rather the guards really come out firing that ball and keeping the pressure out front."

"I thought in the first half certainly, Madsen and (Peter) Sauer were living on the rim. Second-chance opportunities hurt us early."

The Cardinal had eight second-chance points during in the

first 13:39 of the game.

Three three-pointers by Jeremy Veal and one each from Bobby Lazor and Jason Patton sparked ASU to its own 20-3 run and it again pulled to within one, 39-38, with 19 seconds remaining.

"There was a point in there where we talked about just relaxing and turning that defensive tempo up," Newman said. "Offensively, just taking it to them, taking the fight to them. When we did that, the tables turned a little bit. We found our

TURN TO HOOPS, PAGE 14.

Indoor team dashes off to Reno for last regular season meet

BY DOUG FLANAGAN
STATE PRESS

For several individuals on the ASU track and field team, this weekend's Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MSPF) Championships in Reno, Nev., represents their last chance to set provisional qualifying marks for the NCAA Indoor meet next month.

For others, it is their final opportunity to improve provisional marks and grab an automatic berth into the national invite.

And for the team as a whole, it is a shot

at improving its 11th (men's) and 10th (women's) places at last year's MSPF Championships and solidifying itself as a team to watch as the outdoor season begins.

"If we have people capable of qualifying, they'll step up and do it. We haven't set a goal of how many we want to send (to the NCAAAs)," assistant coach Walt Drenth said. "But we consider ourselves primarily an outdoor team."

"Besides the nationals, it's our biggest indoor event," high jumper Fiona Daly

said. "I just think it's a lot of fun."

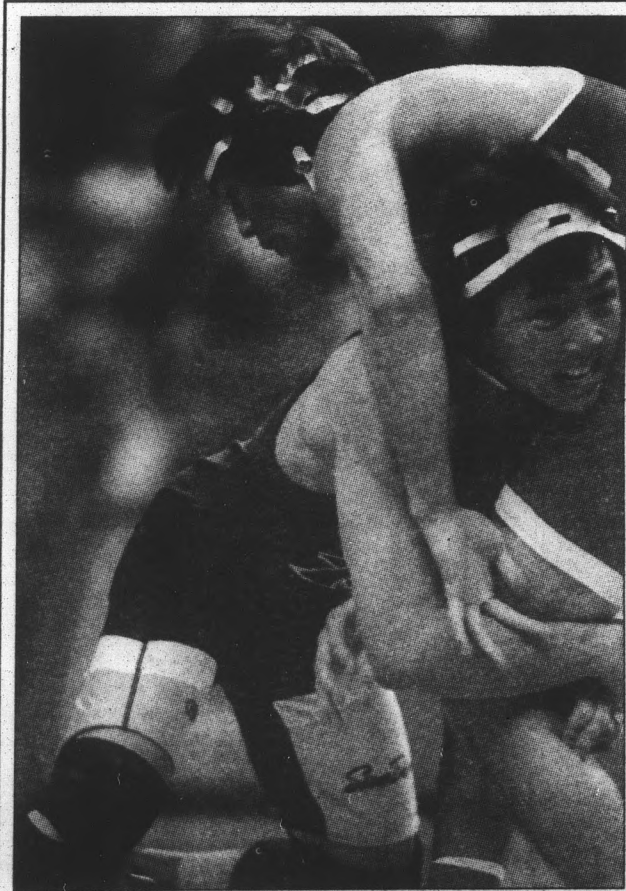
ASU's provisional qualifiers are among the favorites to capture MSPF individual crowns. Dawnyell Linder has ran the fastest 55-meter (6.84 seconds) and second-fastest 200 (24.22) times among MSPF participants. Joronda White has the fastest time coming into the 400 (53.41), and Tony Berrian has the third-fastest time entering the men's 400 (47.33).

In the field events, Mika Laiho put up the second-best weight throw of the season (20.34 meters). Also, ASU's 4x400 teams

for both the men and the women go to Reno with the second fastest times (3:10.77 and 3:41.88, respectively). At last weekend's Flagstaff Invitational, the men's team of Lavell-Robinson Blanchard, Tony Berrian, Brian Raspberry and Vondre Armour and the women's team of Arlaina Davis, White, Christie Winkle and Linder both narrowly missed provisional qualifying times as a result of NAU's oversized track.

ASU will send 32 athletes, 16 men and 16

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Scott Samplin/State Press

Sophomore Michael Kawamura and the rest of the No. 5 ASU wrestling team will look to defend their Pac-10 Championship this weekend at Cal-State Fullerton.

Wrestlers look to defend title

BY SCOTT LEWIS
STATE PRESS

The No. 5 ASU wrestling team heads into the Pac-10 Championships as the heavy favorite to defend its conference title this weekend at Cal-State Fullerton.

Last season, the Sun Devils had three individual Pac-10 champions — senior Matt Suter (158), junior Casey Strand (167) and senior Aaron Simpson (177) — and qualified nine of their 10 wrestlers for the NCAA Tournament.

This season, ASU, the only Pac-10 school in the top-15 rankings, looks to achieve a Perfect 10.

"We anticipate that we'll be at our best for the conference tournament," ASU head coach Lee Roy Smith said. "and qualify everyone we possibly can and hopefully the entire team."

Simpson, ranked second in the country with a 28-2 record, is also confident that ASU will have a strong showing at the Pac-10s.

"That's our goal," Simpson said. "Is qualify all 10 for nationals and go down there

(Cleveland, Ohio for NCAAAs) and score some points and see how much damage we can do."

With eight Sun Devils ranked in InterMat's top-20 individual rankings, ASU might cause enough damage this weekend to break the fault lines, send Calif. drifting out to the sea and turn it into Arizona Bay.

"We're peaking right now," 142-pound senior Tracy Brown said. "And we're going to have our best performance at the Pac-10s and nationals."

Suter will be gunning for his third Pac-10 title, while Strand and Simpson are looking for their second. Other ASU wrestlers who are favored at their respective weight classes are Shawn Ford (No. 4 nationally at 126 pounds) and Steven Blackford (No. 5 at 150).

"It's exciting to have the team camaraderie we have right now," Brown said. "Everyone supports each other and that's a major part of having a successful team. I'm proud to be a part of this team. We will make noise (at the Pac-10s). A lot of noise."

USC dominates 1st day of Pac-10 finals

BY JASON JOSEPH
STATE PRESS

The first day of competition in the Pac-10 Diving Championship at the Mona Plummer Aquatic Center was dominated by the USC Trojans as they swept the women's 1-meter and men's 3-meter events.

Junior Dorte Lindner of USC took first place in the women's 1-meter dive with a score of 420.45 overall. Lindner went into the final round of competition in first place after receiving 412.45 points in the preliminaries.

"I came here in order to win this event," Lindner said. "The environment here is a little cold, but I'm happy that this first day is over."

ASU's junior All-American Katrina Pfeuffer led the way for the Sun Devils finishing in fifth place with a combined score of 369.7. Pfeuffer went into the final round in third place but after a couple of disappointing dives she dropped two spots to fifth.

"I'm kind of sad because I know I could have done better," Pfeuffer said. "Our whole team, in general, did well. Our girls have been exceptional."

All of ASU's women's divers finished in the top-20, including senior Melissa Newman who finished 10th.

On the men's side, the 3-meter diving event belonged to junior Justin Dumais of

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Mills/Austin matchup starts off big Six-Pac series

BY LORI HARO
STATE PRESS

The differences are obvious: one is 6-foot-5, one is 6-foot. One is a left-hander, one is a right-hander. One has a frightening fastball, one has a commanding curveball.

One is ASU's Ryan Mills and the other is Stanford's Jeff Austin.

Are there any similarities between these two pitching aces? Of, course. They are both juniors, and...

"They are both winners and they are both going to pitch in the big leagues," ASU head coach Pat Murphy said.

That should be reason enough to want to see a true pitching duel between the two when the No. 6 Sun Devils take on the Cardinal in the first of a three-game series at Packard Stadium tonight at 7 p.m.

There may not be a lot of similarities between Mills and Austin, but the fact that both are projected by *Baseball America* to be among the top 10 collegiate prospects in the June 1998 Amateur Draft, definitely says something about the talent they possess.

"I think Mills is probably more of a premium guy as far as pro baseball is concerned and I think Mills will probably be a higher pick, even though I think Austin will be a first-round pick," Stanford head coach Mark Marquess said. "They're both similar in that they're two of the better college pitchers in the country."

Austin emerged as a dominate pitcher quietly while Kyle Peterson was the top pitcher for Stanford during his three years there.

This season the Cardinal is without Peterson, but has not suffered a great loss returning starting pitchers like Austin, Chad Hutchinson and Brent Hoard.

So far this season Austin is undefeated at 4-0, as are the rest of the Cardinal team. No. 1 Stanford stands at 13-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the Pac-10 Southern Division. ASU is 12-3, 2-0.

Austin, a Texas native, said that out of high school Stanford was his first choice for playing baseball.

As a freshman Austin turned in some great pitching performances. Austin finished the season at 6-4. He held his ERA to under 4.00 all season long and finished at 3.81. Austin was fourth in the conference in strikeouts with 88. The Cardinal was 10-5 in Austin's 15 starts. His best game that season came against UCLA when he allowed just one earned run, walking one and striking out 13.

In his sophomore year Austin began the season as a starter, but moved to the bullpen in March. Austin was 5-2 with a 4.14 ERA. In postseason play he worked 10.1 scoreless innings and allowed just eight hits at the College World Series. Austin was also the only Cardinal to be named to the College World Series All-Tournament Team.

Before this season Austin was named to preseason First

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No. 6 ASU (12-3, 2-0 Pac-10)

ON THE MOUND

Probable starters for this weekend's series

Today	7 p.m.	Ryan Mills (3-1)	vs.	Jeff Austin (4-0)
Sat.	1 p.m.	Phill Lowery (3-1)	vs.	Chad Hutchinson (0-0)
Sun.	1 p.m.	Richy Leon (0-0) or Aaron Kramer (1-0)	vs.	Brent Hoard (0-0)

Note: COX Sports (Channel 22) will broadcast the Friday and Sunday's games live. George Allen and Doug Gerlach will provide play-by-play and color commentary respectively. KMVP 860 AM will broadcast the Saturday and Sunday games this weekend. Tom Dillon and Bob Eger will provide play-by-play and color commentary respectively.

SUN DEVIL UPDATE:
After opening up conference action at Cal with a two-game sweep, ASU kicks off its next Six-Pac series with Stanford ... Juniors Ryan Mills and Phill Lowery (both 3-1) have been the team's hottest pitchers. Mills leads the team in strikeouts with 39. The Sun Devil pitching staff has a 2.89 ERA and has held opponents to a .199 batting average through 15 games. ASU has allowed only two stolen bases, in 11 attempts, this season ... Offensively ASU is lead by left fielder Willie Bloomquist. In 56 at-bats Bloomquist has 25 hits, 15 RBI, and is hitting .446. Third baseman Andrew Beinbrink leads ASU in RBI and doubles with 24 and six respectively.

No. 1 Stanford (13-0-1, 3-0 Pac-10)

CARDINAL UPDATE:
Stanford holds a 71-63 lead in the all-time series between the two ballclubs. The last time the Sun Devils met the Cardinal was last April when ASU swept Stanford at home ... The Cardinal have three starters hitting .400 or better and are led by outfielder Jody Gerut who is hitting .400 with 22 hits and 23 RBI ... Stanford is the only team in the nation to have three starting pitchers on Preseason All-American teams. Right-handers Jeff Austin (4-0) and Chad Hutchinson (3-0) and lefty Brent Hoard (1-0) combined for a 22-10 record last season.

Ryan Mills

compiled by Lori Haro
Adrianna Garcia/State Press

Team All-American teams by both *Baseball America* and the *Sporting News*. His wins this season have come against Santa Clara, Cal State Fullerton, Texas and UCLA. In last weekend's sweep of UCLA, Austin went eight innings allowing five runs on eight hits, with three walks and 11 strikeouts in Stanford's 18-6 win.

This season Austin's goals include improving his consistency. As far as team goals go, Austin says the team just plans on taking it one game at a time, but that postseason thoughts are inevitably on their mind.

"The world series was obviously a lot of fun, but then again looking back on it, it is also one of my regrets. It's tough to come back number three, when you could've come back number one," Austin said. "You try to take it one game at a time, but maybe in the back of your mind it's still lingering back there."

Even though the Cardinal club is not yet thinking about the postseason, it would be understandable if they did. The 1998 Stanford baseball team returns most of the 1997 team, so it possesses great depth.

Stanford returns 12 letterman from last season's squad. One

of its abundant strengths lies in their starting pitching staff anchored by Austin, right-hander Chad Hutchinson and lefty Brent Hoard.

On the field the Cardinal is led by center field Jody Gerut who is hitting .400 with 22 hits, 23 RBI and six home runs.

"We could take out our starting nine and throw another nine guys out there and they'd be on the same page or on the same level as our starting nine," Austin said. "There isn't one guy that is so far out in front or so far behind anybody else, and that is what makes this team so special. We all have a common goal in mind and we all have the skills to play with each other and with the people in the (Six) Pac."

ASU is looking forward to seeing those skills this weekend. Hutchinson will face lefty Phill Lowery Saturday and Hoard will go up against right-handers Richy Leon or Aaron Kramer in Sunday's game.

"Knowing that I'm pitching against him (Austin), I know I can't give up too many runs. I know it's going to be a close game so I just have to go out there and pitch my game and let the hitters go out there and worry about him," Mills said. "I like the big games and I want to have the ball in the big game situations. It's a good opportunity for us so I look forward to it."

Hoops

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way back into the game."

Stanford's Arthur Lee hit a tray as time expired, though, to give Stanford a four point halftime advantage.

NOTES FROM DOWNTOWN

•ASU's final regular season home game is Saturday at 8:30 p.m. against Cal. Seniors Jeremy Veal, Ahlon Lewis and Urit Kelly will be honored before the game.

•The Sun Devils haven't lost to the Golden Bears in Tempe since the 1989-90 season, a span of seven games.

Men's Box Score	Women's Box Score
Stanford (86) Sauer 5-9 0-0 11, Madsen 8-15 1-5 17, Young 6-15 7-9 19, Weems 4-11 2-2 10, Lee 5-11 9-10 21, McDonald 1-1 0-0 2, Moseley 1-4 1-2 3, Collins 0-2 0-0 0, Mendez 1-2 0-0 3, Seaton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 31-70 20-28 86.	ASU (71) White 4-7 4-4 12, Freeman 3-9 11-15 18, Holt 1-4 7-10 9, Lowe 4-7 1-2 10, Tom 2-5 0-0 5, Sand 4-7 0-0 10, Steed 1-3 0-0 2, Newman 2-6 0-0 5, McDaniel 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 21-48 23-31 71.
Stanford (90) Lazor 7-12 2-4 17, Veal 7-21 5-6 24, Batiste 3-10 1-3 7, House 5-10 1-2 13, Lewis 0-5 2-2 2, DuBois 0-0 0-0 0, Patton 4-7 0-0 10, Kelly 0-2, 0-0 0. Totals — 26-67 11-17 73. Halftime — Stanford 42, ASU 38. Fouled out — Batiste, Rebounds — Stanford 45 (Young 14), ASU 45 (Batiste 11), Assists — Stanford 15 (Weems 9), ASU 17 (Lewis 9). Three-point goals — Stanford 4-13 (Lee 2), ASU 10-22 (Veal 5). Total fouls — Stanford 16, ASU 21. A — 8,504.	ASU (90) Nygaard 4-8 4-6 13, Owen 3-3 2-2 8, Scott 6-12 3-5 15, Freuen 2-4 0-0 6, Flores 5-6 2-2 14, Folk 5-8 6-8 16, Peterson 3-3 5-5 11, Gbalazeh 1-2 0-0 2, Dimson 0-0 0-0 0, Batastini 0-0 3-4 3, Granderson 0-1 0-0 0, Benton 0-0 0-0 0, Moos 1-1 0-0 2, Moleley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 30-48 25-32 90. Halftime — Stanford 43, ASU 38. Fouled out — Owen. Rebounds — ASU 21 (Tom 5), Stanford 34 (Folk 8). Assists — ASU 14 (Lowe 4), Stanford 21 (Flores 6). Three-point goals — ASU 6-12 (Sand 2), Stanford 5-8 (Freuen, Flores 2). Total fouls — ASU 20, Stanford 22. A — 4,813.

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Classic on deck for hot ASU squad

BY DOUG FLANAGAN
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The ASU softball team will take an eight-game winning streak, a newly-branded top-10 ranking, and arguably the country's hottest hurler to the third annual National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga., this weekend.

The Sun Devils, on the strength of their perfect 4-0 mark at last weekend's ASU Softball Classic (including a 4-0 shutout victory over then fifth-ranked Iowa), coupled with an overall 10-1 record, vaulted 16 spots to No. 7 in the latest *USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll*.

Leading ASU into the deep south will be senior pitcher Carrie Breedlove, who was named the NFCA Player of the Week in addition to her repeat selection as the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week.

"It feels nice, definitely," she said about the national honor. "I'm still a little shocked, letting it sink in. It's an honor and surprise. I would've never even thought about it."

Breedlove has won all five of her starts so far this season, including two

no-hitters, and has not allowed one run in 30 2/3 innings of work.

"I just want to pitch good," she said. "I'm not necessarily looking for the no-hitter. I just want us to come out on top."

This year will mark the first time the Sun Devils have competed in the Leadoff Classic. Head coach Linda Wells said her team had been invited before, but this is the first time they have been able to fit it into their schedule.

The Leadoff Classic will be host to 20 teams (12 ranked), and unlike the two tournaments the Sun Devils have hosted, will not be a round-robin event; rather, it will feature five four-team pools and brackets that will lead to single elimination competition and a championship round.

Third-ranked Michigan, ninth-ranked Florida State, 22nd-ranked Texas A&M, and Nicholls State will be in ASU's pool. The Devils will play two games on Friday, starting with the Aggies at 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time followed by the wild card game against the Seminoles at 8 p.m. On Saturday, ASU will finish

pool play with Michigan at noon and Nicholls State at 2 p.m.

"It will be a great test, no doubt," Wells said. "I have great respect for all of those teams. There will be no gimmes in this one."

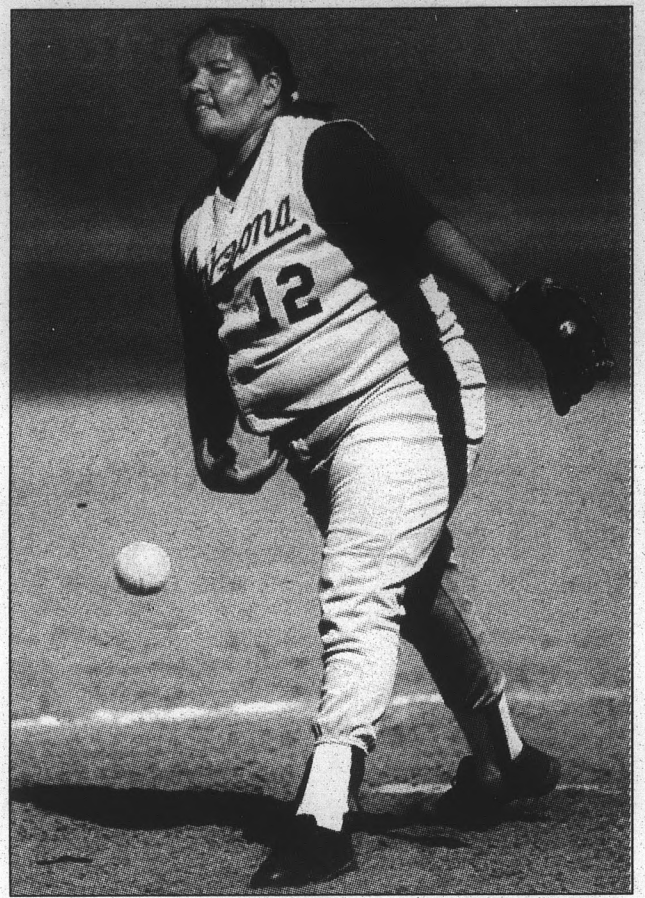
"(This tournament) is very important to us," senior centerfielder Erin Hull said. "We want to put as many games in the win column as we can."

Wells also said that her team is not feeling any pressure to sustain its impressive start.

"Our team is a loose group," she said. "They don't care who they're playing—their attitude is) bring them on. We just want to play as well as we can. The team is confident, but they know that they have to play well."

Hull concurred, saying that the keys to the team's fast start has been a mix of solid fundamental play and an ability to work together as a group.

"Our offense and defense has been really strong," she said. "But beyond that, we have real strong team unity. We're all pretty much pumped up. We've been taking it one game at a time, and so far the results have been good."



Brad Lang/State Press

Roxanne Tsosie will alternate with fellow senior Carrie Breedlove in the circle for ASU at this weekend's Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga.

Gymnastics team on road again versus No. 3 Alabama, 2 others



Brad Lang/State Press

Freshman Becky Acker and the rest of the No. 10 ASU women's gymnastics team head to the deep south tonight for a quad meet at No. 3 University of Alabama. No. 24 UMass and No. 23 North Carolina State will also compete.

BY RANDY JONES
STATE PRESS

The No. 10-ranked ASU women's gymnastics team will hit the road for the fifth time in eight weeks, heading to Tuscaloosa, Ala., for a quad-meet tonight at 7 p.m.

This meet will differ slightly from the past road matches, as the Sun Devils (14-1 overall, 4-1 Pac-10) will head deep into the heart of the high-scoring south, where record team scores are as plentiful as Elvis sightings.

Alabama, currently ranked No. 3 in the NCAA with an average score of 195.036, hosts the quad, with No. 23 North Carolina State and No. 24 UMass rounding out the field.

The Crimson Tide own one of the powerhouses in the collegiate gymnastics world. In fact, the three-time champions possess the top score all-time in both the regular season, and post season. Alabama scored a 198.075 at its regional competition in 1996 and a 198.025 at NCAAs the same year. Both scores occurred at UA's Coleman Coliseum.

This year, Alabama sports a deceptive 4-3 record. With two losses to No. 1-ranked Georgia and a third to Minnesota in its first match of the year, the Crimson Tide have definitely not stacked their schedule with cream-puffs.

After watching the Georgia/Alabama meet on television last week, the Sun Devils know Alabama is going to be a tough team to conquer.

"I know we'll do well," freshman Becky Acker said. "I watched the meet on TV and they looked really good. I think that we will give it our best, show them how ASU is. I know we can do better on all the events (than we have this season). It's just a matter of putting it all together and hitting our routines."

ASU head coach John Spini said the team must keep their minds on the goal of steady improvement and build-

ing for the end of the season.

"They need to be mentally focused out there," he said. "I'm looking for mental focus with these kids and never letting it down."

Junior Lisa Vincijanovic said that while Alabama may have the advantage, ASU has the one intangible which most teams search for all season — mental confidence.

"I think we are going to go in and hit, especially after (last weeks') meet," she said, referring to ASU's five falls on balance beam. "We are going to want to go in and kick some butt. And especially after watching the Georgia/Alabama match on TV, the (commentators) said that they looked really strong."

"But it's not a matter of who's the strongest in the gym it's a matter of who's the strongest mentally and I think going in we are definitely the most mentally tough team going."

Vincijanovic added that this meet offers a chance for ASU to show its wears to the rest of the NCAA.

"I think we're all really excited to compete against Alabama because we usually don't get a chance to until nationals," she said. "I think it's going to give the rest of the nation a show as to what ASU can do, where we are."

Alabama is led by freshman Robin Hawkins and junior Gwen Spindle. Spindle ranks No. 14 and Hawkins No. 16 in the all-around.

N.C. State (6-3) and UMass (7-1) both come in heavy underdogs. The Wolfpack average 191.683 a meet, with a 194.325 high, while UMass averages 191.57, with a 193.925 high.

UMass' floor exercise team member Jill Fisher is currently No. 2 in the nation with an average of 9.906, including a perfect 10 score.

N.C. State's top performers are all-arounder freshman Kara Charles and senior Stephanie Wall, who scored a 9.825 last week on beam at the N.C. State Hearts Invite.

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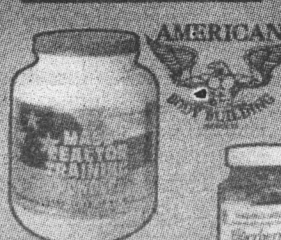
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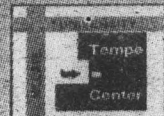
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Arch-rival UofA up next for ASU

BY CARLO MERCALDO
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The ASU men's tennis team (4-3, 0-2 Pac-10), fresh off four consecutive home victories, will travel to Tucson today to take on its bitter rival, the UofA Wildcats at 1:30 p.m.

The match marks the Sun Devils return to Pac-10 action, and besides the fact that UofA is always the biggest match of the season it could go a long way in determining what this team is capable of.

"Obviously the UofA match is a huge one for us," ASU's No. 3 ranked player Ed Carter said. "But, it's more than just the in-state rivalry, since the Pac-10 has so many great teams its important for us to put away the matches that we are capable of winning so we can meet our team goals of going to the NCAA and Pac-10 Championships, we feel the UofA match is definitely one that we are capable of winning."

The Sun Devils swept the series against the Wildcats last year, including a 4-3 victory in Tucson that came down to the last singles match of the contest.

Added to the pressure of having to play the Wildcats on their turf is the faster playing surface that the UofA courts display.

"Those courts are definitely the quickest we'll see all year, and our courts (at Whiteman Tennis Center) are the slowest courts we'll play on all year," junior Tim Hammond said. "We've been working out on the SRC courts all week, which are more like the ones at UofA, and besides that we just have to be more patient and when our chances to be more aggressive come about we have to jump all over them."

ASU head coach Lou Belken said the team has been working all week on preparing earlier for the ball, bending the knees more, and just understanding that faster courts are going to produce more unforced errors and not to get frustrated.

While the team says they are not putting more or less emphasis on this match than any other, Tim Hammond admits that whenever you get these two teams together, regardless of the sport, sparks are going to fly.

"We know their team really well, and they know our team really well," Hammond said. "We know every match is important, but this one just has a completely different feel to it."

Track

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women, including the five who have already achieved provisional qualifying status — Linder's 6.84 in the 55, White's 53.41 in the 400, Daly's 5-foot 9 3/4 high jump, Berrian's 47.33 in the 400, and Laiho's 20.34 in the weight throw.

"I don't know how we'll compare with the other teams in terms of numbers," Daly said. "But everyone's improved a some (since last year), and we're also doing a lot more events."

The coaching staff is looking for those athletes to step up and improve those marks, as well as have several other individuals qualify to represent ASU with a strong showing. Head coach Greg Kraft said he is looking for automatic qualifying spots for Linder, Berrian and Daly, and also said that Armour in the 800 and Priscilla Hein in the 800 and mile have strong chances to snag provisional qualifying times.

"I believe it's within reach," Armour said. "It's been a long training season since the beginning of the fall. This is what I've been working towards for a long time."

Teams from three conferences, including most of the Pac-10, will be competing in Reno. Squads from the Big West and West Coast Conference will also be present. Despite the stiff competition, Armour is expecting big things from his team.

"I think you'll see a drastic improvement," Armour said. "It's realistic for the men's team to finish in the top three. We have a lot of talent here, even though we're coming off our probation, and I think that will serve as motivation. It's important to the coaches that we go out and perform well and show them that they're not wasting their time training us."

Pac-10s

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USC, who took first place and also took a place in the record books with the highest Pac-10 point total of 611.45.

"I dove really well today in the preliminaries and that helped me in the finals," Dumais said. "I was a little cold, so my muscles were a little tense, but I got past that. I really wanted that Pac-10 record."

Sophomore Allan Sonkin highlighted the day for the Sun Devils finishing in third place (426.0). Sonkin, who finished the preliminaries in fifth place, bolted into the top three spots with a pair of 7-point dives.

"I started off really well in the preliminaries and the carried over into the finals," Sonkin said. "I just hope I can pull off some surprises in the next couple of days."

ASU head coach Mark Bradshaw agrees that Sonkin's performance was a bit of a surprise.

"Allan proved to be a surprise today," Bradshaw said. "He was my little pitbull out there today. He was scrounging for every little thing he could get."

Competition continues today with preliminaries in the men's and women's 3-meter dive beginning at 9:30 a.m. and finals starting at 4 p.m. at the Mona Plummer Aquatic Center.

No. 8 Sun Devils ready for big battle

BY LORI HARO
STATE PRESS

The No. 8 ASU women's tennis team will meet its rival for the first time this season when the Sun Devils take on No. 23 UofA Saturday at the Whiteman Tennis Center at 1 p.m.

"It's always fun and a big battle when we play the UofA," top-player Reka Cseresnyes said. "Whether they are a really good team or not, or if we are the good team."

The Sun Devils are currently 6-0 overall, 2-0 Pac-10 Southern Division. The Wildcats are 5-2, 1-1. ASU hasn't played any matches since sweeping UCLA and USC two weeks ago. The Sun Devils beat the Bruins 5-4 and the Trojans 6-3. UofA's lone win in the conference was against USC. The Wildcats lost to UCLA.

UofA is led by Vicky Maes who is ranked No. 44. Last season Maes was the top-ranked player in the country. Fellow Wildcat Betsy Miringoff is ranked 53rd.

Cseresnyes has dropped in the rankings to No. 38 and Karin Palme is ranked at No. 70. Cseresnyes record this season is 15-6, while Palme stands at 8-2 in singles. In doubles the duo is undefeated at 8-0.

Last season ASU defeated the UofA at Tucson 6-3. However, the team lost to the Wildcats at home 5-4 two weeks later.

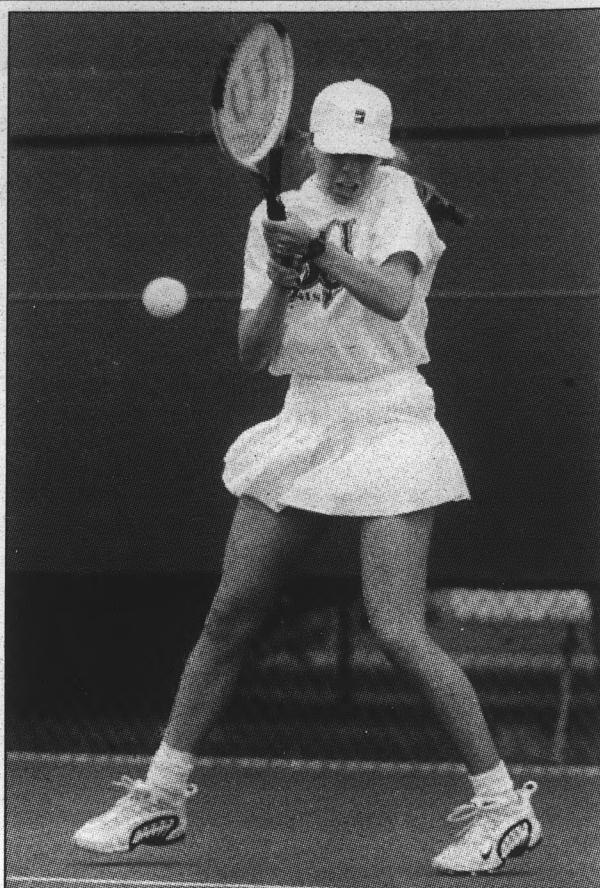
Since the Sun Devils haven't had to play in any matches for two weeks head coach Sheila McInerney feels the extra practice time has been put to good use, but that they are ready and excited to get back into action.

"It's (practice) been okay, it's been up and down with the weather, but I think the kids will be ready after having two weeks off," McInerney said.

Cseresnyes said that having the time off has given the team a chance to work on individual technique as well as match situations. Cseresnyes and McInerney both said that doubles will be a deciding factor this weekend as the UofA is particularly strong in doubles this season.

"They're pretty feisty and their doubles is always good," Cseresnyes said. "We just have to take it one by one."

ASU's team this season is extremely deep and McInerney feels confident that any one of the players could do a good job on any given day. However, getting everyone into the



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Karin Palme and the rest of the ASU women's tennis team take on in-state rival UofA Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Whiteman Tennis Center.

lineup has, while not been a problem, presented a somewhat difficult situation and position for McInerney.

"It's good to know that everybody is capable to play in the lineup, but at the same time it's hard because everyone feels like they deserve to play—which they do," Cseresnyes said.

McInerney agrees.

"It's been difficult. It's hard to improve when you can't play a lot," McInerney said. "The kids get better by playing a lot. It's not like basketball where you can use substitutions, once you set your lineup—it's set, and that is what really makes it hard."

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