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ASU won't allow Hamm to teach

BY GANGA SUBRAMANIAN AND ANGELA YEAGER
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ASU has decided not to allow convicted murderer James Hamm to teach in the School of Justice Studies.

Hamm was initially hired as a part-time faculty associate by the department to teach two courses next semester.

But a statement issued by ASU Provost Milton Glick on Thursday said that Hamm will not be teaching. Glick maintained the University would honor the contract with Hamm and pay him for his duties. However, he will only be assigned non-teaching tasks.

"We believe it would be in the University's best interest (that Hamm not teach)," Glick said.

Hamm said he was disappointed with the decision.

"I certainly disagree with (Glick's) decision," he said. "But I understand he has his view."

Hamm, who received a law degree from ASU, served 17 years in prison after he murdered William Morley in a drug-related encounter near Tucson.

"He was the only one available to teach these courses," said Dennis Palumbo, interim director of the School of Justice Studies, who initially hired Hamm. He said today's decision not to allow Hamm to teach came after public reaction to the issue.

Hamm said he is sensitive to the concerns of the University. "I am not trying to hold the University to the original con-

tract," he said. "The School of Justice Studies stood by the contract, it was the administration that made this decision."

Palumbo, who hired Hamm on behalf of his department, said: "He's a really nice guy. He's not going to take an adversarial position."

Palumbo said the department will not cancel the classes, but will try to hire someone else to teach them.

"It's going to be hard (to find a replacement)," he said.

As part of Hamm's "non-teaching" duties, he will participate in colloquia, where he will address issues of rehabilitation and corrections, Palumbo said. Palumbo added that Hamm's \$6,000 salary for the semester will come from "non-state" funds.

The University's decision has drawn fire from Roger Axford, professor of adult education. Axford is a co-founder of the ASU Coalition for Justice and Peace and said he plans to fight the decision.

"We'll picket the place," he said. "The University should support the department."

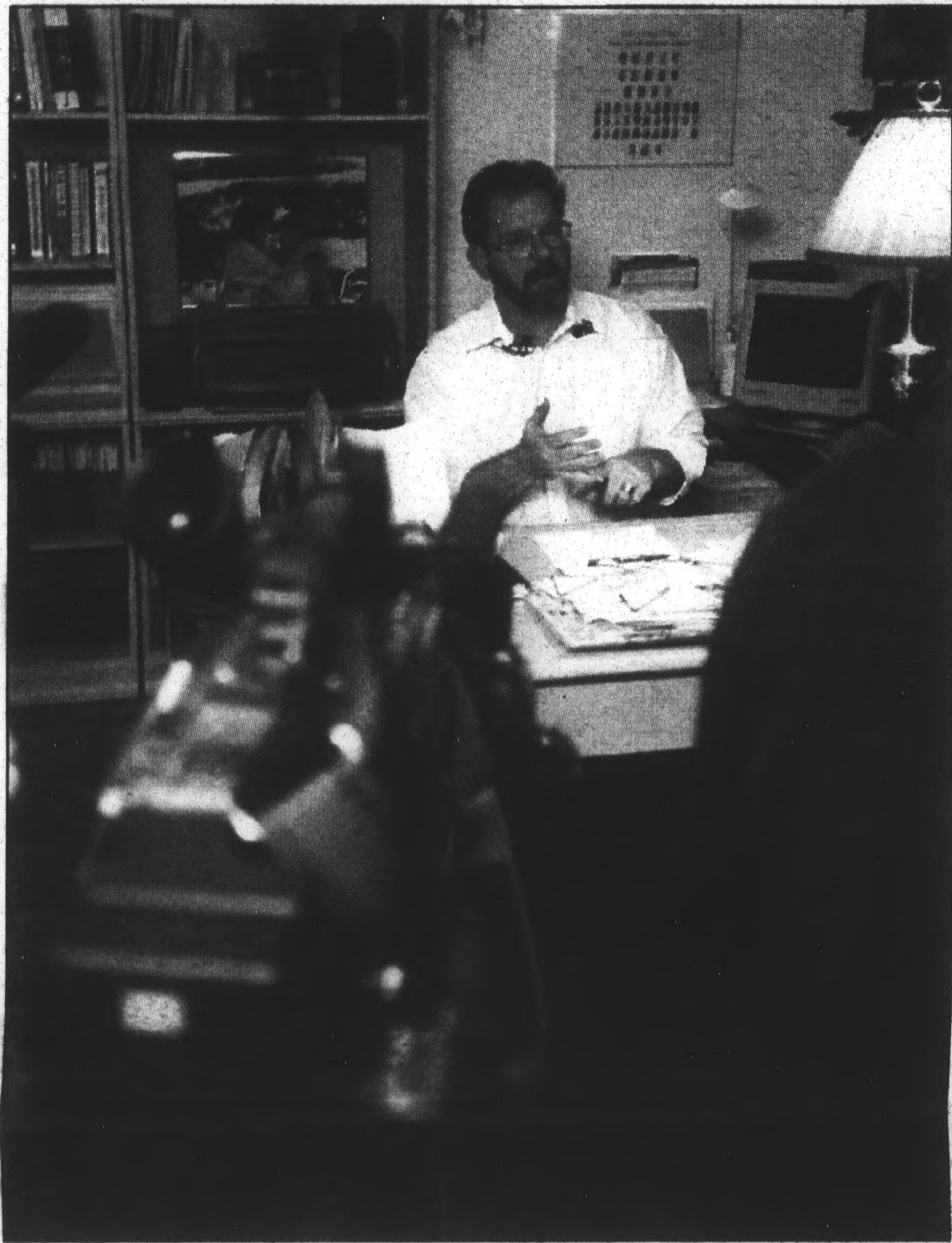
Axford said he knows Hamm through their mutual involvement in the criminal justice system.

"He is a beautiful human being who has turned his life around," he said. "He had very high grades at the law school and students should be honored to take a class with him."

Students expressed disappointment at the decision.

"I would have liked to take his class,"

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ASU alumnus James Hamm, an ex-convict, is interviewed by local TV news crews about being dropped by ASU as a justice studies faculty associate. Hamm, who spent 17 years in prison for murder, caused quite a stir back in 1992 when he enrolled in the ASU College of Law.

Final decision on Channel 2 awaits RHA Board verdict

BY STEPHANIE PATERIK
STATE PRESS

Officials from the department of Residential Life and Student Media decided Thursday morning to leave the fate of ASU Channel 2 in the hands of the Residence Hall Association.

The group of administrators gave RHA two options — to try working with Student Media to run the station again in the spring or dissolve the partnership now.

RHA's executive board listened Thursday night to

comments from residence hall representatives about the two options. The predominant sentiment from the representatives was in favor of continuing the partnership.

Despite optimism from RHA members, the board would not comment regarding when a final decision about the partnership will be made.

Student Media pulled the plug on the station two weeks ago after RHA's executive board submitted a proposal to its members asking their permission to dissolve the partnership with Student Media, if the need arose.

"It's been a long semester," said sophomore Erik Diaz, associate director of programming for the RHA board. "I feel that, considering the emotions on both sides, moving past this and starting over is the best

maneuver."

Jackie Eldridge, director of advertising for Student Media, told RHA members at the meeting that she was sorry about the squabble over how to run the station.

"Let's forget the old operating agreement and start over next semester," she said, while ripping up a rough draft of the unresolved operating agreement to the applause of RHA members.

If RHA decides to work with Student Media in running the station next semester, it would choose a direc-

tor to work with a general manager from Student Media. The partners would then attempt to create a new operating agreement.

But if the board decides to dissolve the partnership, RHA will have to take its equipment out of Student Media's room, which also contains wiring.

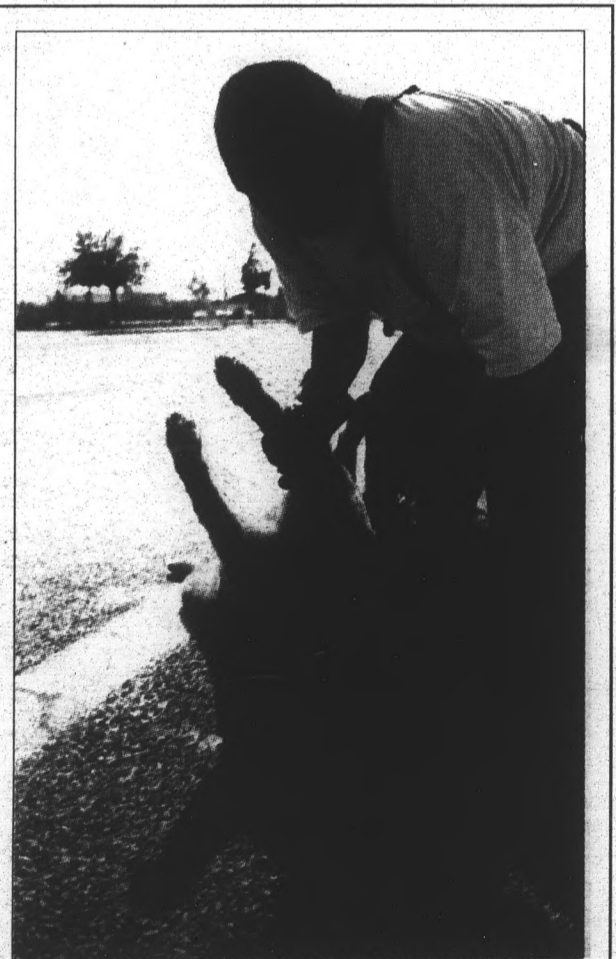
Members expressed concern about the possible difficulty of finding a new room and paying for wiring in time to have the station operational by the spring.

Junior Pearl Filani, associate director of administration for RHA's board, said she is optimistic about the partnership.

"I feel Student Media and RHA can work together," she said. "By knowing what to expect before we go into it this time, it's like having a clean slate with the opportunity to succeed."

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Pearl Filani, associate director of administration for the Residential Life executive board



Michael Curran of the State Press

A job few would want

Lino Ulibarri, a driver for Pets and Animal Lovers Service, picks up a dead dog left on the side of the road. PALS is a Phoenix-based company that contracts with most of the cities in Maricopa County, along with the county itself, to pick up and dispose of dead animals. See story page 14.

Today

for Friday, December 4

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.

- **Christian Students Fellowship** — A meeting will be held at 1212 S. Mill Ave. at 7 p.m.

- **College Bible Fellowship** — Fellowship, singing and Bible study will be held in the MU room 224 at 7 p.m.

- **Counselor Training Center** — Trained Master's and Doctoral students offer free counseling for full-time students, faculty and staff from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 965-5067 to schedule an appointment.

- **Farce Side Comedy Hour** — The last performance of the semester will take place in the MU Programming Lounge at 12:40 p.m.

- **Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic** — Individual, couple and family therapy is available for students, faculty and staff in the Cowden Family Resources Building Room 140. Call 965-9373 for more information.

- **Philippine-American Students Association** — The last meeting of the semester will take place in the MU room 211 at 6 p.m.

- **Tempe L.D.S. Institute of Religion** — A Christmas Bash with pancakes, hot chocolate, games and more will be held at 947 S. McAllister Ave. from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Young Democrats** — A meeting, including guest speaker Maxine Waters, will be held in the MU room 209 at 3 p.m.

Saturday's Events:

- **Society of Automotive Engineers** — A work day will be held in the Engineering Center room D108 at 9 a.m.

Sunday's Events:

- **Pi Sigma Epsilon** — A general meeting will be held in the MU second floor at 7 p.m. Check the monitors for room location; dress is casual.

- **Students of Objectivism** — A video presentation will be given in the MU Santa Cruz room at 3 p.m.

Hamm

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the decision.

"I would have liked to take his class," said Kevin Ramaley, a justice studies senior.

Another student was angry at what she described as the University's hypocrisy.

"How are we supposed to learn when all we get is this convoluted crap?" asked Melanie Brandy, a women's studies senior. "This is a step backwards."

Brandy said she supports Hamm and his efforts to attain a teaching position.

"If he served his time (in prison), then he has every right to teach," she said. "I think it would be interesting to get the perspective of someone who has

fallen through the cracks."

Justice studies senior Lolita Rathburn wanted to reserve judgment.

"I absolutely believe in rehabilitation," she said. "I don't know all the facts, but I don't think it's cool of the University to go over the justice studies department's head."

For Axford, it is an example of how convicts are treated once they leave the prison system.

"A lot of people want to see retribution instead of rehabilitation," he said. "I am ashamed of Provost Milton Glick. This is a rotten institution that would do this to a man."

Weird world news

Rapper handed probation

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — Gangsta rapper Coolio was convicted Thursday of theft in a confrontation with a boutique owner who said he punched her when she tried to stop him from taking merchandise without paying.

A court in Stuttgart sentenced Coolio to six months probation and fined him \$17,000 after convicting him of being an accessory to robbery and causing bodily injury.

The Grammy-award winning artist and members of his band, the 40 Thevz, are accused of leaving the boutique in the Stuttgart suburb on Nov. 20 with clothing worth \$940. The judge has issued warrants for the arrest of four members of Coolio's group who did not show up for trial.

The 35-year-old rapper denied punching the woman and said the incident was a misunderstanding. He says he signed autographs in the boutique, and that in exchange a clothing company had promised him and his group free outfits.

Coolio, whose real name is Artis Leon Ivey Jr., has

already paid the boutique owner \$3,000 in damages. He faced a maximum sentence of four years.

Canine Chablis?

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Plain old water just isn't good enough for show dogs.

That's the way Chuck Christ sees it, anyway. He has developed Champ-Pagne, a Canadian spring water packaged like champagne that lets the victorious dog or cat toast achievements in style.

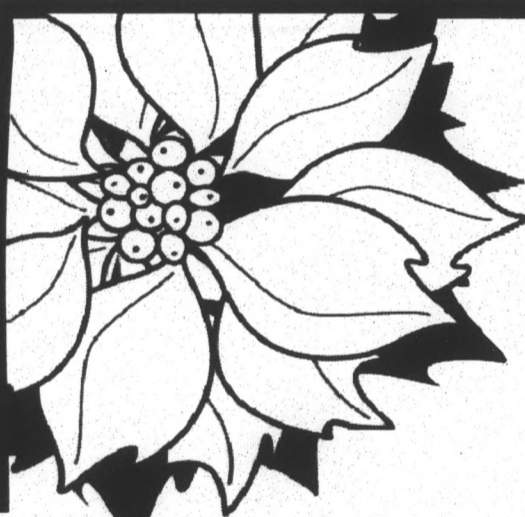
"I have to admit when I started this idea, my parents said, 'What are you doing?'" said Christ, general manager of a company that makes plastics for the food industry. "My father-in-law said, 'Nobody's going to buy this stuff.'"

But Christ said that in six weeks of business, he has gotten orders for more than 1,600 bottles from upscale grocers, grooming salons and others. It retails at \$5.99 to \$9.99 a bottle.

A share of any profits will go to groups that care for abused animals.

Christ, 36, came up with the product while making the dog show rounds with Saber, his Airedale terrier.

This is the final editorial edition of the State Press. Check the newstands Monday for the State Press advertising special edition.



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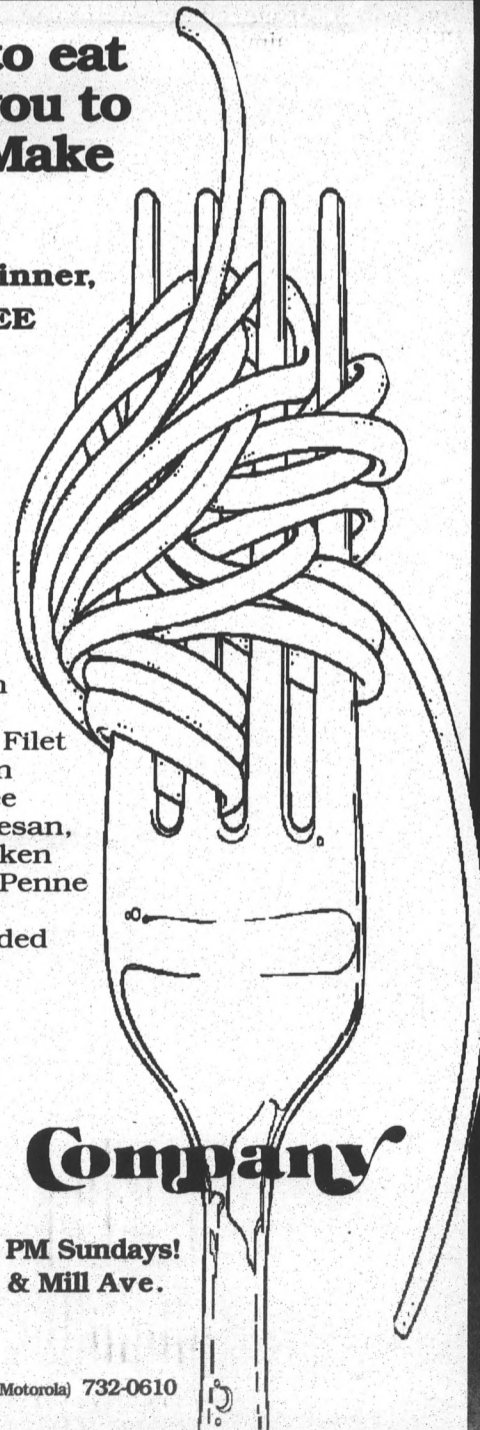
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GOP drops fund raising probe from Clinton inquiry

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republicans jettisoned campaign fund raising from their impeachment inquiry Thursday, likely clearing the way for a historic House Judiciary Committee vote next week over President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky and his effort to cover it up.

At the same time, incoming Speaker Bob Livingston signaled a desire for the full House to convene in a pre-Christmas session to vote on any articles of impeachment that win committee approval.

"If the Judiciary Committee could complete its work next week, it would be my expectation that we could have a vote on the following week," the Louisiana Republican said in his first public remarks on the subject in more than a week.

Taken together, the developments amounted to strong signals that majority Republicans — chastened by disappointing election results — intend to move swiftly to wrap up the third presidential impeachment inquiry in the nation's history. Even so, while the GOP-controlled panel is expected to approve at least one article of impeachment on a party line vote, the outcome on the House floor remains in doubt.

Democrats, as well as Republicans including Peter King of New York, intensified efforts during the day to craft an alternative that would stop short of impeachment.

Spokesman Kevin Fogarty said King and several other GOP lawmakers were laboring over a proposal that would "include a strong condemnation of Clinton and require him to pay a financial penalty and issue a statement

acknowledging wrongdoing."

Key Democrats met privately with the party's leader, Rep. Dick Gephardt, and — according to two sources speaking on condition of anonymity — they will soon begin contacting Republican lawmakers outside the Judiciary Committee to see what bipartisan cooperation might be possible in the full House. These sources added that while Democrats are willing to join in efforts to wrap up the issue by year's end, they will insist on a lengthy period for debate on the House floor and demand that consideration be given to censure as an alternative to impeachment.

There was no end to the skirmishing between the White House and the Judiciary Committee.

In a letter to top White House lawyers, the committee's general counsel, Thomas E. Mooney Sr., said that whoever delivers the formal defense of the president before the committee will be "subject to at least one full round of questioning" by the lawmakers on the panel and staff.

Mooney also wrote that the committee does not have some documents the White House requested in preparation for the defense, noting in particular that internal Justice Department memos related to alleged campaign finance irregularities are in the possession of department officials. Other documents the White House sought, he wrote, will be made available only in the confines of the committee's heavily guarded document room.

Hyde has set aside Dec. 8 for the White House to present evidence favorable to Clinton, and Mooney said the White House must submit the names of any witnesses by Friday.



Elise Amendola of the Associated Press
President Clinton acknowledges supporters as he enters an event in Newport, RI, where he announced new clean water regulations Thursday. Newport Mayor David S. Gornon stands at left and Congressman Robert Weygand, D-RI, is seen in back.

Picture of Israeli soldier under attack sparks national debate

By DAFNA LINZER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEL AVIV, Israel — A single photograph — that of a young Israeli soldier cowering under the blows of a Palestinian mob — ignited a fierce nationwide debate Thursday over whether Israel has lost its military nerve.

The photo was splashed across the front pages of every newspaper in Israel.

While the prime minister and others wondered out loud why the soldier never opened fire with his M-16 rifle Wednesday, other Israelis insisted the new recruit would not be alive today if he had acted otherwise.

"What has happened to us, for God's sake? Are we a country with a strong defense force or have we turned into a country of wimps?" wrote Yaacov Erez, the editor-in-chief of the *Maariv* newspaper.

His words struck deeply into the psyche of Israel, a country founded on the ashes of the Holocaust and whose aim was to never allow Jews to be vulnerable again.

Assaf Meyara, 19, was recovering Thursday from multiple injuries inflicted by a dozen Palestinians who smashed the windows of the car he was sitting in, dragged him out and struck him repeatedly with chunks of concrete.

The mob, fresh from an anti-Israel demonstration, also stole Meyara's rifle as he ran to safety, then set his car on fire.

The ambush prompted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to freeze troop withdrawals from the West Bank and suspend implementing the latest U.S.-brokered Mideast peace accord.

Netanyahu suggested Thursday that Meyara should

have followed open-fire procedures and should have been more prepared.

"If a soldier or civilian is caught in a life-threatening situation, it is his right and even his obligation to save himself in accordance with the law," he told reporters.

Defenders of Meyara, including President Ezer Weizman, said it was a mistake to judge a young soldier newly assigned to the often violent West Bank. On radio talk shows, many Israelis said Meyara escaped alive because he didn't open fire and risk the chance of having his gun grabbed and turned against him.

"Assaf was in (the West Bank) for all of three weeks, without a full briefing, without experience, he was alone without other soldiers and he acted like any officer, general or even the army's chief-of-staff would have to save his life," said Meyara's mother, Lisa.

Former coupleader Chavez leads Venezuelan presidential polls

By STEVEN GUTKIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SABANETA, Venezuela — When he was arrested for trying to overthrow Venezuela's government in a bloody coup attempt six years ago, Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez announced to the world that his struggle was just beginning.

"New and better opportunities will emerge for us in the future," he proclaimed on national television before being hauled off to jail.

With Sunday's presidential election approaching, those words sound like an understatement. The 44-year-old former coup leader has capitalized on public disgust over corruption and declining living standards to become the front-runner.

His candidacy is seen as a warning for Latin America and a likely blow to conventional wisdom that democracy and free markets are inescapable.

Chavez insists he is "a democrat from head to toe," but members of Venezuela's

elite are terrified he will impose a dictatorship if elected.

No one knows for sure what a Chavez presidency would be like. But there is nothing vague about the anti-establishment, anti-corruption credo he has preached since being released four years ago by President Rafael Caldera.

Recent polls show Chavez about 10 points ahead of his closest rival, Yale-educated former Gov. Henrique Salas Romer.

Despite having toned down his populist rhetoric, Chavez still wants to dissolve Congress and trash the current constitution in favor of a new one.

To wealthy Venezuelans and the U.S. government, which has denied Chavez a tourist visa, his attempted coup was unforgivable. But Chavez insists it was a just reaction to a fraudulent democracy that excluded most Venezuelans from the bounty of the world's largest oil reserves outside the Middle East.



Timothy Padek of the Associated Press
Venezuelan presidential candidate Hugo Chavez is cheered by thousands of supporters as he arrives at his closing campaign rally Wednesday. The 44-year-old former coup leader has capitalized on public disgust over corruption and decades of declining living standards to become the front-runner in next Sunday's presidential race.

Boos & Bravos

Bravo — To the *State Press*' final editorial edition of the semester. We're done. We're out of here. We can finally escape from the dungeon that is our newsroom! Now we can start going to classes again! Now we can possibly pass classes! We hope you, the reader, never stay content with the *State Press*. We're your paper and want to serve the ASU community to the best of our abilities. More changes are in store, so keep reading and keep writing those letters to the editor, kids.

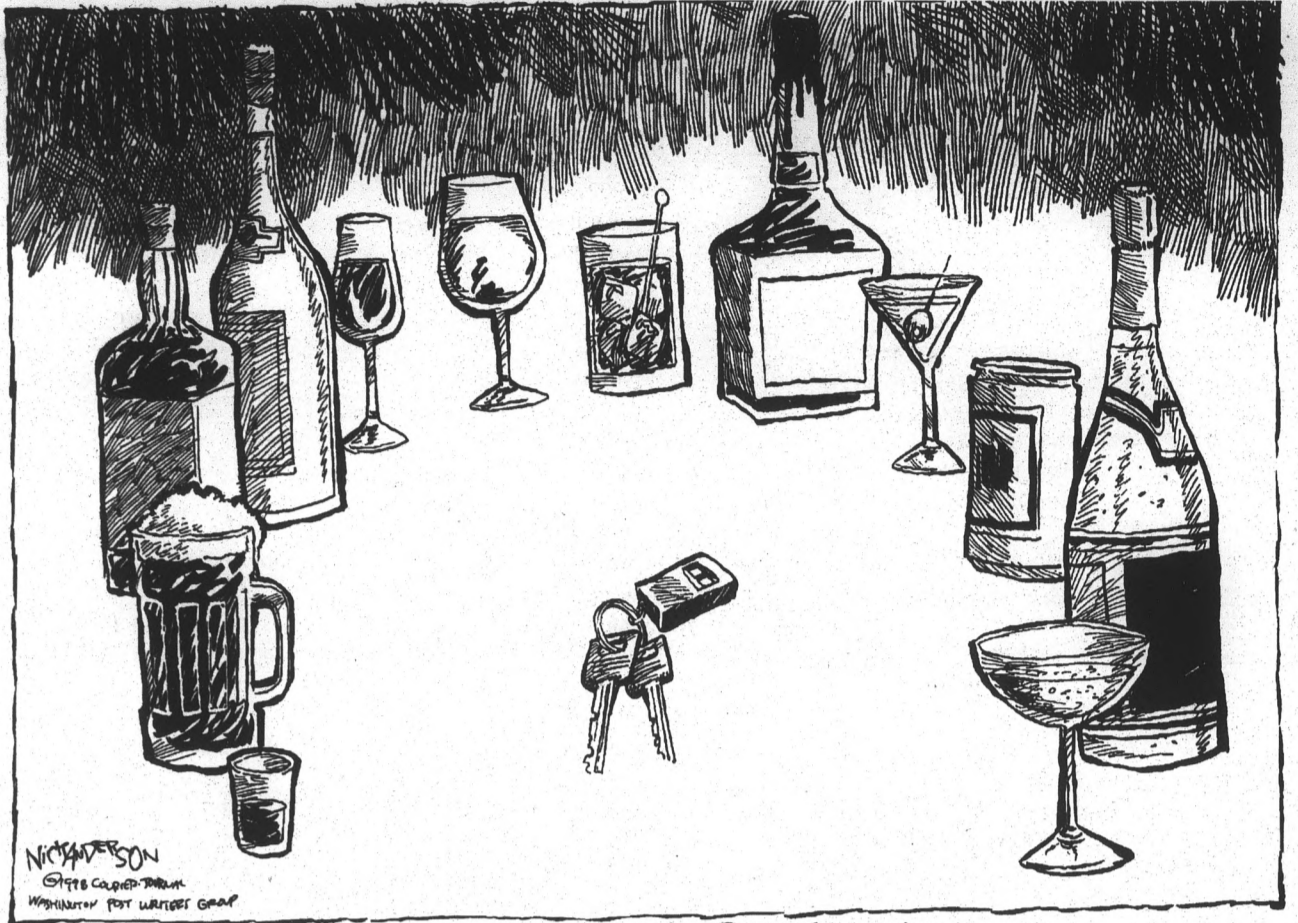
Boo — To the UofA football team, on principle. If you didn't know (and most of us would like to forget), ASU ended its season with a 50-42 loss in Tucson. Todd Heap scored two big touchdowns against the Mildcats and that's a good thing. And J.R. Redmond showed guts by playing with lingering foot and ankle injuries. But there hasn't been much to cheer for regarding ASU football this season and losing to the Mildcats just makes things worse. Lord, now we have to take the heat from Puke of A fans for the rest of the season — unless the men's hoop team can beat the Wildkittens. Maybe there is hope...

Bravo — To the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, for donating hope kits to the Honduras Hurricane Relief effort. The hope kits contained emergency items for hurricane victims there. The kudos may be more than a week too late, but since this is the holiday season, we're inclined to give some space to a worthwhile cause such as this.

Boo — To the rush of holiday shoppers that are packing all the shopping centers. Hey, we've all got to get them Teletubbies for the wee ones. But there's no need to shove, kick and bite each other just to be the first in line for that dorky-looking Furby. Peace on Earth and good will hunting, eh? The holiday season is the time for sharing and caring. Yeah, right. Anyone who wants to get ahead of *State Press* staffers as we forage for *Star Wars* toys better come strapped, 'cause we aim to complete our collections! In any event, why would you want those Teletubbies? They aren't nearly as cool as Tickle-Me Elmo or Sleep and Snore Ernie.

Bravo — To the arrival of the holiday season. Seriously, it's still the time of the year when we should be looking out for our fellow humans. There are those who aren't as fortunate as most of us, so why not do a good deed and help the needy? Start a office or residence hall food or clothing drive, and donate the proceeds to charity. Santa rewards those who are nice, remember? And he gives stockings full of coal — and a ghetto-style beatdown — for those who are naughty. OK, we take back that part about the beatdown, but you get the picture...

Bravo — To the graduating staffers of the *State Press*. We've got a few of them in the newsroom this semester: Opinion Editor Michelle Craig, Photo Editors Jeremy Hein and Brad Lang, and Managing Editor Jodi Bafundo. There are others too numerous to name, but you haven't been forgotten. We laughed. We cried. We showed each other our bits and pieces (ahem, J-Dub). Some days we disliked each other. Other days we would have died for each other. Enough sentimentality (sniff). OK gang, grab them sheepskins and make us proud!



WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Woman finds home is where heart is

Picture it: Tempe, 1994.

A young girl — mother, sister and brother-in-law in tow — walks to the Best Hall front desk to check into her dorm room. With nervous butterflies, she fills out the forms and shyly takes her key. She walks up to the door of her Hayden Hall dorm, turns the key ... to the plainest, smallest split-plan room she has ever seen. She spends her first night in college alone, crying herself to sleep.

She had dreamed about Arizona for a year. She couldn't wait to get away from the small town life she'd known for so long. Arizona was bright, big, clean and lively — very exciting, but very intimidating. She was "Arizona Bound." But now that she was there, she hoped she hadn't made a mistake.

Freshman year went by as it does for many — roommate mismatches, some partying, a lot of loneliness. She was homesick at first, missing her friends and her comfort zone.

But then she thought about the sacrifices her mother made for her future — using a space heater in the winter in order to afford the parent loans, for one — and realized she *had* to make it work.

So she did. Proudly, she managed to land a job as a resident assistant in the dorms — oops, make that residence halls. It would help her financially and maybe even personally. She was on her way.

The first summer of college came and went with one vital realization — Connecticut was no longer home. Few friendships remained strong; most fell by the wayside. She eagerly awaited her return.

Sophomore year, junior year, senior year. They run together in the young woman's mind, a blur of good

times and hardships, trials and tribulations. She never did her best in school, but she made it through. Three years as a resident assistant begot more than financial assistance. She learned to handle confrontation, teamwork and survive on long days with little sleep. She also met amazing people who taught her about diversity and opened her eyes to new perspectives. She learned that you don't have to share a bloodline to be family. She found her confidence — something she had lacked all her life.

Through the blur, one date does stick out in her mind — January 1997. Swallowing her fear, she had applied for a copy editor position with the *State Press*. Not knowing if she could handle journalism, she soon realized she'd found her life's calling — a calling that will likely take her away from her comfort zone once again. She is not so eager this time around.

Friendships have come and gone, couples have married, romances become distant memories. She realizes now that ties may bind, but in the end, it is she that makes her own destiny. Life *is* a journey, as the cliché goes.

The woman now sits at a computer realizing how much she has changed. The girl who cried herself to sleep her first night at ASU now cries at her keyboard, grateful for who she has become and forever thankful for the people she has known and will never forget.

"Don't be dismayed by good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again after a moment or lifetime is certain for those who are friends."

Remembering through rainbows ...

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The journey long, road rough, but well worth it

Where do I begin?

When I began my job as opinion editor in June, I told myself I wouldn't write some sappy piece when it was time for me to move on.

Now that the time is here ... how can I not?

Since I will be graduating two weeks from today — and since I get to choose what goes on the Op/Ed pages — let me take a moment for some final words for the ASU community.

I'm not your typical college student. I returned to both Glendale Community College and ASU after a 15-year hiatus. During my time off, I married, had three children and started on my fourth.

Upon returning to school, I worked hard — which at times caused me to give less than 100 percent to my family — to become an editor-in-chief at GCC's *The Voice*, an associate editor at ASU West's *West Express* and finally, opinion editor at the *State Press*.

During the last four years I have also served as executive director of a non-profit organization, did the normal "mom" and "mom's taxi" stuff, volunteered for community organizations, held an internship, held a marriage together (despite the stress of one income and minimal free time), carried a full courseload for 10



Michelle Craig
opinion editor

semesters and was able to keep up with *The Young and The Restless*, *Melrose Place* and *90210*.

I don't tell you all of this to brag; it's not to say that I am somehow better than you. It is to say that *anything* is possible.

We've all heard the saying "You can do anything you set your mind to." Take it from me, it's true. But you have to put 110 percent into whatever your goal is in order to obtain it. No one is going to hand you anything; it is you who must achieve what you want in life. If it is handed to you, it won't be as rewarding, meaningful or as long-term as something that you've put your whole heart and soul into. When you do go the extra mile to achieve your goals and your dreams, people won't hand you things. Instead they will guide you, directly and indirectly, to obtain that goal.

This is not the Emmys, and Murphy's Law dictates I will leave someone out, but I must send thanks to those advisers, instructors, friends and loved ones who kept me strong as I made my journey.

To Bruce and Larry B. — For being friends and mentors. Your guidance and wisdom have helped me reach my goal. Larry, thank you for helping me reach my full potential; Bruce, thank you for letting me voice my "questions, comments, bitches and moans."

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To Lawrence, Kamiryn, Danielle and Lorenzo — Thanks for loving your Mom. One day you'll understand that the past four years were as much for me as they were for you.

And finally, I thank God for it is He who made everything possible.

With all that I have accomplished, there

was one last goal I had set before me.

At the start of this semester, I made a pledge to the students, faculty and staff of ASU that the *State Press* would "do our best to pave a new path that all students, regardless of their race, nationality, religion, size, sexual orientation or physical or mental disadvantages, can walk on with pride." This is not something that will be achieved overnight, much less over a semester. There are still critics of what we may choose to publish, but over the past 14 weeks their number has decreased.

As we embark on a new semester and a new year — the last of the century — we must remember that racism and hatred are bred by ignorance — and ignorance is a two-way street. In order for the *State Press* to continue to "change for a better future," our readers must help us to break down all barriers, including those put up against us.

Arizona State University is a beautifully diverse community. It would be a shame to waste an opportunity to foster pride, dedication and understanding in our school and in one another.

Finally, in the words of our favorite FLASH driver: "Have a beautiful day, good luck, peace out."

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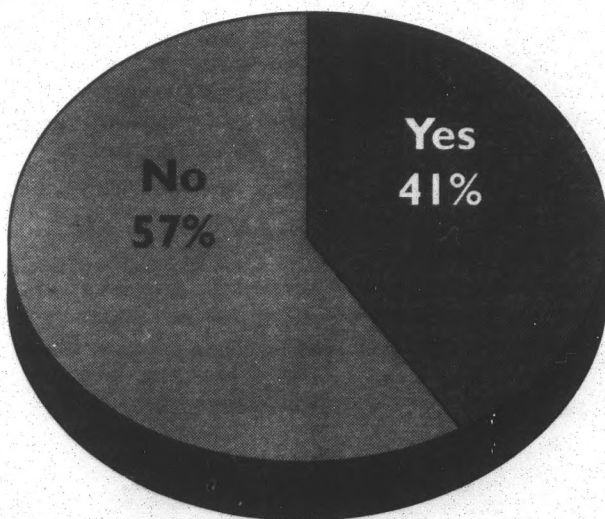
Readers' Poll

Last week's results

CBS 60 Minutes aired a videotape recently showing Dr. Jack Kevorkian administering a lethal dose of drugs to Thomas Youk, a 52-year-old Michigan man suffering from a terminal disease. Kevorkian, a retired Michigan pathologist who has acknowledged helping about 120 people commit suicide, said Youk died Sept. 17, three weeks after Michigan enacted a law that makes assisted suicide a felony. Do you think Kevorkian should be prosecuted?

Respondents

Students	37	Staff	8
Faculty	2	Site visitors	14



Look for more opinion polls when the *State Press* returns next semester.

Give the man a stiff drink, he earned it

"I've seen a rich man beg, I've seen a good man sin, I've seen a tough man cry. I've seen a loser win and a sad man grin, I heard an honest man lie." — Everlast, "What it's Like"

Someone hand me a rum and Coke now — I've seen enough. Oh, and make that rum at least 151 proof; anything less is wimpy fraternity swill.

Most *State Press* editors stick around for only one semester. I've been at this for more than a year now. Seems like forever. I'm not sad to see it end; I'm ready to move on and pursue other challenges.

I end my run as *State Press* editor with no regrets — well, except for that mess with an editorial cartoon (or two). Brian Fairington, you "da man."

I made enemies and I made friends. And the friends outnumber the enemies 237 to 1.

I gave the job of *State Press* editor my best shot this semester and I'm proud of what's been accomplished. This semester, there were no distractions or obnoxious egos in the newsroom. Everyone worked as a team — which is how it should be.

Teamwork, along with the *State Press*'s new attitude and direction, are things I want to be remembered for. At the *State Press*, I had my heart broken several times. When I was too sick to even stand, I still hauled my ass to work and contributed to the team. When others couldn't pull their weight, I picked up the slack.

But I also experienced some of the great joys attached to being this paper's editor. I saw the ASU baseball team play in the College World Series, but left before the title game (sorry Pat). I coordinated election night coverage (great job Jayson). I sat feet away from Walter Cronkite and Monday Night Football creator Roone Arledge (more breadsticks, Ed?) during the annual Cronkite luncheon. The list goes on.

Some days I felt like Atlas — the titan from Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders. Nothing went right on those days. Stories would fall through or be late. Something would happen to the reporters (or copy editors or editors or photographers). I'd have to stay late. I'd become edgy. Or cranky. Or moody. Or all three.

When those days hit, the newsroom's prankster turned into a wolverine. But that's expected from an editor who gives a damn about his responsibilities.

Other days I left the newsroom feeling I could have done more to improve the quality of the *State Press*. On those days, I felt we could do more for our readers. Those were the days when everything clicked and my head full of ideas couldn't stop churning.

Those were days when, in hindsight, I earned the title of editor but wasn't satisfied. But when the paper hit the stands



Percy Ednalino
editor-in-chief

the next morning, I always had a smile on my face. We gave it our best shot. And that's what really matters.

To the writers, copy editors, photographers and support staff of the *State Press*, I thank you with all my heart. Because of your enthusiasm and hard work, I enjoyed being your editor. Never be content with what you know as journalists. Push yourselves. You guys have the talent, find the motivation.

Thanks for putting up with me, gang. Beers are on Alicia Caldwell's tab.

I hope you, the reader, are never satisfied with the *State Press* either. Push us to improve. This is your newspaper and you deserve our best effort.

A few personal thanks:

To Alyson, Robert and Joanna Wike: If this were the NBA, Alyson, you're my most valuable player pick. You'll probably be asking for a big raise now. And I'll have to lock you out. *Episode One*, baby! Robert, you'll never top my pranks. You have nothing on me now. Give up and accept defeat, "Huggy Bear." Joanna, I hope we grow to at least be good friends. You're very sweet and I enjoy being around you. If only... (Those blue eyes! I still say they're colored contacts. As I've often said this fall: She's SO cute!)

To Chris and Jonathan: You guys did a fantastic job at the city desk this fall. When things got rough, you hung in there. Sometimes the reporters needed to be "squeezed", right? "Fire and Ice" was scrapped, but as far as I'm concerned, it worked out fine. But Chris? I'll never "Bear Down."

To Michelle, Jodi and Christi: Thanks "mom," for being the conscience this newsroom needed after last year's controversies. Go Cowboys! Thanks Jodi, for the bagels you promised us and the "ST" with Brad. Hey Christi, been swing dancin' lately? You wore out my Brian Setzer Orchestra CD, too, dammit!

To Brad and Jeremy: What a difference budget meetings make, huh? I always made the attempt to showcase the photos that run in the paper. This semester was bing! FPH would be proud.

To Ed and Doug: You guys kicked ass. And the two of you did so with an inconsistent staff backing you up. You're the man, Ed. I mean that. You're the hardest-working person I know and one of the nicest. Next semester will be a blast, Doug. ASU baseball will be well covered. Pat Murphy deserves a pay raise!

To Bruce Itule, Doug Anderson and the rest of the Student Publications Advisory Board: Thank you for letting me tinker with your pride and joy, the *State Press*. I may not have been the best editor this paper has hired, but I hope the hard work gets me ranked high on the list.

Now where's that drink?

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Capital punishment topic of campus discussion

BY HAYLEY RINGLE
STATE PRESS

Roger W. Axford, co-founder of The Coalition for Justice and Peace, will speak Monday on the "viciousness of capital punishment and the brutalization of our society," for ASU's 50th Anniversary of the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights symposium.

Axford, professor of adult education, spent two years, three months and 27 days in prison for being a conscientious objector of World War II.

"I was in prison because I wouldn't kill anybody," said Axford, who served time in five federal prisons. "Prisons are crime schools."

Axford's a book on executed people who were later proven innocent of their crimes convinced him that the current U.S. capital punishment laws are wrong.

"I became convinced of the stupidity and inhumanity of capital punishment," Axford said. "You can not kill people to train us not to kill people. It doesn't make sense."

Axford does not stand alone in his opposition to capital punishment.

Elizabeth "Trudy" Calabrese was killed last February after bringing a box of food to a family that said they were in need.

Calabrese's killer, John Sansing, has been sentenced to die,

but her husband, Rosario, is opposed to the death penalty.

"I don't think it's right to take other people's lives," Rosario said. "The Bible says not to kill people."

He said he does not feel that Sansing needs to die for his crime.

Rosario, who's daughter is also opposed to a death sentence for Sansing, is planning to make an appeal to the judge and jury to spare the life of his wife's killer.

Axford said that instead of sending violent offenders to prison, the United States should have a halfway house system where the prisoners are surrounded by psychiatrists, social workers and family support for rehabilitation.

If the prisoners do not have any family support, they should be given a surrogate family, he said. Non-violent offenders should be put on parole instead of filling the prisons, he said.

"The current prison system is self-defeating," Axford said. "We should be finding alternatives to incarceration."

Axford said most people don't realize that violent offenders are the best prospect for rehabilitation because most of the acts they commit are done in a fit of anger.

"The moment you go into prison, you have no rights," Axford said. "They try to de-personalize and de-moralize you. The whole idea of putting a person in prison is to destroy the person."

Axford said he feels the United States is spending too much money on building new prisons, and rehabilitation is not happening. If the United States really cared about the prisoners, there would be better ways of rehabilitation, he said.

"We're a brutalized people," Axford said. "All there is violence, violence, violence. My grandchildren see one or two shootings every day, and that desensitizes them to murder."

"We're spending more money on prisons than on education," he said.

As part of the celebration of human rights, ASU's Amnesty International, Students for a Free Tibet and the East Timor Action Network will build a mock prison cell on the Hayden Lawn on Monday afternoon.

The prison cell will be built out of white, plastic PVC (polyvinyl chloride) pipe and will be about 6 feet by 4 feet by 4 feet, Johnson said. A student from one of the groups will be inside the cell, representing a prisoner.

"The purpose (of the cell) is to dramatize the plight of human-rights violations around the world," said John Johnson, faculty advisor of Amnesty International. "It will give students the impression of being in prison."

The symposium will be held in the Memorial Union Arizona Room at 7:30 p.m.

Conference to focus on Hispanic roots of American expansion

BY STEPHANIE PATERIK
STATE PRESS

Educators, actors, artists and community leaders from across the globe are gathering at ASU's main and west campuses next week to research, celebrate and share.

What brings them together are two events that happened a century ago — the signing of the 1898 Spanish-American War and the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Both expanded U.S. territory by taking parts of Mexico.

The conference, titled "The 1848/1898@1998: Transhistoric Thresholds Conference," will be held from Dec. 8-12 and is designed to commemorate the two events.

"The conference is a perfect opportunity to gain understanding of who we are in 1998, which comes directly from the events of 1848 and 1898," said Cordelia Candelaria, an ASU English professor and a coordinator for the conference. "These events gave us (in the United States) a full continent and it changed the people forever."

Latino art exhibits featuring contemporary Cuban art opened Thursday at ASU Main's Hispanic Research Center, the Hayden reference room and the second floor of the Memorial Union.

Next week's conference will include film festivals, key-note speakers and theater productions.

ASU West will host a workshop on alter-

native healing methods inspired by Latino culture, a live band, a dance and an art exhibit in Fletcher Library.

"It says something significant about the conference, and ASU, that we've been able to generate this kind of national attention," Candelaria said.

Gary Keller, ASU Hispanic Research Institute Director and a coordinator for the conference, said the celebration has multiple purposes and something interesting for everyone.

"Primarily, it's a research conference," he said. "Yet it will surpass that with so many social, religious and historical events. This is for ASU students and non-ASU students, Hispanics and non-Hispanics, the young and

the old."

A break from finals and studying may be another lure of the conference for students, Candelaria said. She added that most of the week's events are free since the conference received funding from numerous community and ASU supporters, including the Rockefeller Foundation and Motorola Corporation.

Keller said he hopes participants will walk away with a better understanding of Hispanic culture and America's Hispanic roots.

"We see the conference as a teachable moment of the effect of the two most important events of the 19th century on the United States Latino culture and history," he said.

Questions about the conference can be referred to 965-3990.

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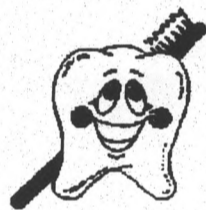


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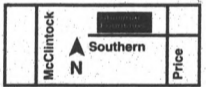
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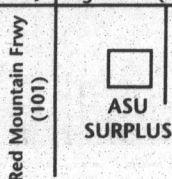
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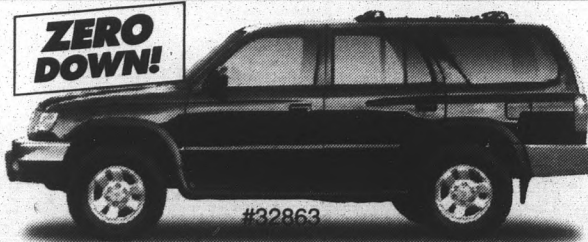


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Tempe police still find no trace of Jacobson's body

By JESSICA WOLF
STATE PRESS

Although Tempe police were confident that the search for Cookie Jacobson's body would end today, they have yet to find the body.

And it could be the middle of next week before they are done searching the Butterfield landfill, near Mobile.

Originally the bulldozers and crew were supposed to finish rummaging through the cell believed to contain Jacobson's body on

Friday, Tempe police Sgt. David Lind said.

By the time searchers are done sifting through the garbage, they will have raked through 4,000 tons of trash — without a trace of Jacobson.

"She could still be there," Lind said. "We've said from the start that she could be in this cell or one other."

If the body is in the landfill, it could be buried somewhere under trash that has been compacted as more trash is piled into the cell.

But Lind said because the surrounding trash is soft, Jacobson's body could still be "pretty intact."

Lind said the search may be expanded to another cell of the landfill if Jacobson's body is not found in the current location.

He said that as of this week an estimated \$171,000 has been spent on the search.

The county attorney's office will be responsible for charging Jacobson's children, 16-year-old Aaron and 13-year-old Laura, if and when a case is submitted by

police. Lind said police have not been investigating the whereabouts of the children as the search continues. They have not been formally charged with a crime.

Lind has said Jacobson's children continue to be the focus of the investigation.

Jacobson was reported missing on Sept. 21. The search began after police found blood and other fluid evidence indicating the presence of a human body in two dumpsters behind Jacobson's house.

Weed stolen from Tucson incinerator

TUCSON (AP) — Someone stole about 500 pounds out of a 7-ton load of marijuana that had been sent to Tucson for incineration, according to sheriff's investigators.

The theft was discovered after a tip from a confidential informant and through an examination of the amount of ash left in the incinerator, said Pima County Sheriff's Sgt. John Sanders.

The marijuana disappeared Nov. 17, after it was transported by U.S. Customs Service agents from El Paso to Tucson.

The agents delivered the load to the incinerator used for the disposal of seized drugs, but they left before it finished burning.

The next morning, incinerator employees reported the burglary.

"My estimate is that it had burned for about eight or nine hours," Sanders said. "That's why I think only about 400 or 500 pounds has been missing. There was a lot of ash. It had burned a lot."

The informant reinforced that conclusion and pointed investigators to a remaining portion of the load, Sanders said.

Investigators this week recovered 50 pounds of marijuana in Tucson that they believe was part of the original load.

Sanders estimated the whole 500-pound load would be worth around \$350,000 in Tucson, and more on the East Coast. The entire 7-ton load would have been worth around \$10 million.

Sanders said he does not suspect that customs employees involved in the incineration took part in the burglary.

PoliceBeat

for Thursday

ASU police reported the following incident Wednesday:

- No reports were submitted.
- **Tempe police reported the following incidents Thursday:**
 - An unidentified man entered The Flower Shop, 1815 S. Rural Road, Wednesday simulating a weapon and demanding money from the clerk. The clerk told officers that he gave the suspect the money and the man left the store through the back door. He reportedly fled in an unknown direction and a search of the area did not reveal anything.
 - A unidentified man entered the Cigarettes Cheaper store, 2109 S. Rural Road, displaying a 10- to 12-inch silver-colored knife. The suspect reportedly demanded money from the clerk and the clerk gave him the key to the register. After opening the register and taking the money, the suspect reportedly left through the store's front door in an unknown direction.
 - Officers arrested a 19-year-old Tempe man Wednesday on charges of possession of narcotic drugs for sale, misconduct with weapons and possession of marijuana. The man was arrested after officers served a search warrant at his home, on the 1100 block of South Farmer Road, and found an undisclosed quantity of cocaine and marijuana. Officers also seized several weapons, including a .22-caliber rifle with a silencer. The man was taken to the Tempe City Jail.

Reports compiled by State Press reporter Alicia A. Caldwell

Democrat who lost the Corporation Commission race challenges election

PHOENIX (AP) — The newest member of the Arizona Corporation Commission says he is ready to give up his securities license, which has led to questions about the legality of his election.

Republican Tony West said he brought the issue to commission staff himself to ensure he had no conflict of interest.

Democrat Paul Newman, who lost to West in the November race for the seat, is contesting the outcome

because West held the license while he ran for the office.

Newman quoted a state law that says a person working in a business regulated by the commission "shall not be elected, appointed to, or hold the office of commissioner." The commission regulates securities.

Newman said he will ask the state Attorney General to call for a special action before the state Supreme Court to overturn the election and hold another.

However, Attorney General's spokeswoman Karie Dozer said: "As far as we are concerned, if West got rid of the conflict before taking office, it's not a concern anymore."

"The 'shall not be elected' part would be a very hypersensitive reading of the law," she added.

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Hull balks at suggested 60-day extension for auto testing

By PAUL DAVENPORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Gov. Jane Hull on Thursday rejected legislative Democrats' suggestion that the soon-to-expire auto emissions testing program be extended for only 60 days so lawmakers can consider rising fees and other issues.

"It is important that we not play politics right now, that we come in, we repeal the repealer and we leave," Gov. Hull said during an informal news conference after meeting with House and Senate Democratic leaders.

The sessions were part of maneuvering toward a mid-December special legislative session, which Gov. Hull wants to call so lawmakers can keep the emissions testing program alive.

Without action by lawmakers, the state's authority for the program operating in Maricopa and Pima counties will expire Jan. 1 under a repealer that was in the state law for 10 years but was overlooked until last month.

With majority Republicans divided on whether to continue the program, minority Democrats in the GOP-controlled Legislature have unusual clout on the issue. Gov. Hull and her allies need the Democrats' votes to collect the two-thirds approval required to make a repeal of the repeal take effect immediately, before Jan. 1.

Many legislative Democrats support the testing program for

both health reasons and to keep the federal air-quality enforcers from levying sanctions, but their leaders told Gov. Hull they want to do more than just repeal the repeal.

They suggested holding the special session so lawmakers can continue the program for 60 days. That would set the stage for further debate on the program's future and related issues during early parts of the regular session starting in January.

Issues which Democrats want to air include the rising fees paid by motorists, whether revenue siphoned off for subsidies for alternative fuel vehicles should instead stay in the program to keep fees lower, and how much pollution could result from the recently-approved longer testing waiver for newer vehicles.

Gov. Hull said she did not object to lawmakers discussing those issues but said waiting until the regular session to permanently renew the testing program would send the wrong messages to federal officials and the state's business community.

She also said she was not willing to allow the program's future to become entangled with the myriad of other issues during the regular session.

"There will be no more focus. This is the time to put a focus on it," Gov. Hull said, adding that she was willing to have the special session include the related concerns "if they come forth with some solutions."

Gov. Hull said she hoped the approach of Christmas and

Hanukkah would affect lawmakers. "Obviously, I think during the holiday season in the spirit of cooperation a one-day session would be very, very nice."

But, she told reporters, "I am willing to have them in here for three weeks."

As long as it takes?

"That's right, and we'll keep the tree lit."


Meanwhile, House Speaker Jeff Groscost said majority Republicans in the House are split on the future of the emission testing program.

About equal numbers favor simply repealing the repeal, having the program die outright and continuing it for the length of the state's contract with the testing company, Gordon Darby, said Groscost.

The current contract expires Dec. 31, 2001 but a proposed amendment would extend it through Dec. 31, 2004.

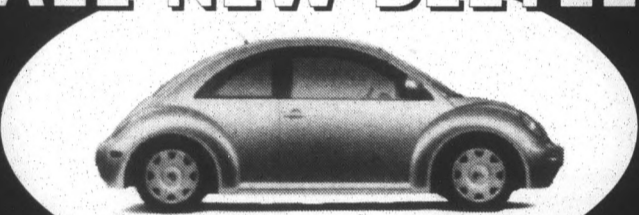
Groscost favors continuing the program to match the length of the contract so there's no question of having to buy out the contractor early, and to provide ample time to review the program's effectiveness.

"As we get closer to the appointed hour of the presumed special session, I think that those folks who would like to get rid of (the program) will probably migrate to a position that does not cost contract money," he said.




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Authorities: Body found near prison resembles escaped killer

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press
HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A body was found floating in a river Thursday and prison officials said it resembled a killer who escaped from death row on Thanksgiving.



a road near the prison. A massive search that focused on the area immediately surrounding the prison failed to turn up any leads, and authorities on Thursday posted a \$5,000 reward for Gurule's capture.

All seven inmates, who used a hacksaw blade to cut a hole in a death row recreation area fence, were part of the nation's only prison work program that uses death row inmates.

The work project, where inmates make cloth goods for the corrections system, has been suspended by prison administrators.

The reward was offered through the governor's office and Gov. George W. Bush demanded answers Gurule was able to escape.

"I'm upset about it," said Bush, who just returned from a Middle East trip. "I've asked the Texas Rangers to step in

There was no confirmation that the body was that of Martin Gurule. The body was beneath a bridge on the Trinity River, about four miles from the prison unit that houses death row, said Texas prison spokesman Larry Todd.

It was found about 5:30 p.m. by two off-duty correctional officers who were fishing, Todd said. He said the man bore a resemblance to the escapee and wore "inmate-style shoes and inmate clothing."

Gurule, 29, was among seven condemned killers who tried to break out of the Ellis Unit 15 miles north-east of Huntsville late Thanksgiving night.

The other six surrendered as guards in towers opened fire after spotting them, but Gurule managed to get over a pair of 10-foot chainlink fences topped with razor wire and scamper into the fog and darkness, making him the first Texas inmate to escape death row since 1934.

Tracking dogs lost Gurule's scent on

Safety. A panel of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, which runs Texas prisons, already is investigating the escape. Huntsville prison officials said Gurule may have been helped by the Mexican Mafia prison gang.

Gurule was sentenced to death for shooting Minas "Mike" Piperis during a 1992 robbery at a Corpus Christi restaurant.

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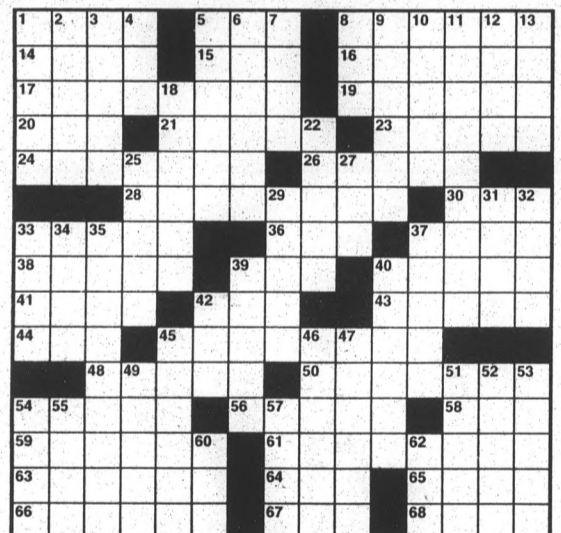
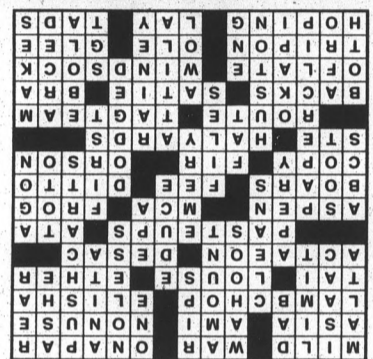


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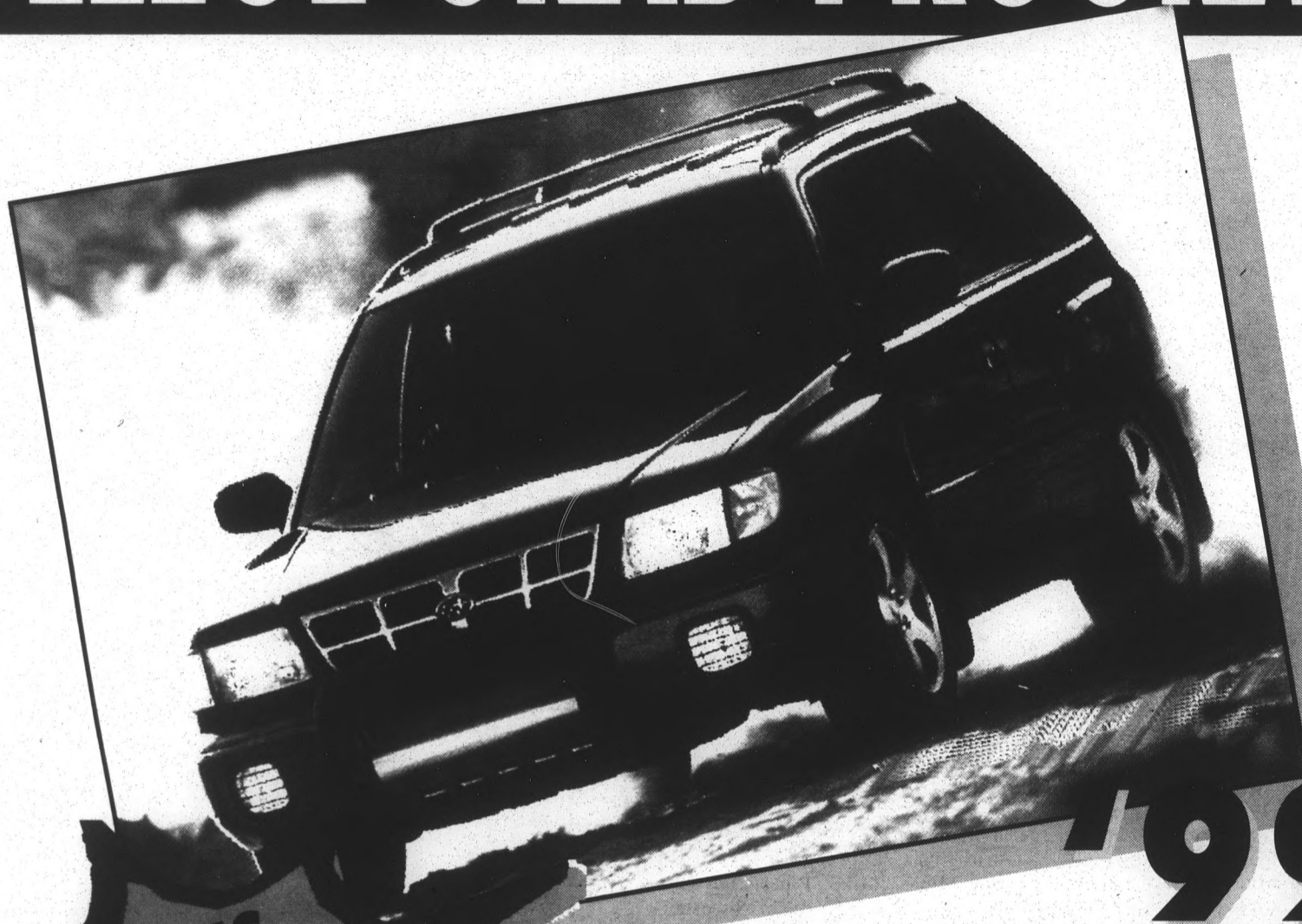


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Boeing layoffs could cool hot Puget Sound economy

By **TIM KLASS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE (AP) — Huge job cuts at Boeing Co. could chill what has been a red-hot economy in the Puget Sound area. However economists don't expect anything like the "Boeing bust" of the early 1970s because the economy is much more diverse.

Dick Conway, who publishes an economic newsletter, said Thursday he expects "a big change in the economy, but no recession." Practically nothing short of a national recession could trigger a regional recession, Conway said.

Boeing plans to shed 48,000 jobs by the end of 2000 from a worldwide work force of about 238,000. It cites declining airplane orders mostly because of declining demand from customers in the hard-hit Asian region.

The job cuts in and around Seattle could blunt price increases in one of the nation's 10 most expensive metropolitan housing markets, said Geoff Wood, president of Windermere Services Co., corporate parent of the region's largest real estate company. But prices probably would not decrease, he said.

"I don't think it's going to hurt our market very much because this is still a very desirable place to live," he said.

One big reason is Microsoft Corp. and

the thousands of smaller software businesses that have sprung up around it.

The Washington Software Alliance, a trade group, said there are about 47,000 people working in the software and information technology fields in Washington state, nearly all in Seattle.

Roughly 64,000 new software jobs will have to be filled within the next three years, and Boeing workers have the technical skills for some of those jobs, the alliance said.

"It doesn't necessarily have to be a dire consequence for the state of Washington if Boeing lays off all those people," said Kathy Wilcox, the alliance's executive director.

At the Vanilla Beans Coffee Store in Mukilteo, frequented by Boeing workers from the nearby widebody jet factory, owner Rhonda Klotz also was unfazed.

"It'll have an impact, but Boeing rebounds," Klotz told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "Me feeding my family depends on (Boeing), and I am not worried."

Before the layoff announcement, Conway was predicting regional job growth at about 2.3 percent next year. Now that's down to 1.9 percent.

During the "Boeing Bust," when the



Elaine Thompson of the Associated Press
Boeing Co. workers leave an Everett, Wash., plant following a shift change Thursday afternoon. Massive job cuts by Boeing will at least cool and could deeply chill what has been a red-hot economy in the Puget Sound area in recent years. But economists don't expect anything like the "Boeing bust" of the early 1970s.

company's local workforce shrank from 100,874 in 1967 to 37,200 in 1971, "they were really the only player in town," Wood said.

In Boeing's most recent down cycle, its

local workforce shrunk from 104,700 in 1991 to 71,834 in 1995. But by then Boeing accounted for only 23 percent of the region's economy, Conway said. Now it's down to 18 percent.

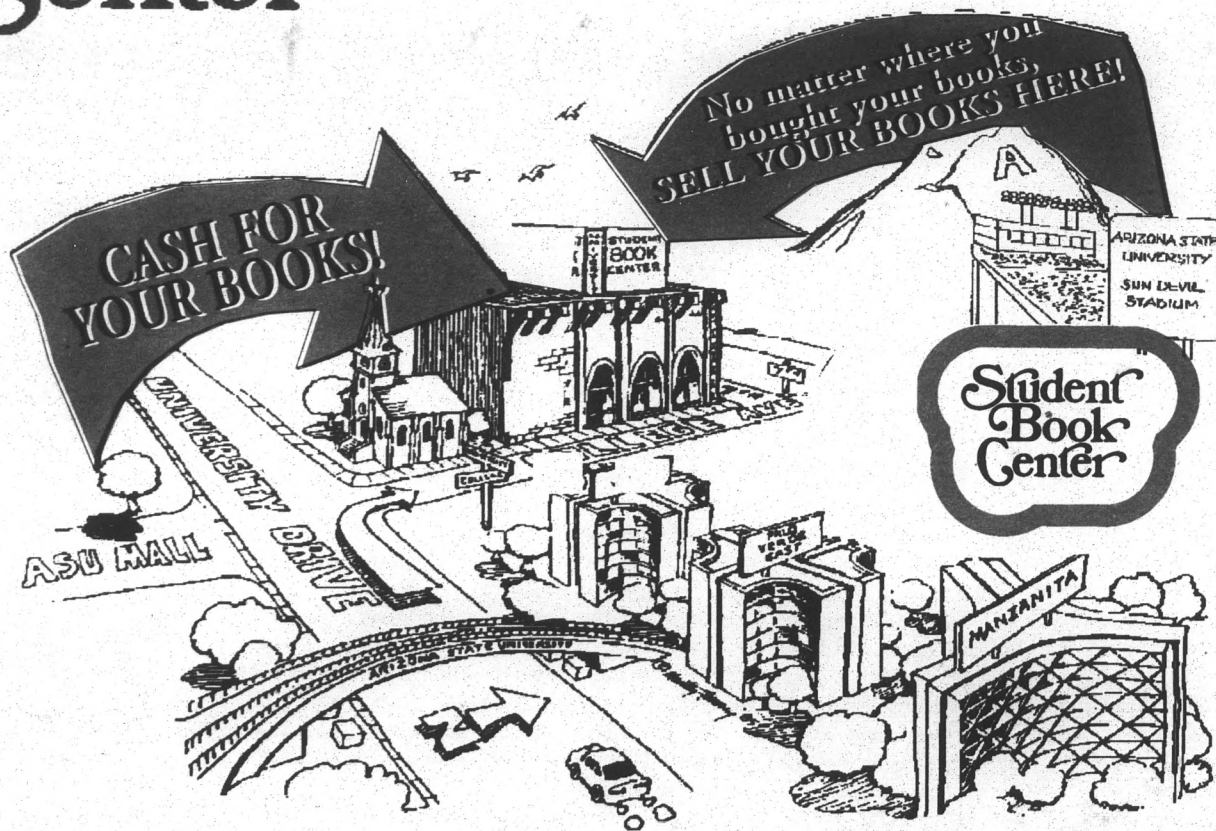
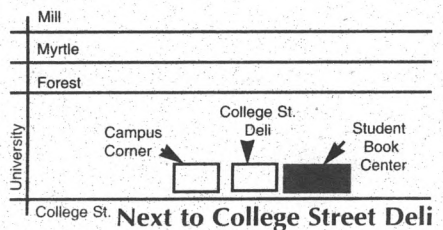
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Phoenix-based clean-up service disposes of county's dead animals



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BY ALYSON HURT
SPECIAL TO THE STATE PRESS

Nikki Halvorson glanced briefly at the Phoenix address on the log sheet, then tossed the clipboard on the dashboard of her truck.

Finding roadkill isn't always easy.

Halvorson is a sometime driver for Pets and Animal Lovers Service. Founded 11 years ago by Katherine Heurman, PALS contracts with Maricopa County cities, the county itself and veterinary clinics to dispose of animals that have been put to sleep, died at home or been left dead along the roads. Drivers pick up about 50 animals a day, countywide.

Concentrating on her route, Halvorson flipped through a map book to look up the address of her first scheduled pickup of the afternoon, a dog.

Pulling into a side street near Earl Drive and 67th Avenue, Halvorson parked her truck next to the body of a black Labrador. The dog was stretched out on the warm sidewalk, looking almost like it was sleeping peacefully. Its body was not yet stiff when Halvorson, wearing thick gloves, lifted it into the back of her truck. There, she put the dog into a black plastic bag, marked the bag with an identification sticker and covered it with a heavy tarp.

"There's two reasons that we contain them (in bags)," she said. "The first is for identification purposes, obviously. A kind of paper trail follows every pet. The second is cleanliness. It's not mandated that you contain a pet after it's been picked up, but you don't want the blood or to have anyone else see it. They're also contained for burial."

Back in the truck, Halvorson drove back to the main road and stopped in the median, flipping on her hazard lights before dodging traffic to get to a cat that lay dead along the side of the road, not far from where the dog had been. Rigor mortis had stiffened the cat's body, and it stayed rigid as Halvorson picked it up by its hind legs to bring it back to her truck.

Tires of a car had nearly flattened the large, gray cat. Blood had dried around its mouth, which seemed frozen in a now-permanent scream.

After bagging, tagging and logging in the cat, Halvorson settled back into the driver's seat and picked up her radio to call the PALS office.

"I need to talk to the lead driver who's giving me the calls so she knows they've been cleaned up," Halvorson said. "She can tell the city that at such and such a time the animal was picked up."

Halvorson filled out her log sheet as she reported the pickups over the radio. As she worked her way back into traffic, her pager went off, listing a new assignment.

Glancing at the message, she said, "They're going to keep us busy today."

Finding owners is tough

Almost none of the dead animals picked up have any kind of identification to allow PALS to notify the pet's owners. "A lot of people are irresponsible," PALS owner Heurman said, adding that her dog wears two tags.

Neither the dog nor the cat that Halvorson picked up wore tags.

"The dog that I just picked up is a 40-pound Lab/shepherd mix," Halvorson said. "He didn't look emaciated or underfed or sick or anything, so I'd have to assume that at

Above left, above and right: Making a stop at a Phoenix home, PALS driver Lino Ulibarri picks up a dead pet and loads the dog into the back of his truck as the owner watches. The City of Phoenix offers free curbside pickup and disposal of pets.

least someone was feeding him.

"We can't find out who he belongs to because he doesn't have a collar on. By standards, he's what we'd consider a stray, but I would have to think, given his size, that he probably wasn't."

People looking for their pets sometimes call PALS.

"There's times when someone will call, say, the same day we've already been there, or maybe the next day, wanting to see their pet," Halvorson said. "Of course, I have to tell them no. There was no identification on the pet, so of course we had to bury it. I have to tell them in their time of grief that if one tiny little tag were there, there'd be no question (of who the pet belonged to)."

Stray animals and their offspring account for much of the roadkill PALS picks up.

"People don't take responsibility for their pets, and then they multiply," Heurman said.

PALS doesn't deal with the disposal of all roadkill, though. Under the Arizona Revised Statutes, a driver can take home big game animals that he may have hit accidentally, provided he gets a permit before doing so (ARS 17-319).

PALS has contracts with most towns and cities in the county, along with the county itself, to pick up dead animals. There are usually two drivers out at a time, working from early morning until 6 at night.

Drivers respond to reports phoned in to a city or county's sanitation department. Each entity then forwards calls within its jurisdiction to PALS.

"We don't have anyone patrolling the streets or anything," said Dan Schriek, a supervisor with the Maricopa County Sanitation Department. "We rely on citizens to call in and report, say, a dead dog along the side of the road on Highway 80 near Wickenburg. We contract out to PALS for pickup."

Animals picked up on these calls range from roadkill to dead animals that people have placed in bags and set on their curbs. PALS has even been called to pick up horses. Usually, PALS drivers only make pickups that have been assigned to them, although they will pick up roadkill that hasn't been called in yet "because we'll just have to go back and pick it up later," Halvorson said.

PALS responds to most of its calls in Phoenix, which is the only municipality in the county that offers residents free curbside pickup of dead pets.

The company will also take care of disposal, "which is just a mass-burial at a landfill at no charge to the resident as long as they place it next to a city right-of-way — that could be in an alley next to a dumpster or by a curb," Halvorson said.

PALS bills a city or a county for each pickup. The amount depends on the contract it has with each entity. Phoenix pays less per pickup than Guadalupe, which may yield two or three pickups per month, Heurman said. However, because of the volume of pickups PALS makes in Phoenix, that city gets a kind of "bulk rate" in its contract.

"(Earnings from) a contract can range, in a given year,



anywhere from \$10,000 to \$200,000," Heurman said.

PALS also has contracts with veterinary clinics, employing a driver to make rounds Monday through Wednesday to pick up euthanized animals.

Halvorson estimated that drivers might drive over 300 miles in a day.

"Figuring out where you're going is probably the hardest part of your job, because it's always changing every hour," she said as she negotiated her way through Phoenix and turned onto Interstate 17. "Most of your job is driving around, routing, figuring out the fastest way."

They're not just roadkill

Halvorson said that she and the people she works with definitely consider themselves "pet people." Halvorson owns a cat, three fish and an eel. She also helps to support a dog, paying for food, veterinarian bills and other costs, while a friend houses her.

People at PALS look at their jobs from the perspective of pet owners.

"We treat these animals as though they might be ours or (might belong to) someone we know," Halvorson said. "Unfortunately, when we go pick these (animals) up, people think they're just roadkill, but they belong to someone, somewhere."

"It gives this cat a little dignity to come off the road; that's how I see it. If that happened to my kitty, I'd hope that someone would come along to take care of my kitty-cat for me."

After about 15 minutes of whipping through Phoenix, Halvorson pulled into a neighborhood, pausing for a moment to look up the address. Then she continued down the street, finally stopping in front of a house still decorated for Halloween. At the curb, a large garbage bag lay next to the trash bin. Inside was a female pit bull.

"On certain occasions, when someone has one in front of their house, there might be a note or a little ditty or some

flowers," she said. "Sometimes kids draw little pictures of the pet and put it on the bag."

Halvorson added that picking up pets in front of children can be difficult.

"Once in a while there will be some kids sitting by a pet (waiting for it to be picked up)," she said. "That's real difficult because not only do they sometimes not know (what's going on), but sometimes, when you're looking for the most efficient way to take care of a pet, you're not able to kind of cuddle the pet or pick it up real gently. And sometimes there might be a lot of blood or weight involved."

Halvorson stepped out of the truck and hefted the dog into the bag. She opened the bag to look at the dog, noting on her log.

"Not only was she contained, but she was double-contained," Halvorson said. "She was probably a family pet."

Part of PALS' business is counseling families about their options after the death of a pet and being open about the disposal process.

Heurman, who had to put her dog Duffy to sleep just after moving to Phoenix, was, to some degree, traumatized by her experience in cremating her pet.

"They wouldn't let me see her, they wouldn't let me see where she was going. It took me three weeks to get her back," Heurman said. "Then I finally was able to see where they took Duffy, and I found out why they didn't want me to see it."

"I got into this because I didn't want others to go through what I had gone through."

Heurman founded PALS on a part-time basis. The business began to pick up, and she soon took up heading the business full time, adding staff and expanding services.

"The real reward that I get (from this job) is the gratitude I feel from the people after we've helped them (take care of their pet)," she said. "It's such a rush."

Halvorson said they encourage people to ask questions. "Secrets make for bad feelings," she said. "That's why we've always had an open-door policy."

"I can explain the process to someone on the phone, spending 30 to 40 minutes explaining how things go. And at the end of the conversation, I feel just as comfortable saying to them, 'If we can't help you, there are services out there that can, and this is where you need to go to get the help that you need.'"

Other services might include the Pet Grief Support Line, which Heurman helped found, and other agencies that deal with dead animals, such as the Animal Cremation Service or the Arizona Pet Mortuary.

PALS also allows pet owners who chose to have their pet cremated to watch the cremation if they wish.

"We also offer a witness program where they can come in, if they want their pet cremated, and watch so they know that their pet is the only pet being cremated," Halvorson said. "When I first started here five years ago, we probably did one witness a month; now we're doing four to five a week. There's a calling for it."

It takes all kinds

Halvorson stopped to make her next pickup: a cat in a front yard. The dark gray animal was not in a bag, instead stretched out on its side, about three feet from the curb.

"We wouldn't normally remove this cat because it's on private property," she said. "My guess is that they didn't want to touch it, and that's probably why it's still here."

Halvorson picked up the cat by its haunches. Like the earlier cat, it stayed in the same rigid position as it had when it was lying in the grass. Its mangy fur didn't move in the breeze as Halvorson put it in the back of the truck.

PALS drivers have had their share of odd experiences, from unusual animals called in to strange situations.

"Sometimes, the city or maybe a family member has called and said that unfortunately, like, Mrs. Smith passed away and went unnoticed for awhile, so then pets expired as well and they don't know what to do," she said. "The county morgue or your funeral home won't deal with pets, so they call us."

"They send me in because I have a medical background, and I've worked in the urgent care and trauma for a long time. I've seen a lot of things, so smells and things like that don't bother me like they do some of the other drivers — steel stomach."

Halvorson said her oddest pickup was when "I went in

for two dogs and came out with six. The reason it was so odd was that the gentlemen (from the morgue) who were there to take care of the dead woman were really odded out by the fact that there were dead pets and that I could touch them. Meanwhile, the dead woman was not in good shape. We got to talking about the differences between my job and their job. I told them I thought theirs was harder, but they thought mine was harder."

Halvorson said she got into this line of work to supplement her income.

She came to Arizona from Minnesota for graduate school because she had family ties in the state. She had trouble finding a job with a doctor's office or hospital, so she sought out other kind of work to support herself and two daughters in the meantime.

What started out as a temporary job has now been Halvorson's full-time job for the past five years.

"This was never meant to be a full-time job," she said. "I told Katherine that when I started. I just wanted to pad my savings account a little bit and then move on. But now, these people are like my family."

Halvorson stopped working as a regular driver two-and-a-half years ago and took up work in the office. She still does pickups when needed and trains new drivers.

She said she doesn't necessarily like what she does, but she stays because she likes the sense of family she has with her co-workers and the opportunities she has to help others.

"The hardest part (of my job) is telling someone — especially someone who doesn't know — that their pet is dead," she said. "It's really difficult when you call and they're really excited because you've found their pet, and then you have to say, 'Sorry, but it's not what you think' and then have to tell them what happened. Unfortunately, that's my job."

As she turned into another neighborhood to make another pickup, Halvorson said that her family, especially her daughters, has been fairly accepting of her job.

"I think a lot of people are taken aback when they hear what I do for a living," she said. "And of course they always want to know if you have a shovel. Probably before this job I would have thought the same thing myself. Of course, when they ask, I have to say no. I guess (using a shovel) makes sense for a kitten or small animal, but can you see trying to pick up a rottweiler with one?"

Halvorson drove slowly down the residential road, looking for the right address.

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Nikki Halvorson, PALS driver

"I believe this is a dog, in front of a mailbox, in front of a home," she said. "I don't know if it just happened to be killed there, or maybe if it was their pet or something. Aha. There it is."

The smell of the animals in the back of her truck drifted into the cab when Halvorson stepped out to pick up the bagged animal lying by the mailbox.

"Here in the wintertime, (the smell is) not quite as odiferous," she said. "In the summer, the heat tends to speed the (decomposition) process up a bit, and it brings a real generous smell with it. It's a smell that — and people don't believe me when I say this — you absolutely get used to."

Halvorson carried the animal to the back of her truck, opened the bag and noted that it was a fox. She noted it in her log, then planned out her route to her next stop.

"Now I'm going to work my way out to the West Valley and then make my way to the landfill," she said.

Adventures in Lower Buckeye

Halvorson drove south, out of the city and into farmland, rough roads and cattle country.

"The only thing bad in the country is that they don't mark every street, and a lot of them don't go through," she said. "You spend a lot of time looking for the ones that do."

Halvorson's pager went off, and she paused to check it. "South of Lower Buckeye," she said. "Somehow I think we're trapped out here."

She passed a building with a large lawn. A dalmation was playing in the sprinklers.

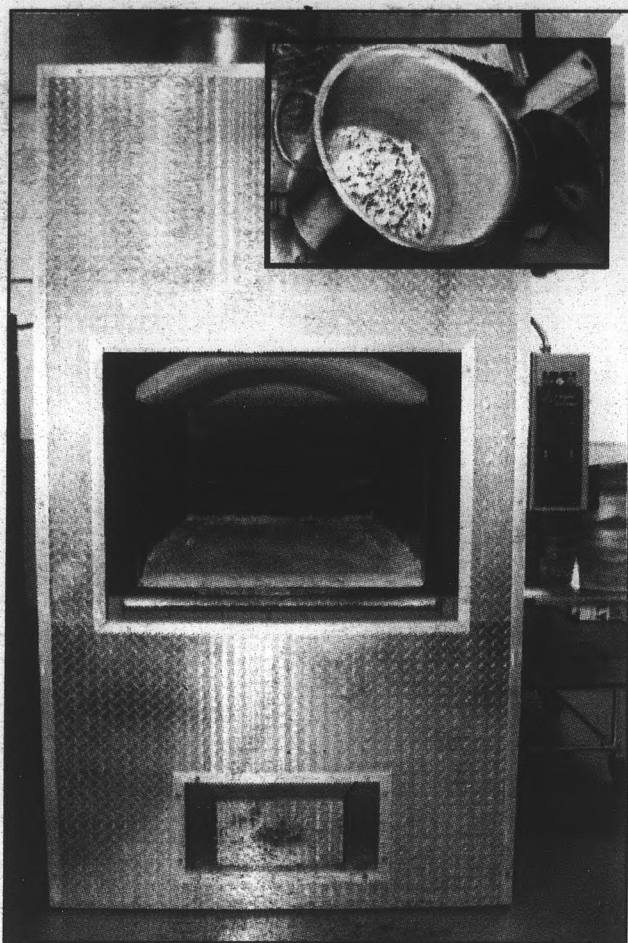
"It all looks so perfect," she said. "Now if we just had a cow to tip, we could just call it a day."

Finally, she turned into a residential area and found the right address. A large garbage bag lay next to the mailbox.

Halvorson stepped out of her truck and grunted lightly as she lifted the bagged dog. Underneath the bag was a worn blue blanket.

"It's probably an instance where a child didn't want the dog to be cold, so they put a blanket there," she said.

Halvorson hefted the dog, which she esti-



Above: For a fee, people can have their pets cremated, with the its remains returned afterwards. PALS also offers pet owners the opportunity, if they wish, to watch the cremation take place. Inset: Large bones left over after cremation are put into a processor, which grinds the matter into smaller bits.

ated at between 75 and 100 pounds, into the back of the truck and opened the bag so she could identify it. The dog had been bleeding. She noted that it was likely a German shepherd.

"That dog was pretty heavy," she said as she drove out of the neighborhood. "I remember that when I was a regular driver and did pickups all the time, 75 pounds — even 100 pounds — you really didn't strain all that hard because you're so used to carrying it."

Once she got back to the main road, Halvorson checked the address listed on her pager and started looking for her last pickup of the day.

Turning onto a narrow dirt road along an SRP irrigation canal, she said, "We can only be on the canals when we actually have a call out here," she said. "This is considered private property, and we could get in trouble for trespassing."

As Halvorson drove along the canal, she looked for any sign of a dead animal, bagged or otherwise, along the sides of the canal.

Finally, she spotted a large garbage bag containing, presumably, an animal, next to the gate at the end of the canal. She stopped to inspect the package, then carried the dog to her truck.

All her stops made, Halvorson headed for a county landfill northwest of Phoenix.

"(What happens to these animals) depends on their disposition order," she said. "The ones I have now are for burial at landfill. The ones I had for cremation I've already taken (to the office)."

Pet owners can specify how they want their pets to be disposed of, whether by cremation or burial in the landfill. Depending on the weight of the animal, cremation can cost between \$75 and \$150.

Animals picked up alongside the road are automatically taken to the landfill for burial, as are animals collected for city or county pickup.

At one time, animals that are now sent to the landfill were sent to a rendering facility.

"We used to have a rendering service that would recycle everything into, like, a fertilizer base powder," Halvorson said. "They're no longer contracted for domestic pets."

The practice also drew protests from animal rights supporters, and the rendering facility stopped taking domestic animals.

Halvorson got off the freeway and made her way to the landfill. There, she followed a short line of dump trucks through the rutted dirt road to the dumping ground. She had to wait a few minutes for the landfill workers to clear a space for her, then pulled up alongside the garbage trucks to unload her cargo.

The dump's rotting garbage stunk. Halvorson stepped carefully through the mud and, after lowering the back gate of the truck, carried the pets to the hole that a landfill worker had dug for them. The German shepherd she had picked up earlier left a streak of blood in the back of the truck as she dragged it out.

Halvorson seemed unfazed when a bulldozer came through and compacted the garbage right next to where she was working, sending some scraps tumbling around her feet.

Once her work was done, she walked back to the truck. Landfill workers would fill in the grave when she left.

She grimaced when she stepped back into the car, scraping the mud from the bottom of her shoes and looking with distaste at a streak of blood on the toe of her right shoe.

Starting the engine again, she said, "Well, it's time to pray. 'No flat tires, no flat tires, no flat tires, no flat tires,'" she chanted hopefully as the truck bounced its way back down the rutted road to the exit.



A black dog's nose peeps out of a plastic bag as it sits on a table in the PALS office. All animals PALS picks up are bagged before being placed in the truck, but sometimes a bag will tear en-route.

Philip Morris plans TV campaign to discourage youth smoking

BY SKIP WOLLENBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Philip Morris, the nation's biggest tobacco company, plans to spend \$100 million not to lure potential customers, but to drive them away.

The campaign target is kids, and the creator of the Marlboro Man says it plans to convince them that smoking isn't cool.

But critics say Philip Morris is only trying to buff its image and that a surer way to discourage youngsters from smoking would be if it dumped the macho cowboy as the icon for its biggest brand.

The Philip Morris campaign kicks off Monday with ads that get the tobacco maker's name in television ads for the first time since cigarette advertising on broadcast outlets was banned in 1971.

The first ads bearing the slogan "Think. Don't Smoke" are aimed at youngsters between 10 and 14 years old and will appear starting Monday on networks like ABC, Fox, WB, TNT and The Cartoon Channel.

Merlo said NBC had refused to take the ads but didn't know the reason. A call to NBC was not immediately returned. CBS said it was reviewing the ads.

The unusual campaign comes as the industry remains under attack in court and may face renewed efforts in Congress to regulate tobacco as a drug.

Big Tobacco recently agreed to pay \$206 billion to settle claims by 46 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories for reimbursement for the health costs of treating tobacco-related illnesses.

The settlement payment included \$1.7 billion to study why children smoke and to finance programs aimed at discouraging

them from starting.

But Philip Morris spokeswoman Ellen Merlo said her company wanted to act more quickly to reverse the recent reported rise in youth smoking.

"We feel strongly kids shouldn't smoke and we are taking what we hope is responsible action," she said.

She said the company will spend more than \$100 million over the next year to help prevent youth smoking.

She said more than half the first year's spending will go to its antismoking advertising campaign, an amount comparable to what it spends advertising its best-selling Marlboro brand.

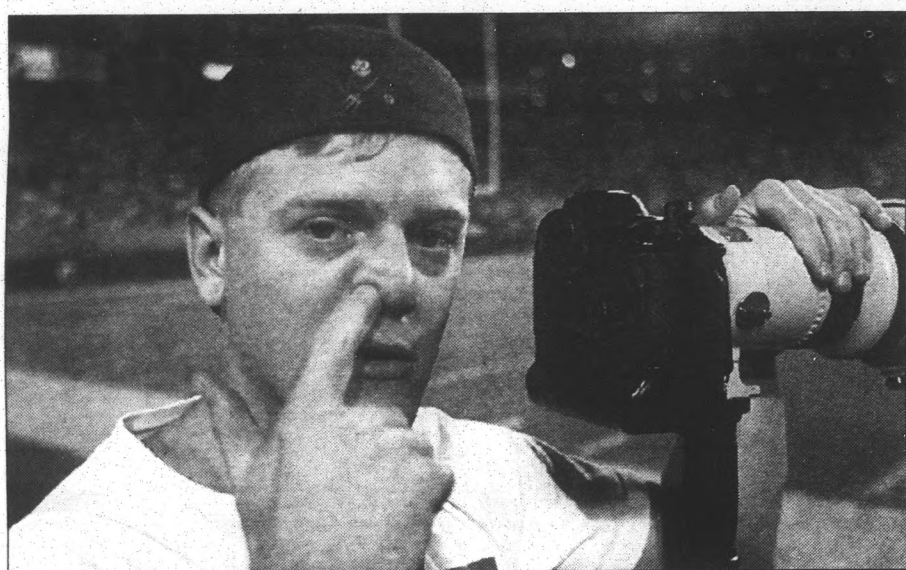
Three ads show groups of youngsters getting on the bus, gathered at school and lounging on an outdoor stairway, talking about why they don't smoke.

"I don't need to smoke to prove myself," one girl says. "My coolness is not on trial here." A boy in another ad says "We don't have to smoke to be different. Being ourselves is enough."

But tobacco critics suspected Philip Morris' chief interest in backing the anti-smoking ads was to improve its image.

"I don't want to say it's impossible they could be acting in good faith because there is always a first time," said Richard Daynard, a law school professor at Northeastern University and chairman of the Tobacco Products Liability Project, a public health advocate.

But he said "there is a very delicate line in educating kids in the dangers of tobacco between encouragement and discouragement and I certainly don't trust Philip Morris to have walked the right side of that line."



Jeremy Weiss of the State Press

See you in 1999!

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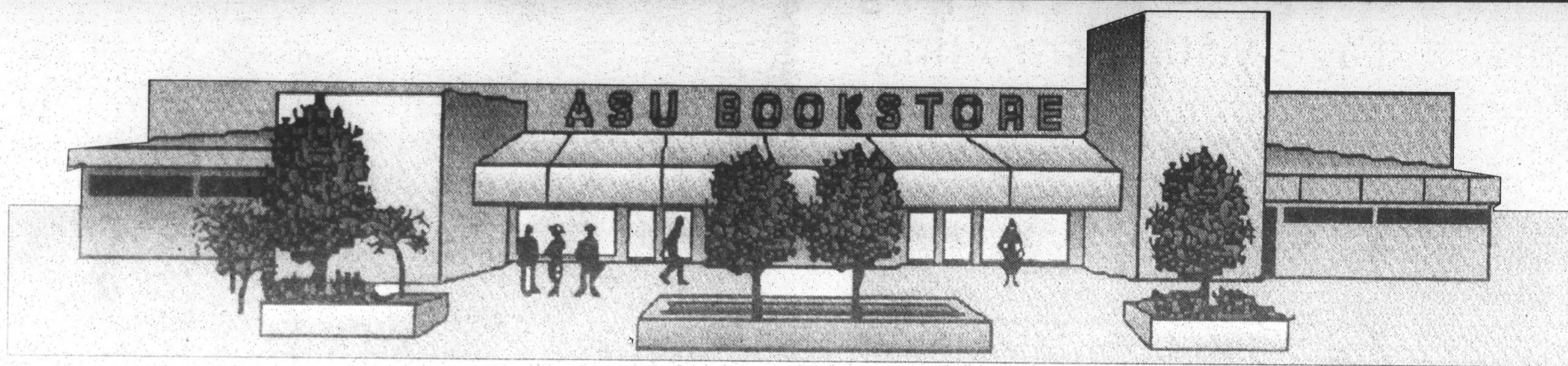


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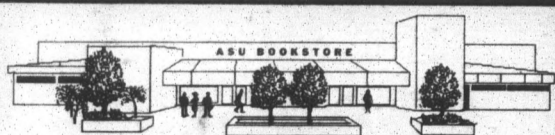
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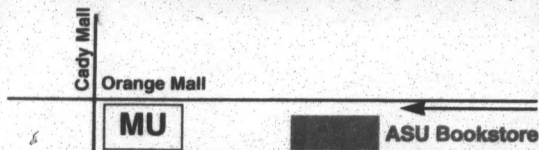
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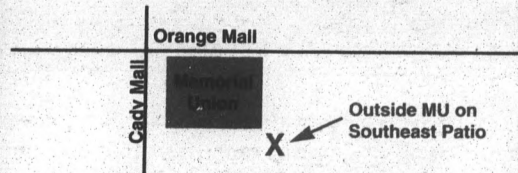
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BY BRIAN BALCHUMAS



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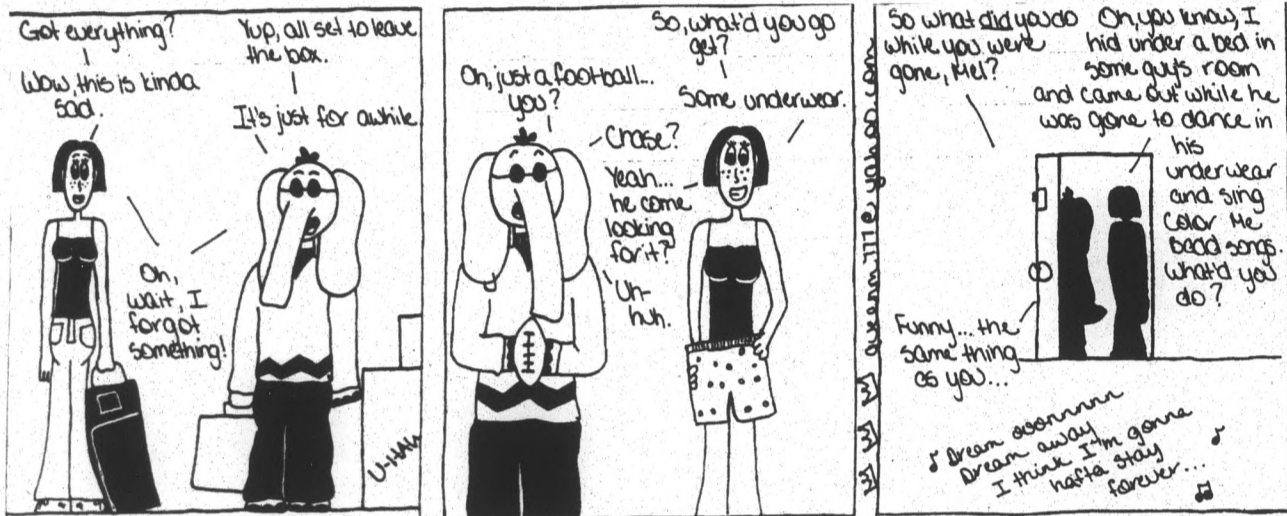
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The slowest animal is the snail; it takes an hour to go 150 feet.



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"We're going to bust it up in the first 20 minutes, and bust it up in the last 20 minutes." — ASU shooting guard Kitch Kitchen on facing Gonzaga

Hoopsters

Frustrated Evans conducts demanding practice in preparation for tough match-up vs. Runnin' Rebels

BY NICK PIECORO
STATE PRESS

After an unsuccessful Maui Invitational in which ASU lost two of three, head coach Rob Evans believed the team had improved. But after a six-point loss to New Orleans on Tuesday night which Evans believed was the biggest disappointment of his career, the Sun Devils may have taken more steps backward than forward.

Because of that, Evans ran a difficult, demanding practice Thursday in preparation for Saturday's UNLV game.

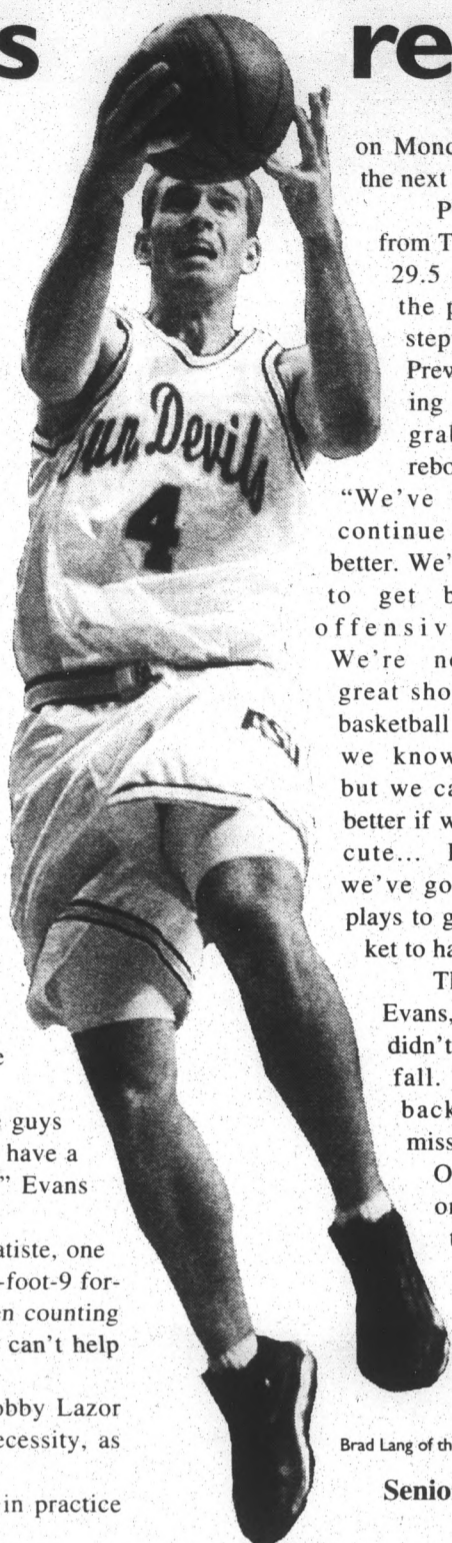
It is part of the Southwest Showdown, being held at 1 p.m. at America West Arena, which also includes an UofA-Wyoming game immediately following the ASU game.

"You have to be very demanding of these guys because when you lose some ballgames, you have a tendency to start feeling sorry for yourself," Evans said. "You can't do that."

Until the return of senior forward Mike Batiste, one of the conference's better post players, and 6-foot-9 forward Okeme Oziwo, someone Evans has been counting on to rebound and play interior defense, you can't help but feel sorry for ASU (2-4).

The lack of a third scorer aside from Bobby Lazor and Eddie House has become an obvious necessity, as has the need for leadership.

Oziwo sprained his right knee and ankle in practice



regrouping for UNLV

on Monday, and is expected to miss the next two games.

Probably the lone positive from Tuesday night, when ASU shot 29.5 percent from the field, was the play of Chad Prewitt, who stepped up in Oziwo's absence. Prewitt scored 12 points, making 6-of-10 shots, and grabbed eight rebounds.

"We've got to continue to get better. We've got to get better offensively. We're not a great shooting basketball team, we know that, but we can score better if we can execute... Right now, we've got to execute the plays to get good looks at the basket to have a chance to score."

The Sun Devils, according to Evans, rushed shots and when they didn't rush things, the shots didn't fall. There were numerous put-backs and layups that were missed.

On Saturday, ASU will face one of their toughest tests of the year against the Runnin' Rebels (4-2), a team that has an impressive inside game.

"We're worried about everybody's inside game without Batiste being

there," Evans said. "And we're even smaller now with Okeme being gone."

Evans is very familiar with UNLV's top scorer, Shawn Marion, a transfer from Vincennes (Ind.), who's averaging 15.5 points and 7.3 boards per game. While still at Ole Miss, Evans recruited the 6-foot-7 forward.

"I know how good he is, he's a difficult match-up for us," Evans said.

Another player that may give ASU trouble is forward Kevin Simmons, who's averaging 12.7 points. He's scored in double figures in five of its six games.

In their last game, the Rebels beat Weber State 82-64. For the season, they're averaging 80.3 points while the Sun Devils are averaging only 63.5.

"You have to be very demanding of these guys because when you lose some ballgames, you have a tendency to start feeling sorry for yourself."

Rob Evans,
ASU head coach

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Brad Lang of the State Press

Senior forward Bobby Lazor

ASU looks to build off 'successful failures' at tourney

BY DOUG FLANAGAN
STATE PRESS

After a disheartening 77-75 loss to Texas on Wednesday night in which ASU tied the contest with 11 seconds left — after being down by 20 seven minutes earlier — the question is, what can the Sun Devil women's basketball team do for an encore?

For one, play like it did in the second half against Texas for the entire 40-minute game, starting at this weekend's four-team Wells Fargo Classic.

"I definitely think we'll tear up the next few games we play," shooting guard Kitch Kitchen said. "If we play at the peak that we played in the second half (of the Texas game), there will be no doubt. We're just going to have to dig in. We're going to bust it up in the first 20 minutes, and bust it up in the last 20 minutes."

ASU (2-2) will play Gonzaga Saturday at 4:30 p.m., and if it wins, will play in the championship game the next night at 7:30 against the winner of the Pacific/St. Joseph's contest. If the Sun Devils fall to the Zags, they will take on the loser of the other game.

ASU was ice-cold from the perimeter (9-30, 30 percent) in the first half of the Texas game and committed 13 turnovers, but the second half saw two separate Sun Devil comebacks that almost led to ASU's third win of the year.

But according to head coach Charli Turner Thorne, the Texas loss and the team's Nov. 29 loss at 11th-ranked Rutgers taught the Sun Devils just how good they can be.

"I think that now we've played two tough games in a row, we've figured some things out, and that's why I feel good about us going into the weekend," she said. "In these last two games, we've learned what it takes to win. Sometimes it takes losses to learn things. We're looking at these two games as two successful failures."

Another positive to take out of the last two games for ASU is the play of Kitchen, who after a disappointing start to the season has been the team's leading

scorer with 15 and 16 against Rutgers and Texas, respectively.

She also added six assists, six boards and three steals on Wednesday.

"Coach Turner told me before shootaround (Wednesday), 'You are a scorer,'" said Kitchen, who averaged 19.8 points per game during her two years at San Jose (Calif.) City College. "And that may sound funny to her saying that to someone who was counted on to score so much before. But at times, I don't allow myself to feel free out there. Now, I know where I stand. I'm playing like I'm capable of playing."

Gonzaga (1-4), like ASU, heads into the tournament with two consecutive losses. The Zags lost to Boise State 68-49 Nov. 29 and were defeated by Washington 92-57 in Seattle on Nov. 24. They are led by sophomore guard Holly Turner, who has a 10.6 points per game average, and Sydney Perno, who is averaging a team-high 6 rebounds.

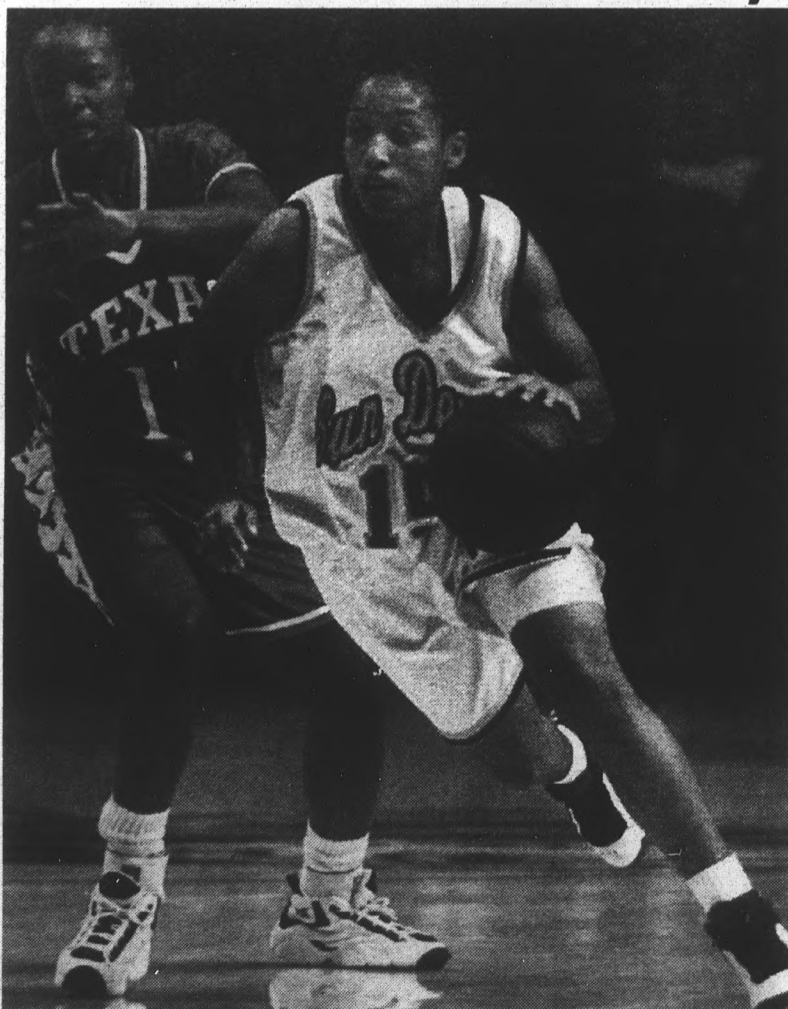
Pacific (2-2) is coming off a 78-50 win over the University of San Francisco Tuesday night in Stockton. Juniors Martha Yarbrough and Eden Palacio each scored 12 points to lead Pacific.

St. Joseph's (2-3 overall, 1-0 Atlantic 10) handed Temple a 74-48 defeat Wednesday night. Four players scored in double figures, led by freshman Susan Moran's 17 points.

But no matter who ASU plays, Turner Thorne said whether or not the Sun Devils will be able to take home a championship depends solely on themselves.

"We're way past moral victories in this program," she said. "We've learned that we can't play a half a ballgame. I think the light bulb went on in the sense that we now know we have to give everything we've got every possible second to win a Division-I basketball game."

"If we have the focus that we had the last six or seven minutes (of the Texas game), we should take our championship."



Jeremy Hein of the State Press
The play of ASU shooting guard Kitch Kitchen, who has led the team in scoring the past two games, will be a key for the Sun Devils as they look for a championship in the Wells Fargo Classic this weekend.

ASU wrestlers to compete against nation's best

BY SAM GANCZARUK
STATE PRESS

The 12th-ranked ASU wrestling team will compete in the Las Vegas Invitational in Stateline, Nev., this weekend.

Wrestling starts Friday and continues through Saturday. The meet will consist of 32 teams, including No. 8 West Virginia, No. 9 Illinois, No. 10 Northwestern, No. 19 Cal State Bakersfield, No. 22 Fresno State and No. 24 Pittsburgh.

Other teams that will participate are BYU, Clarion, Boise State and Oregon.

The Sun Devils will be sending 10 wrestlers. Wrestling in the 125-pound weight class will be Matt Azevedo. Freshman sensation Eric Larkin will wrestle at 133 pounds. He is the 17th-ranked wrestler in the country in his weight class. His best competition should come from No. 3 Joe Warren of Michigan.

"I feel like I should be able to beat him," Larkin said. "I am going there to win it. I have to go in there and stay smart. I don't want to get behind in points."

David Douglas will wrestle at 141 pounds, while Glenn Pero will compete in the 149-pound division. Jose Moreno will wrestle at the 157-pound.

Steve Blackford will wrestle the 165-weight class. He said he has been working extremely hard in practice, and the intensity in the room has increased.

"We are picking up the pace, so I am a little sore. I think I will get all the soreness out of me by Friday," Blackwell said. "I feel real confident. I have been working on a lot of footwork."

Patrick Catarello will wrestle at 174 pounds.



Brad Lang of the State Press
ASU wrestler Casey Strand, the third-ranked grappler in the nation in the 184-pound weight class, will attempt to take the top spot at this weekend's Las Vegas Invitational.

Casey Strand is the third-ranked wrestler in the 184 pound class. This weekend, he will wrestle the No. 1 ranked wrestler in his class. After this weekend, he said, he will take over the top spot

"I will be ranked first after this weekend," the confident Strand said. "All I have to do is go out and compete and wrestle my style. I know I am going to win if I wrestle my style."

True freshman Philip Alejandrion will step into the

starting spot for the injured Micah Daggy. Alejandrion will wrestle the 197-pound class and Randy Leydecker will wrestle the heavyweight class.

Head coach Lee Roy Smith said he is confident in his young team. He has increased the intensity in practice and wants his team to step up. By stepping up, he means that the competition in the next few meets will be extremely good.

"Our guys are anxious to step it up another notch," Smith said, "which they will have to with the competition at Vegas."

Assistant coach Tony Quinones feels the tournament is a proving ground. The teams there are mostly young, which will mean many wrestlers will be able to step out of the darkness.

"It is going to be a great tournament because all the teams that are going to be there have young teams like us," Quinones said. "We all have something to prove because of that. But at the same time, we all have some veterans."

After this meet, the team will not wrestle for two weeks. The Reno Duals will take place Dec. 20-22, and the Midlands Invite will be Dec. 29-30. Redshirts and true freshmen will go home Dec. 20-26. When they return, they will go into two-a-day workouts until the Sun Devils first home meet on Jan. 8 against Michigan State.

Note

Redshirt Freshman Micah Daggy injured his back at the Keystone Classic. He missed practice this week and will miss this weekend's meet, but hopes to be back for the Reno Duals.

Sun Devil swimmers face tough test at Longhorn Invite

BY ED ODEVEN
STATE PRESS

The Sun Devil swimmers face finals next week in the classroom.

Perhaps an equally tough test for them will come at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in this weekend's prestigious Longhorn Invitational.

Preliminary heats begin at 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Finals are at 6 p.m. each day. On Sunday, prelims start at 9:30 in the morning; finals at 3 p.m.

Trinidad



"There are going to be some of the top swimmers of the nation," ASU junior Andrey Trinidad said. "It's going to be a really competitive meet."

Said ASU women's swim coach Tim Hill: "It's like a mini-nationals or a conference (championship) in terms of level of confidence."

The meet features second-ranked Texas, co-No. 6 UofA and Georgia, No. 8 Michigan, No. 8 Cal, No. 10 ASU, No. 14 Southern Methodist University, No. 15 Nebraska, No. 22 Miami (Fla.), Texas Christian and Wisconsin on the men's side.

In the women's field, No. 2 Georgia, No. 3 UofA, No. 6 Cal, No. 10 Texas, No. 17

UCLA, No. 18 Wisconsin, No. 21 ASU, No. 24 Texas A & M, Houston, Miami, Texas Christian and Vilanova will compete.

Coming off a tough loss at home to Auburn on Nov. 23 (138-124), the Sun Devil women are approaching this meet ready with significant goals in mind.

"I think the girls are really excited about the meet," Hill said. "I expect a number of people to swim their best times this season or lifetime bests."

The ASU men's squad, which also suffered a defeat to SEC powerhouse Auburn (168-94), is vying for similar results.

"(In) this meet we are trying to get out top guys to get our cuts this weekend (for

NCAA qualifying)," Trinidad said. "That's what we are basing this meet on. It's not so much team-wise. We are not looking to score points. We are just looking to get our times down. We are just trying to get as many guys to nationals as we can."

"This is a meet that's going to have big competition and it's been real fast in year's past. It'll be a good time for us to come down and get some cuts."

The Sun Devils plan to shave this week to increase speeds.

"Some of the guys are shaving for this meet," Trinidad said. "And last week we tried to back off and hit a mild peak and try to get the season-best (times) right now."

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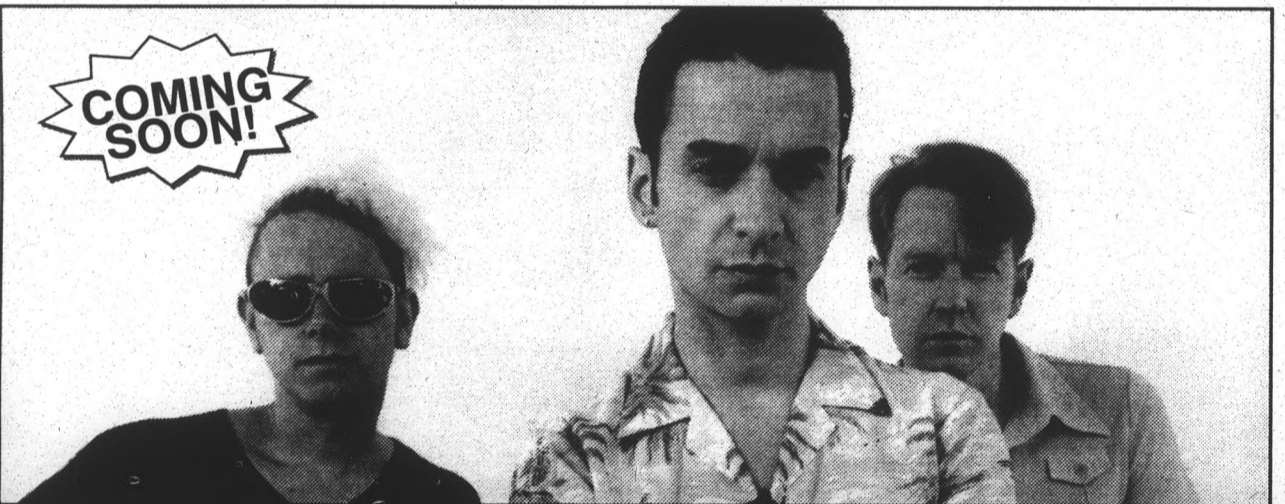
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Quarterback Jake Plummer and the Arizona Cardinals begin the season's stretch run, playing three of their final four games at Sun Devil Stadium. The Cardinals (6-6) face the New York Giants (4-8) at 2 p.m. Sunday.

BY ED ODEVEN
STATE PRESS

The road to recovery begins Sunday for the Arizona Cardinals.

Last week's 34-24 setback to the Kansas City Chiefs may have taken the 6-6 Cardinals on an unwanted southbound detour. However, it hasn't taken them out of the driver's seat in a quest to reach the playoffs for the first time since 1975.

"We are still in control of our own destiny," Cardinals linebacker Jamir Miller insisted.

The keys are to "go out, be consistent, start early and finish strong," he said of Sunday's 2 p.m. clash with the New York Giants (4-8) at Sun Devil Stadium.

Those critical elements have been missing during the Cardinals last three meetings against the Giants (New York has outscored Arizona 80-30 in those three games, including a 34-7 spanking on Oct. 18 at Giants Stadium).

Cardinals head coach Vince Tobin offered a simple explanation for the team's sluggish play against their longtime division foe.

"We haven't been able to run the ball," he said after Wednesday's practice. "And we haven't been able to stop the run."

Indeed.

On Oct. 18, the Cardinals surrendered 390 yards (141 yards rushing) to the inept

Giants, who have lacked offensive productivity all season.

But that was when quarterback Danny Kanell was running the offense. Giants head coach Jim Fassel benched Kanell because he "lacks confidence." In Kanell's place, ex-Cardinal lame duck QB Kent Graham will make his third straight start. Graham has lost two in a row as the starter.

Still, Tobin refuses to predict a victory for the inconsistent Cardinals.

"It has been (a problem)," Tobin said. "We haven't played well against the Giants and we haven't controlled the line of scrimmage. And usually when you play a ballgame and don't control the line of scrimmage you usually have a hard time winning the game. That's what has happened the last three times we've played them."

But the maturing Cardinals have benefited from past struggles, according to veteran fullback Larry Centers.

"As a team we've gained the needed confidence to take us over the hump," he said. "It's important for us to realize that no matter what adverse situations we face during the ballgame we still have an opportunity to come out successful."

"We are as a team gaining a better understanding of the offense. And I think we'll make a real strong push for the playoffs."

If they beat the Giants.

Sun Devil hockey squad travels south to battle bitter rivals No. 12 ASU to face No. 5 IceCats on Friday, Saturday with pride on the line

BY CLINT CURRIE
STATE PRESS

Friday's first meeting of the year between ASU and UofA in Tucson is reminiscent of the power struggle between the United States and Cuba — two nations where there is no love lost, and both leaders openly condemn the other in a cold war that goes back many years.

"We hate them and they hate us," ASU goalie Greg Powers said. "Everybody knows it's a big rivalry. It's evident by the way we play one another."

The game will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Tucson Convention Center.

Powers, a senior, is 8-9 in his career against UofA and plans on flip-flopping his win-loss record after this weekend.

ASU, which will also face off against the Icecats on Saturday at 7:30 in Tucson, will venture into an arena that is notorious for its large, loud crowds.

"It's always emotional to play at UofA because of the crowds," center Paul Goff said. "We're upbeat and excit-

ed to go down there."

The Sun Devils are again in a position to play spoiler. UofA is undefeated this season, with a 9-0-1 record, and has climbed a spot in the Dec. 3 polls to No. 5 in the American Collegiate Hockey League. ASU has stood still, currently ranked at No. 12. The momentum has been building for the match.

"We've been keying on this. We've seen them practice and what they do offensively," assistant coach Brad Bayer said. "I'm pumped up, and I hope the guys can feed off of my emotion."

Bayer said the Sun Devils also need to control the puck, create turnovers and force the big plays to win.

Powers said he needs to make some big saves early and try to catch their defense off guard after the flurry is over. Center Jeff Kennedy has the same plan.

"They always come out in a big storm. The crowd gets really into it," Kennedy said. "We're going to weather the storm right off, stay with them in the middle, and surprise them at the end."

ASU has to control an explosive Icecat offense that has scored 30 goals in their last three games. UofA has three different skaters who have recorded hat tricks in these last three games. Mark Harris had four goals Nov. 21 against Wisconsin, Hunter Cherenack had three goals Nov. 20 against Wisconsin and Paul Dorn had four goals Nov. 7 against Rhode Island.

ASU has coupled offensive output with its defensive strength. In just nine games, center Nils Satterstrom has 12 goals, left wing Austin Messer has 11 goals and center Jeff Kennedy has chipped seven pucks into defending nets. ASU has scored 17 goals in its last three games.

UofA has a better team right now, according to the rankings and records department. But there isn't a single ASU skater that thinks it'll lose a single game against the Icecats.

"Whatever they offer, we have to counter it," Powers said. "If that means on the scoreboard or by dropping the gloves, we're ready to beat them. Nobody but us expects us to go down there and beat them twice."



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ABC's guarantee might not ring true in January

It's about that time of year. Time to put down the shoulder pads and helmets. Time to get out the pencils and calculators.

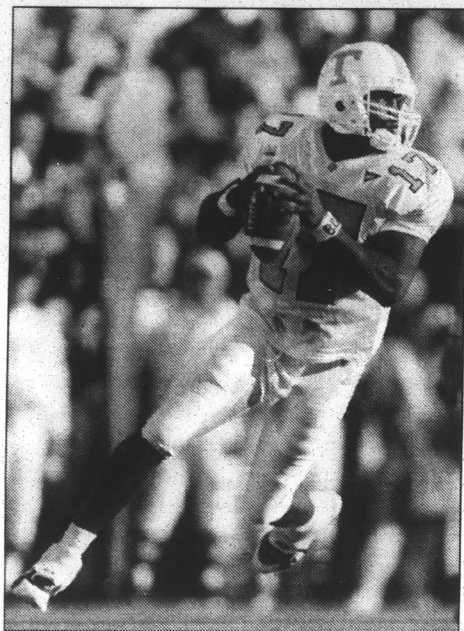
Seth Garner
guest sports columnist

Actually, make that laptop computers. College football fans are living in the era of the BCS, or Bowl Championship Series. If you haven't heard already, its the new format to determine which two teams will play for the national championship come January. In the past, the best two teams have not always met in the grand finale, often because of other bowl commitments. In fact, for the past two seasons the nation's top ranked teams did not face off.

The BCS "... will guarantee a match-up between college football's top two teams in a true national championship game," according to its creator, ABC Sports. Can the BCS do this? Will it remove all doubt and controversy once and for all? This weekend, Tennessee, Kansas State, and UCLA will put the newly formed BCS to the test.

Universities and fans alike have been crying out for a more clear-cut championship. After all, are not sports one of the few things in life that produces a true winner, no questions asked? Up until now, college football has been anything but clear cut. Now comes the BCS.

The Bowl Championship Series is an



Wade Payne of the Associated Press Tennessee quarterback Tee Martin would obviously agree that the Volunteers deserve to be in Tempe Jan. 4 to play in the Fiesta Bowl, host of the national championship game.

alliance of the top four college bowls: the Fiesta Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl and the Rose Bowl. In the past, ABC used what was known as the Bowl Alliance, which did not include the Rose Bowl. If a Big-Ten or

Pac-Ten team was No. 1 or No. 2, they were committed to the Rose Bowl and could not play for the national title. Hence, this was a source of many complications throughout the years.

To select the top two teams, the BCS utilizes a complex formula based on multiple inputs. These include the two major polls traditionally used to select the title participants in the past. In addition, it includes three computer ranking polls, a strength of schedule factor, and the team's win-loss record. It gives differing weight to each.

So who plays in the championship bowl? The teams with the two lowest BCS scores. Now that ABC has cleared things up, there are no questions remaining, right? Everyone is satisfied, and we can all sleep well knowing that the two most deserving teams have settled it on the field, once and for all.

Or maybe not.

As the first regular season of the BCS winds down this Saturday, its faults are as bright as the Arizona sun, home of this year's national championship Fiesta Bowl.

There are three teams at the top, and they are all unbeaten. They are separated by a mere 1.32 BCS points. In a traditional year, Tennessee, ranked first in one major poll and second in the other, would play Kansas State, also ranked first and second. But Kansas State is not the No. 2 BCS team.

No.3 UCLA is.

UCLA has a much stronger strength of schedule factor, and since strength of schedule is used in computer rankings, it has a better computer ranking average as well. Doesn't the BCS make things clear? Its déjà-vu all over again — No. 1 versus No. 3.

"People didn't think three teams could stay unbeaten," ABC's John Saunders said. "I have no problem going on record, even working for ABC, and saying the BCS is not the end-all, be-all answer. A playoff system is ultimately the only think that's going to make people happy."

"As this season boils down there's probably going to be a lot more unhappy people."

If the three teams remain undefeated, who is the most deserving? UCLA head coach Bob Toledo thinks he has the answer.

"Our team's good enough to win 20 games in a row, our team's good enough to win the Pac-10 championship, our team's good enough to compete with anyone in the country... We should go to the Fiesta Bowl. That's my opinion," the Pac-10 Coach of the Year said.

I'm sure coach Bill Snyder, of co-No.1 Kansas State, on a 19 game winning streak, would beg to differ.

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Diamondbacks sign Finley

Free agent outfielder gets 4-year, \$20 million deal

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona just doesn't stop spreading the big bucks around.

After spending \$95.6 million to overhaul their pitching staff, the Diamondbacks had more money left and were on the verge of signing center fielder Steve Finley to a four-year contract worth at least \$20 million.

"Maybe this was supposed to happen," Finley said Thursday. "Arizona wanted me over there real bad."

Finley's agent, Tommy Tanzer, said San Diego's offer was less than half of Arizona's — and the lowest of the six he received.

"I think San Diego wanted me here, but they wanted me under their terms," Finley said from his home. "It was unfortunate that it's the way it happened, but the game's a business."

After helping San Diego reach the World Series for the first time since 1984, Finley was surprised the Padres offered him only a three-year contract worth about \$12 million.

"If I can't be in San Diego, Arizona is the next-best option," Finley said. "If San Diego doesn't contend the next few years and Arizona does, I want to play for a winner. That's where I'll be."

Tanzer said the deal was pretty much together but details couldn't be completed Thursday. Owner Jerry Colangelo was at the NBA labor talks in New York (he also owns the Phoenix Suns) and general manager Joe Garagiola Jr. was at the baseball owners' meeting in Chicago.

Finley hit a career-low .249 this year with 14 homers and 67 RBIs. Two years ago, Finley set career highs in batting average (.297), doubles (45), home runs (30) and RBIs (95) and won his second straight Gold Glove.

"My year was not a bad year, it was inconsistent," Finley said of 1998. "I expect to be back up to my peak level. I do a good job of keeping my body in shape."

Arizona was looking to replace the hole created when Devon White agreed to a \$12.4 million, three-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Diamondbacks' offseason improvements caught the



eye of Finley, who visited Arizona on Nov. 23 but expected to stay with San Diego. On Tuesday, he called Tanzer and said, "Did you see what Arizona did?"

Arizona reshaped its rotation by signing Randy Johnson to a \$52.4 million, four-year contract, Todd Stottlemyre to a \$32 million, four-year deal and Armando Reynoso to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract.

Greg Swindell joins the bullpen with a \$5.7 million, three-year deal and backup first baseman Greg Colbrunn comes to Arizona with a \$1.8 million, two-year contract.

"They day they got Randy Johnson, he got a little more sold," Tanzer said. "If those guys (the Padres) had done Kevin (Brown) right away, it would be a whole different dynamic. Instead, they were waiting to do Kevin. I don't know why Kevin would want to do this."

"If they tried to save dimes to spend dollars, now they got dollars. But I can't imagine that the top pitcher would want to take those dollars and be there without a lot of the veterans who helped them get on top."

By the time the seasons starts in April, Arizona probably will have worked out a trade for either Brian Anderson or Omar Daal, since they both won't fit in the starting rotation.

Fielder expresses interest in Tigers

DETROIT (AP) — Cecil Fielder says he wants to return to the Detroit Tigers.

Released last season by the Anaheim Angels, but not wanting to retire, the 35-year-old Fielder is hoping to land a job for 1999, and his former club in Detroit is one place he is looking.

"We haven't told him no," Tigers general manager Randy Smith said Wednesday. "I'd say there's a chance."

Smith said if the Tigers do take a look at Fielder, it would be an a spring-training invitee.

"At this point, we can't tie up a roster spot," Smith said. Fielder earned a World Series ring with the Yankees in 1997, but had his most productive years with the Tigers, who signed him out of the Japan before the 1990 season.

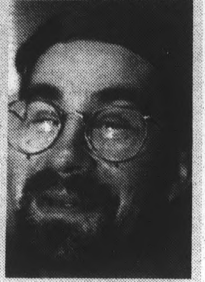
His 51 home runs in 1990 were the most by a Tiger since Hank Greenberg's 58 in 1938.

Openly disgruntled at the direction in which the Tigers were headed, Fielder was traded to the Yankees in 1996 after climbing to fifth on the Tigers' career list with 245 home runs.

Ed says goodbye

Some call it retirement. I call it the perfect opportunity for a change of scenery.

ed Odeven
sports editor



I'm headed back to Cali' next week — like LL Cool J — for a quick bout of R & R before hopefully getting a "real job" (and a haircut, too).

Three years at the *State Press* have made me realize how lucky I've been. *I get paid to go to games!* It's been a great thrill, and it's something I plan on making my lifelong occupation.

I've spend numerous hours complaining about my pathetic academic performance, but what is college life without challenges? For me, the challenge has been to give a hoot about classes as much as I have about sports reporting. Sure, I might get paid for working twentysomething hours a week, but in reality it's more like 60. Who cares though?

I was originally hired here as a part-time reporter in late December 1995. But part-time employment was just a theory. I gladly accepted more assignments and responsibilities here. And I'm happy that I did.

Without further adieu, here's a compilation of random recollections during my *State Press* tenure:

The Dr. J (superlative) memories

Magic Johnson's sizzling Harlem Globetrotter debut at America West Arena, speedy Venezuelan sprinter Francisco Sanchez's triumph in the 50-yard freestyle at the NCAA Swimming Championships, calling Bill Frieder at home at 11:30 p.m. to "confirm" Jim Boeheim's interest in the ASU coaching job, Frieder's amusing remarks following that brief conversation, i.e. admitting he would volunteer to be a "State Press worker for free for a year" if the Boeheim rumors were true...

"The Snake Pass" that J.R. Redmond threw to Plummer in the waning moments of ASU's dramatic come-from-behind 42-34 victory at UCLA, the picture-is-worth-a-thousand-words smile on Michael Martin's face after hoisting up the Sun Bowl MVP award on New Year's Eve 1997, Plummer's first NFL start against the Tennessee Oilers last year, Grace Park's amazing first two rounds of the NCAA Women's Golf Championship last summer...

Don Newman's squad upsetting No. 4 Stanford in OT on the road last spring, Roger Farrington's menacing shot blocking skills, J.R. Redmond's skills on the gridiron, Mitchell Freedman's infamous pre-game mantra: "Bring the pain, bring the pain, bring the pain," and Dick Arbuckle.

The Uwe Blab (definitely worth forgetting) moments

Ge "I suck at shooting threes" Gervin's anemic offensive display in '96-'97, the Sun Devil secondary prowess of '98 (here's hoping for dramatic improvement and a reduction in injuries next season, fellas), shaving & tapering, "Where's Carlo?" hidden messages, Bruce Snyder's boys losing to UofA two years in a row (yuck!), attending the FBI's press March 4, 1997 press conference that informed the media of the organization's investigation of an alleged point shaving scandal, interviewing ex-ASU baseball standout Fernando Viña after he committed two ninth-inning errors to blow the game for the Milwaukee Brewers and our early-semester non-existent sports staff (how 'bout some features????????????).

Additional nonsense

Countless hours in and around the Matthews Center dungeon have immortalized the following incidents/events in my mind:

Gregor Fucka action shots, Tim Tait and his pants, Dave Kingman's evil grimace, Jay Johnstone's Budweiser umbrella baseball card, chit-chatting with Melissa from the front desk, Pat's tasty coffee, Courtney Jackson's innocent plea for free Jerry Springer's movie passes, David Myers volleyball templates (an evolution of Doug Cook volleyball leads), Marinos "The Quarterback Philosopher" Aristotelous' daily demands for betting advice, Dane Beem's prolific helmet holding, features on tight ends, doctored photo captions of "Piccoro drinks pee," eloquent use of Crackhouse font for election coverage and sports ads, Brad Lang's constant pestering/intentional uselessness, past tense and present participle (sort of — Ed and Inge), Randy's eight-track funk collection, Josh's pen/pencil stealing habit, a missing Oscar the Grouch figurine, a fermented bottle of St. Ides malt liquor, the always-expanding date pack and El Fluque.

In closing, the new breed of sports weasels must live up to the lowly standards placed before them. There's a definite need to continue the tradition. Doug, Nick, Sam, Clint and the others must find ways to babble about statistics, debate trades, reminisce about the glory years of their favorite teams...and never forget that Juan Roque is a graduate of the Detroit Lions (he told us so).

I'm finished like Guy Lafleur.

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Ed—

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—Doug and the rest of the State Press sports desk

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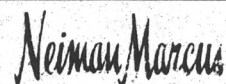
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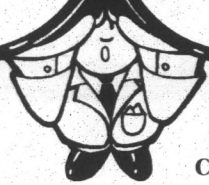
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