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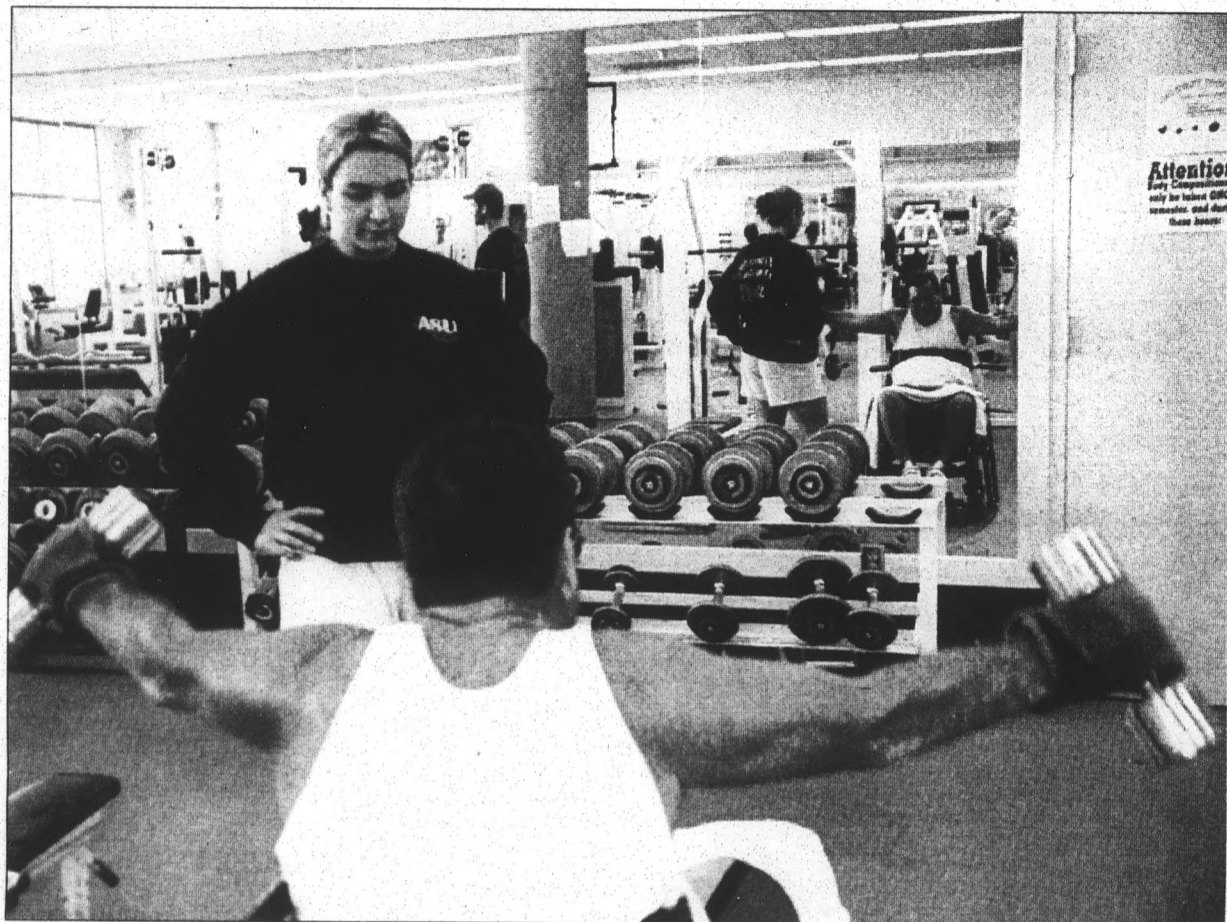


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Leah Fasten of the State Press

Let's get physical

Tom Kiddle, a part-time ASU student, trains with Vickie Raymond, a Well-START specialist at the Student Recreation Complex Wednesday. Well-START, a SRC program, offers students and faculty wellness services, such as health advisement, physical and message therapy.

Tuition grants allay students' financial woes

BY JAN-ERIK SAUE
STATE PRESS

The threat of being forced to leave school and return to their native countries is not something 11 ASU international students will have to worry about any more.

The students recently received grants covering their tuition from a new program created by the Association of International Educators (NAFSA) and ASU, making it possible for them to continue their education despite the devastating economic conditions in their home countries.

NAFSA donated money to cover half the of tuition for each student for this academic year, and ASU matched that amount, bringing the total to \$6,952. The money from ASU was taken from already existing funds in the University's budget.

The students, whose education was in jeopardy because of the financial crisis in their home countries, are from Malaysia, Korea, Thailand and Indonesia. These four Asian countries were that hardest-pressed in a recent currency devaluations and economic turmoil the last year.

"The students, enrolled in ASU graduate and undergraduate programs, are all academically distinguished," said Susanne Steadman, director of International Students Programs.

"It is students that have been here for a while (who were awarded), and who show an interest in going back home after the end of their studies," she said. "To qualify for the grant the students had to be from one of the countries in financial difficulties and also show strong academic results."

All 11 students declined to comment about their awards for privacy reasons.

The students are all business or engineering majors, fields the sponsors of the program are from. Several large American and international businesses are among the corporate sponsors, such as Ford Motor Co., United Airlines and American Express.

NAFSA developed the grant program to help students from the countries hit hardest by last year's Asian economic crisis. Initially this included Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia, but Korea was added to this list. Nationwide, a total of 491 students received grants from the association.

International students are regarded as a tremendous asset, both economically and culturally, and the grants are designed to ensure that these students have the resources they need during the economic crisis, said NAFSA officials. This group is reported to have spent an estimated \$7.5 billion in the United States last year, according to a U.S. Department of Commerce report.

ASU has 4,651 international students, two-thirds of whom are from Asian countries. Despite their economic crisis, the international student enrollment at ASU increased by 59 students this year, giving ASU the 15th largest foreign student population in the country.

ASU police officer arrested after bar fight; remains on paid leave

BY JAYSON PETERS
STATE PRESS

An ASU police officer was arrested last month on charges of assault, and he remains on administrative leave with pay pending disciplinary action.

Duane Jones was arrested at about 8 p.m. Jan. 10 at Doc & Eddy's, 909 E. Minton Drive, in Tempe. He reportedly pushed another ASU police officer who was trying to escort him to a police car after a dispute with bar patrons.

ASU Police Chief Lanny Standridge said an internal investigation of the officer's alleged actions began Jan. 11 and concluded Tuesday. He declined to comment on the findings or on the nature of any possible disciplinary action.

"I will treat the individual fairly and equitably, and I will respond to the facts of this case in a way that the community would expect a professional to do," Standridge said. "I will conclude my actions in the very near future. Just because the individual is an officer does not entitle (him) to preferential treatment."

According to Tempe police reports, Jones became angry with other bar patrons over the outcome of the Cardinals-Vikings football game, then pushed the bartender as he tried to

prevent a fight. As officers tried to detain Jones for questioning, he attempted to walk away but was restrained and handcuffed.

Jones was intoxicated, police said.

ASU police officers were contacted and arrived within an hour. Tempe police cited and arrested Jones on charges of delaying and obstructing police. According to the report, when the ASU police officers tried to take Jones with them, he pushed one in the chest with both hands, forcing him to take several steps back. He was arrested and held overnight in the Tempe City Jail on the misdemeanor assault charge. He was released the following morning into Standridge's custody.

The bartender and another bar patron declined to press charges.

Jones is a 12-year veteran of the department. Standridge said this was the first time that Jones has been in trouble of any kind.

"He's devoted to his family, (and) he does a good job of dealing with the public," Standridge said.

He said the conduct of which Jones is accused is "not the norm for him."

"By the same token, this kind of conduct is not the norm for this organization," he added.

Poll: majority support photo radar, red-light cameras

BY JAYSON PETERS
STATE PRESS

More than 60 percent of Arizona residents approve of using red light cameras and photo radar to nab unlawful drivers, according to a recent poll.

The survey, conducted last month by the independent Behavior Research Center in Phoenix, was released Tuesday.

Police use cameras at intersections and photo radar-equipped vans to identify and fine people who run red lights in Valley cities. Tempe has two red light cameras, located at the intersections of South Mill and East Southern avenues and South McClintock Drive and East Southern Avenue. Photo radar locations change daily.

The poll found that 62 percent of Arizonans are in favor of using the devices, 27 percent oppose it and 11 percent have no opinion.

Tempe's photo radar system, however is threatened by a looming deficit. The city believes it will collect only half the money it needs from fines to fund the program. The issue will be addressed at a meeting of the Tempe City Council today.

Support for the use of the devices is mostly nonpartisan, with Republicans only slightly more likely to favor it than Democrats or Independents, the study shows.

Also, seniors 55 or older were more likely to favor the cameras and radar than were younger adults. People of all income levels support the strategy uniformly.

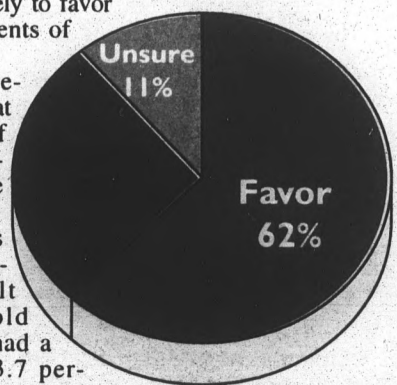
"We were interested in whether it was just a local issue or if the concern of red light running is a larger issue," said Earl de Berge, research director for the Behavior Research Center. "I don't think we'd ever seen where rural Arizona and Tucson stood on the matter."

The poll found that Pima County and rural Arizona resi-

dents were just as likely to favor the measure as residents of Maricopa County.

"It's a fairly-wide-held point of view that this is a good form of enforcement" of controlled intersections, de Berge said.

The poll was based on 714 interviews with adult heads of household across the state. It had a sampling error of 3.7 percent.



Today

for Thursday, February 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. If any of the above information is 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.

Counselor Training Center offers free services to students, staff, and faculty daily in Payne Hall, room 402. Call 965-5067 for more information.

The Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic offers individual, couple, and family counseling to all students, staff, and faculty in the Cowden Family Resources Building in room 140. Call 965-9373.

The Student Development Learning Resource Center is offering free computer workshops in the Student Services Building, room 394. Call the center for times and information.

The Residence Hall Association will have a general hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the MU, room 212.

The American Marketing Association will have guest speaker, Karl Eng, from Fox Sports at 4:30

p.m. in the MU, room 208.

The MUAB Comedy Committee will present another **Barren Mind** improv in the MU's lower level, in the programming lounge, at 12:15 p.m.

The Pre-dental Club will have their first informational meeting open to all students at 6:30 p.m. in the La Paz room of the MU.

The Snowdevils Ski and Snowboard Club will have their weekly meeting at Bandersnatch, at 125 E. 5th St., across from Tower Records at 6 p.m.

Tau Spi Omega Fraternity will have rush tables outside of the MU all week. Their last informational meeting today. For more information, call Edgar Jimenez at 784-1621. The meeting starts 7 p.m. in the MU, room 211.

Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority will have an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the MU. Contact Bianca at 884-9731 for more info.

Baptist Student Union Christian Ministries will have free food followed by a short message on "gentleness" by Dennis Wood. Services start at 12 p.m. at 1322 S. Mill Ave.

The Campus Bible Fellowship will have a bible study on solutions in Genesis in the MU's Navajo room, at 6:30 p.m.

The Counseling Training Center is offering Counseling Services. Masters/Doctoral student counselors can assist with career, depression, anxiety, personal, and relationship issues. No fee for full-time ASU students and staff. A \$15 charge will apply to other students, and \$40 to other non-ASU affiliated clients. Call 965-5067.

Police put breaks on bandit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Cops have put the breaks on the wheelchair bandit.

Police say they have arrested the man who robs pedestrians at gunpoint and zooms away in his motorized wheelchair.

Cuong Tran, 27, was arrested late Monday on robbery charges and for violating his probation, San Francisco police spokesman Sherman Ackerson said.

The robber first struck Jan. 20 about 10 p.m. when he allegedly approached a

man returning home. The man handed over \$17 and the suspect wheeled away, Ackerson said.

On Jan. 26 about 4 a.m., the same suspect confronted a man at a busy intersection and again demanded money, police said.

A few hours before his arrest, Tran allegedly robbed a 49-year-old woman.

Investigators believe Tran is a former Vietnamese gang member who was paralyzed in a gang shooting.

Correction

A caption in Wednesday's State Press should have identified senior Jeff Williams as a transfer from New Mexico instead of Texas A&M.

Land O' Lakes milk recalled

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minn. (AP) — Single-serve cartons of Land O'Lakes 2 percent milk have been recalled in eight states because of possible contamination.

Kohler Mix Specialties Inc., a subsidiary of Michael Foods Inc., announced the recall Tuesday of Land O'Lakes' 10-ounce, 2 percent milk cartons dated Feb. 10 and Feb. 11. The plant code of PLT 27-416 is printed on the top seal of the carton, along with the date.

The company said the milk could be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems.

Mark Witmer, a Kohler spokesman, didn't have precise figures but said the recall involved fewer than 1,000 cases of the product. Each case holds 24 cartons.

The recall was prompted after a customer turned in a carton that "had an off odor," Witmer said.

The milk tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*, but samples from the production dates in question tested negative, he said. It is possible the contamination happened during distribution after the milk left the plant, which was more than a month ago, he said.

There were no reports of serious illness as a result of the possible contamination, the company said.

Consumers are advised not to drink the milk and to return it instead for a refund. The milk is distributed in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana.

Consumers may call Kohler Mix at 800-248-3447 or Land O'Lakes at 800-328-4155 for further information.

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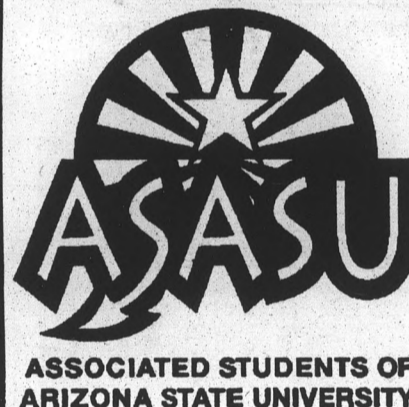
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"The state has a clear responsibility in these matters. The safety and protection of children must be paramount, especially in a doctor's office." — Gov. Jane Dee Hull, about a doctor accused of rape

No cover-up in accidental death, says detective

PHOENIX (AP) — There was no cover-up in the death of a jail inmate who asphyxiated while being subdued by detention officers and further scrutiny will only bear that out, says the detective who investigated the case.

Allegations of a whitewash are at the center of a criminal investigation by the Maricopa County Attorney's office, which is probing further into the death of Scott Norberg after an initial sheriff's investigation cleared the officers involved.

Sheriff's Sgt. Todd Bates, who led the first review, broke his 2 1/2-year silence in the case Tuesday to say his work will withstand the county attorney's scrutiny.

"Scott Norberg was not murdered in that jail," Bates told

The Arizona Republic. "It was an accidental death, just as was reported."

Norberg died on June 1, 1996 as he struggled with detention officers who had forced him into a restraint chair and pushed his head into his chest. The Maricopa County Medical Examiner ruled that Norberg died accidentally by "positional asphyxia."

The case did not end there, however.

Besides the County Attorney's probe, Norberg's family alleged a cover-up in a wrongful death suit against the county, the sheriff's department, and detention officers.

The Norbergs settled the suit last month for \$8.25 million.

Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley has promised his office will conduct an aggressive investigation, not only into the work led by Bates but also into allegations the Medical Examiner's Office aided a cover-up by destroying evidence.

Romley, whose office has subpoenaed records from both the sheriff and the medical examiner, said he wants the investigation wrapped up within three to four months.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio has criticized Romley for not moving more quickly in the case and said the county attorney is pursuing a personal vendetta in a long-standing feud.



Leah Fasten of the State Press

Cow-a-bunga

J. J. D'Vine, a Phoenix homeless man, offers people on the corner of Mill Avenue and University Drive \$5 Wednesday afternoon to kiss "McDonalds," his cow friend of two years. J. J. raised \$430 from friends and family to "raise awareness of what cows are" and to make McDonalds' last day a special one. McDonalds is scheduled for slaughter today.

Gov. demands review of probation for doctor accused of patient rape

PHOENIX (AP) — Gov. Jane Hull wants Arizona's medical regulators to take another and sharper look at a pediatrician who was found to have fondled a child.

The governor's call for the Board of Medical Examiners to reexamine a decision allowing the doctor to continue practicing comes as the agency strives to overcome criticism that it is too soft on physicians.

On Friday, the board placed Dr. Mark K. Patton on probation for five years on condition that he undergo therapy and that his practice be supervised.

A motion to give Patton a letter of reprimand had failed on a 4-4 vote following a six-hour hearing.

Some members said they couldn't agree with slapping him harder for something that happened 10 years ago, even though he misled the board about that situation.

Others argued in favor of censure because of the situation and Patton's "disingenuous" answers in his application for a license. They also said the board's original investigation had been inadequate.

On Tuesday, Hull said she met with the board's executive director "to express my displeasure" at the board's action. The governor also said she had asked Attorney General Janet Napolitano to ask the board to reconsider its decision.

"The state has a clear responsibility in these matters. The safety and protection of children must be paramount, especially in a doctor's office," said Hull, the wife of a semi-retired physician.

"I do not believe it is appropriate for him to be interacting with children, particularly as a pediatrician, supervised or

not," Hull told Napolitano.

Claudia Foutz, who as the board's executive director doesn't vote on board decisions, told Mrs. Hull that she would call an emergency meeting to tell the board of the request.

Patton's attorney, Charlie Buri, said Hull's intervention apparently is unprecedented. He also said he hadn't been notified of her request.

A directory assistance operator said there was no published listing for Patton.

Records indicate Patton, a 1992 graduate of the University of Utah medical school, was extradited to Utah in November 1993 to face two charges of rape and two of rape of a child - his wife's sister.

A judge found Patton had placed the girl's hand on his crotch in one instance and had inserted his hand under her panties and fondled her on another occasion when she was 12 or 13.

The 1992 criminal charges filed in St. George, Utah, were dropped when Patton agreed to undergo counseling.

Patton applied to be a doctor in Arizona in 1995. On the application, he was asked if he had ever been charged with violating state statute.

He answered by saying that he had been falsely accused by a Utah woman of sexual assault. Her assertions had been triggered by hypnotic suggestions and the charges were dropped, Patton wrote in his application. He also included a copy of the court's order dismissing the charges.

The board allowed Patton to continue seeing patients as long as he was chaperoned, acting in part on a finding by Dr. Richard Irons of the Menninger Clinic in Kansas.

Airline: Suspended flight attendant talks not that unusual

By MICHELLE RUSHLO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX (AP) - America West Airlines sought Wednesday to calm speculation surrounding the suspension of flight attendant talks, saying it was not out of the ordinary.

"As of today, it's the same thing that has gone on after the last four or five negotiating sessions," said Stephen Johnson, the airline's vice president of corporate affairs.

Generally, he said, talks with the mediator have been allowed to expire

without new talks being scheduled immediately. When or if new talks are planned is up to the mediator, Johnson said.

Jim Armshaw, a spokesman for the National Mediation Board, would only say that talks were suspended after Friday's discussions and that nothing new had been scheduled.

He would not say when or if new talks would be scheduled or when the board might respond to the flight attendants' ongoing request for permission to strike.

The Association of Flight Attendants and the airline have been locked in a

salary feud for four years. Flight attendant wages have not increased in that time.

The union wants America West flight attendants to be paid the average of the top 10 airlines - an increase in the top pay scale from \$21,972 to \$32,724. The airline says flight attendants are paid an average of \$22,856 annually for 115 hours a month.

The union also wants the flight attendants to receive the same per diem rates as the pilots, \$1.80 per hour away from their base city. The flight attendants currently get no per diem.

For months, the union has been asking the National Mediation Board to declare an impasse, which would trigger a 30-day cooling off period before a strike could begin.

The frustration among the flight attendants is clearly growing.

"I thought the frustration level was really high in December when the board wouldn't declare an impasse, but it's grown to unimaginable proportions," said Jeff Zack, spokesman for the international office of the Association of Flight Attendants.

Editorial

Abstinence a choice sometimes overlooked

Virginity may soon be respectable again. In case you haven't been watching TV lately, the Arizona Department of Health Services has begun a new ad campaign that promotes abstinence.

If it has the same effect as Arizona's anti-smoking ad campaign, kids may soon be proudly pronouncing their desire to abstain from sex before marriage.

The *State Press* applauds the effort, which we reported in Wednesday's paper. We think it's time to acknowledge that protected sex and unprotected sex aren't the only options. And those who chose to abstain should not feel embarrassed to say so.

While abstinence has long carried religious connotations, there are plenty of practical reasons for considering this option.

Abstinence is the only way to guarantee a 100 percent success rate for preventing sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies. That fact should be intuitive, but consider the failure rates of birth-control pills and male latex condoms for comparison.

According to the September/October 1997 issue of *FDA Consumer*, typical use of condoms yields a 14 percent failure rate in preventing pregnancy. Even correct use all the time results in a 3 percent failure rate.

Though birth-control pills are comparatively more effective, the failure rate is still 5 percent for typical use, and between .1 and .5 percent for consistently correct use, depending on the pill. With abstinence, there is no issue of correct use versus typical use. It always works.

Another benefit of abstinence, studies show, is that it improves your chances of a long-term marriage. An Associated Press article in Wednesday's *State Press* reported that cohabitation studies over the last decade have consistently found a link to divorce.

Though the article said sociologists are still trying to explain the connection, there's no question of a causal relationship between living together before marriage and the likelihood of divorce.

Considering the role of abstinence in marital and physical health, the idea should be treated with less reproach. While we're not going to say abstinence is the *only* option, we do think it deserves more respect.

Choosing to wait is as much a choice as choosing to have sex. And that's one of the underlying assumptions of abstinence — that sex is about choices and responsibility, not just involuntary responses or conforming to tradition. Whatever you do with your body is a decision. It's a choice that you've made.

If you're still against the thought of waiting, consider this paradigm shift: rather than thinking of abstinence as a "hands off" approach, think of it as protecting a special gift that you don't want to open until the right time.

No matter what decision you make, realize that decisions have consequences.



E-commerce convenient and safe

I used to be one of the skeptics. I used to think that any online purchase would inevitably end in a horror story where my credit card numbers were stolen and my credit ruined. But after looking into it a little more, I recently decided to give it a try and bought something over the Internet.

I logged onto the site, located the books I was looking for and made the purchase. The whole thing took about 20 minutes. It would have taken even less time, but I decided to read a few of the reviews before buying. Admittedly, I was a little worried about the security issue, but the price was too good to pass up.

Security has been a real concern among consumers with regard to e-commerce — and with good reason. Who knows how safe the Internet is? Since it's such a new industry, there's no track record to look at.

What is known is that more people are overcoming their fears and using the Internet for purchases all the time. According to Forrester Research Inc., approximately \$7.8 billion was spent online in 1998. They estimate that online sales will reach \$60 billion by 2001 and \$108 billion by 2003. One of the major driving forces behind this growth is consumer convenience.

It took me about three minutes from the time I turned on the computer to get to the store. Also, when I was shopping online, I wasn't limited to one store — by simply opening another browser I was able to shop at Amazon and Barnes and Noble simultaneously. I was able to compare the selection, prices and even read excerpts from the books. Related topics and titles of similar interest also were available at the click of a button. Even with all of these benefits, the fear of someone taking advantage of the situation is still a powerful deterrent that causes many people not to buy. But is this fear warranted?

Because of Web-page encryption and the fact that a credit card number is not actually given to an individual, Web sites are generally safe. Experts believe it's not

worth a hacker's time to try and decrypt data to get a single credit card number. They contend that if someone wants to get those numbers they could find less time-consuming ways to do it. The fact that so many people are using the Internet for purchases also provides safety in numbers.

It seems funny that people make phone purchases with a Visa or MasterCard without thinking twice, but won't make an online purchase. This is contradictory. The main reason people won't make online purchases is because they're afraid someone will get a hold of their card number. But to then turn around and willingly give it to a stranger over the phone makes absolutely no sense. Since online shopping does not require that the credit card number is given to an actual person, it is reasonable to assume that an online purchase is safer than a phone purchase with a credit card. Online shopping has some risks, but what doesn't?

A way to avoid the risks associated with online shopping is not to shop online, but if you want to take advantage of the time savings, discounted prices and spectacular selection, that is a foolish choice.

Some financial institutions offer special-issue credit cards that provide consumer protection by assuming full liability for the theft of credit card numbers and fraudulent purchases while using the Internet. If banks and credit card companies have that much confidence in e-commerce, the risks can't be all that great.

Will the Internet will ever be 100-percent safe for shoppers? Who knows? But to me, the advantages outweigh the risks.

I received the books I wanted a few days after placing my order. Everything was correct and there haven't been any problems with my credit. In fact, it was so easy, I think I'm addicted to the convenience.

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Rushmore not ripe for Reagan's relief

Today marks the official celebration of former President Ronald Reagan's 88th birthday. Although his birthday is not until the sixth, it will be celebrated today with many guests at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, Calif.

Perhaps our Republican representative Matt Salmon will be attending the gala. One would think he would land an invite after all the hullabaloo he has created in honor of Reagan.

Salmon recently told the press he is preparing a bill in Congress to put Reagan's face among those of Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt on Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

I don't know what Reagan thinks about all this, but if someone wanted to put my face on a national memorial before I was six feet under, I know I would be a bit nervous. For crying out loud, why don't you just make out his tombstone and prepare his grave already? Most Americans know Reagan is suffering from Alzheimer's disease and more than likely won't be with us much longer, but, come on now; have some class, Salmon.

The fishy thing about the whole ordeal is that Salmon announced his intentions before a gathering of some 400 delegates at an Arizona Republican convention.

Hmmm, do I smell a possible run for the governor in the future or maybe even a presidential campaign? It's always a smart idea to get in good with loyal Reaganites, especially when they are the people who can help you out later down the road.

Actually, I am not entirely opposed to Salmon's ideas — it's just the way he goes about spreading them that bothers me. To set the record straight, Reagan was an excellent president. He was my favorite president. He sought to stimulate economic growth, curb inflation, increase employment and cut taxes and government expenditures. And he did these things with great success, leading Americans into the longest period of peacetime prosperity without a recession or depression.

Reagan is responsible for improving U.S. relations with the Soviet Union. He worked with Mikhail Gorbachev to negotiate a treaty that eliminated intermediate-range nuclear missiles. He declared war on international terrorism and fought for the principles of democracy.

He also is credited with the appointment of the first female Supreme Court Justice, Arizona's own Sandra Day O'Connor. William Rehnquist was also named Chief Justice under Reagan's presidency.

Reagan led a remarkable life and deserves to be honored, but Salmon's method does not suit this president for a number of reasons.

First off, it is highly unlikely that this task could ever be performed. The sculptors of the monument have made it clear that there is no more room left on the monument to carve additional faces.

Additionally, after an initial attempt to raise support for this same endeavor back in 1984, the Mount Rushmore Society, of Rapid City, S.D., claimed that it received letters from all across America opposing the addition of another face.

Salmon has the ridiculous notion that this task can be accomplished with private donations. Thank goodness he didn't say taxpayers' money or he'd be kicked to the curb. Regardless, private donations would be better served supporting such noble causes as funding for Alzheimer's research or scholarships for aspiring actors — both of which would honor Reagan.

And finally, Salmon's proposal couldn't have come at a worse time. The last thing Americans need to see now is another congressman wasting time on some petty proposal that will never reach fulfillment. Yes, this is a democratic society, but there are numerous dire problems that need to be resolved — poverty, education, crime ... the list goes on.

Today I wish Ronald Reagan a very happy birthday. He has the respect and admiration of millions of Americans — something few presidents accomplish. This alone is tribute enough.

Don't let Salmon's proposal fool you. It is nothing more than a political ploy designed to win the favor of key Republican members.

Remember, Mr. Congressman, flattery will get you nowhere.

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Stephanie D. Johnson
columnist



School staff shouldn't smoke

High schools do an incredible job of preaching fairness and equality, and an even better job of not practicing them. Outside of parents, no other faction of society has more ways to declare, "Do as I say, not as I do."

Up until now, school campuses and smoking have mixed about as well as Saddam Hussein and U.N. weapons inspectors.

At least for students, that is. But Arizona lawmakers are currently proposing a ban that would prohibit tobacco usage on all school grounds, including teachers' lounges and other such set designated-smoking spots, meaning the faculty would have to join their pupils off campus to light up.

I have only one question regarding the matter: what took so damn long?

House Speaker Jeff Grocott, R-Mesa, more or less echoes that sentiment.

"You can't smoke in a state building, but you can smoke in school," said Grocott, who is sponsoring the measure. "There's something wrong with that logic."

Nah, really?

He also pointed out the fact that less than 1 percent of all people currently addicted to nicotine took their first puff after high school — a truly astonishing statistic that just cannot be ignored. And while the first of several planned proposals aimed at curbing teen smoking hasn't gone over too well with pro-smoking school folk, it has already received bipartisan legislative support.

"Children emulate adults," said Rep. Ken Chevront, D-central Phoenix. "At a time [when] we're trying to decrease the smoking rates for kids, it's important they're in a smoke-

free environment."

I couldn't agree more.

Too bad the executive assistant to the Tempe Union High School District governing board, Liz Callihan, doesn't feel that way.

"It's wrong for any public entity supported by smoking and non-smoking taxpayers to prohibit adults from engaging in any legal activity open to adults," said Callihan, who smokes.

Hmmm ... "Legal activity open to adults?" How much longer until you open up a strip bar in that teachers' lounge? Many adults, even almost as much as teenagers, love nothing better than throwing back a few drinks and ogling some scantily clothed members of their sexual preference. It's perfectly legal, so how 'bout it?

Didn't think so.

Good argument, though.

And regardless of a student's legal age, high school "kids" are never considered anything more than, well, kids. Most seniors (and even a handful of juniors) are 18 — and while old enough to vote and die for their country, they can't smoke at school, let alone in their own separate, little room specially set aside for them to do so.

In other words, schools want teenagers to act grown up, but when some try, they're snuffed out quicker than your average cigarette butt. Apparently, they're just not "adult enough."

Which not only drives me nuts, but is completely ridiculous. I thought, "because I say so," went out with striped socks.

Don't get me wrong, though. I absolutely hate smoking. It ranks right up there with math problems, green vegetables and having a class at 8:40 a.m.

But one thing I hate even more is inequality.

At school, either everyone gets to smoke or no one gets to smoke. It's just that simple.

And while I, myself, would definitely be in favor of the latter, anyone opposing that argument would be very hard pressed to justify their stance.

Worrisome parents, fear not.

Students could be given their own little lounge area at school in which to smoke and the only requirement for admission would be a valid, age-bearing school ID. The actual tobacco products could be stored in lockers of some sort inside, thus preventing students from carting them around campus and distributing them to younger students — something which should be done no matter how this bill turns out.

Surely given more time, conjuring up countless other logical solutions would require little to no thought or effort.

Anyone caught breaking the set smoking rules could just be forbidden to smoke the rest of the semester, the school year or whatever other punishment the school deems most suitable.

Just as long as it's fair.

While smoking isn't exactly the paramount problem facing the youth of America, it's still very significant and establishing some credibility regarding the matter certainly would be a step in the right direction.

And since most teachers spend more time each day with their students than most parents get to, it'll be nice to finally see them not just talking the talk, but also walking the walk.

Especially when they have to "walk the walk" over to that infamously hazy street corner before school and bum a light from a kid in their English class. Justin Doom is a freshman studying journalism and can be reached at doom45@imap3.asu.edu.

Letters Editor

to the

Caption 'childish'

On page 3 of the Feb. 1 edition of the *State Press* is a photograph of a student installing photographs in Northlight Gallery. The caption, in large, italic type, reads "Artsy Fartsy."

Northlight is a student-operated, faculty-supervised, internationally known gallery for photographic art that has been part of the School of Art photography program since 1972. The students, faculty and administrators who work in and support Northlight take our gallery very seriously. The exhibition now being installed, "Crossing Borders," is the result of three years of the Arizona/Austria Photographers Exchange Program which sends ASU photography graduate students to Salzburg and brings Austrian photographers to Tempe. Several of the Austrian photographers are visiting this week for the opening of the exhibition. I can only hope that today's edition of the *State Press* will disappear before any

of them see it.

I am simply aghast at this juvenile, foolish and vulgar caption. The students and faculty in the School of Art are always grateful for the campuswide publicity we often enjoy in the *State Press*. But if such publicity is going to take the form of childish ridicule, don't bother.

William Jenkins
Associate Professor
School of Art

Cartoon Craver

I would just like to take the time to compliment Jon Inge on his famous comic strip "Trials and Tribulations." It took a break for a while but now it is back stronger than ever. It is actually quite comical this time. Now if we can just get Gentry Smith to get back on those drugs and start up "Across the Hall" again ...

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ASU groups join together to form Community Council

BY JAN-ERIK SAUE
STATE PRESS

ASU Student Life and more than four other student organizations are banding together to help all students in their transition to college life through a newly started Student Community Council.

"The purpose of this council is to increase academic achievement and enhance the quality of student life," said Lance Christopher Miller, assistant dean for Student Community Development. "The students will see results immediately," Miller said.

The primary focus of the council is to promote the development of safe, healthy, dynamic communities by identifying and implementing supporting programs and resources necessary to ensure student learning and student achievement, according to its mission statement.

Student Life founded the council this semester. The initiative was taken by the Student Community Development

and among the groups represented through the council are the Lesbian/ Gay/ Bisexual community, Women's Coalition and different ethnic groups.

"The council hopes to reach minority groups as well as the whole University as a community," Miller said. "We will address the issues by priority and create programs to provide students with the help and information they need."

"The charge of the SCC is to assist all University communities in their quest for success here at ASU," Miller said.

So far, the council has started an individual community assessment plan and issued a greater community support brochure. The assessment plan aims to have representatives contact each community and then provide them with the information they need.

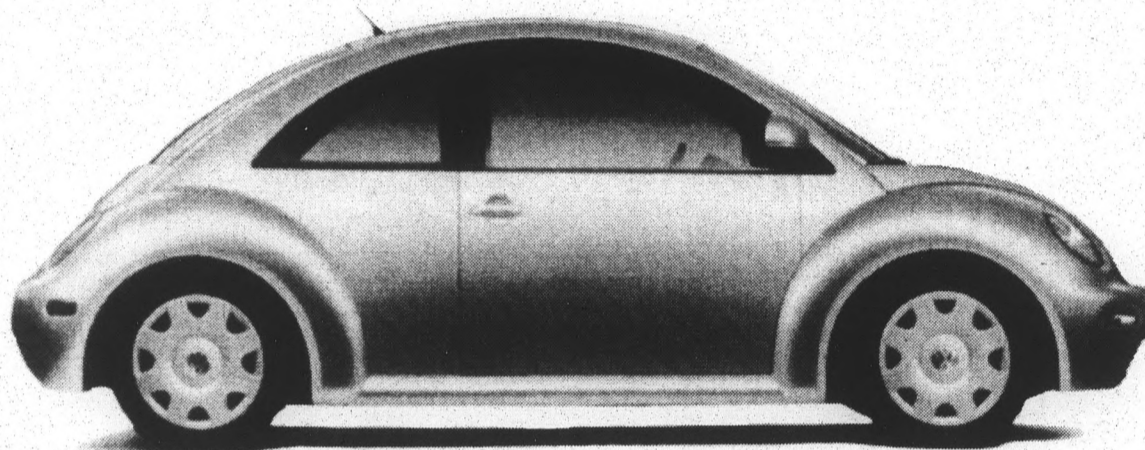
The eight members of SCC's board act as coordinators between Student Life and student communities. Representatives for the council work in close relation to

the participating organizations and communities to assess their needs and enhance the communication between them.

"I think the council is a good idea and something that was long overdue," said Kristine Ween of the International Students Office. The 23-year-old broadcasting junior added that she hopes the council can improve the transition most international students struggle with in adjusting to a new country, a different language and strange customs.

"Many international students find it hard to find the information they need and often they go to each other for help," Ween said. "I hope this program can help all minority groups to be a productive part of the ASU community."

"This way, the specific problems of the different groups will be addressed and solved without causing any friction or irritation for the students."



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Body Pride Week to focus on self-image, right eating

By JASON B. HALLAM
STATE PRESS

With spring break looming just around the corner, there could not be a better time to learn about body-type misconceptions, dieting behaviors and eating disorders.

Staff members of ASU Student Affairs, working with the Student Recreation Complex and Counseling and Consultation, will be kicking off Body Pride Week on Feb. 21.

The six-day event will offer numerous presentations on the effects of dieting, eating disorders and self-acceptance, said Kimberly Wright, Sr., psychologist for Counseling and Consultation.

"Our main objective is to reach out to more than just people with eating disorders," she said. "We want to focus on challenging the perfectionist attitudes so many college kids are consumed by."

Wright said Counseling and Consultation is currently treating more than 200 ASU students for eating disorders. She added that this type of behavioral irregularity is not necessarily bound to bulimia and anorexia.

About 30 percent of all female college students suffer from a serious eating disorder, Wright said. And if dangerous methods of dieting and poor eating habits are added, the number increases to the 70-to-75 percent range.

Wright said BPW will also have something for men.

"Men, particularly those in athletics, also put a stressful, often unhealthy emphasis on their body," she said. "Our presentations will be every bit as beneficial to a body-conscious male as they will to a female."

The high point of BPW will be a body fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 24 on Hayden Lawn. The festivities will include dance demonstrations, massage booths, distortion mirrors, art displays and a disc jockey. Wright also hopes to have ASU athletes participate in the fair as well.

BPW presentations will take place at several residence halls, the Student Recreation Complex and various classes campuswide.

PoliceBeat

for Thursday, February 4, 1999

ASU police reported the following incidents Tuesday:

- A woman not affiliated with ASU reported that someone removed her bracelet from the Wells Fargo Arena.
- An employee reported that someone entered his room at Physical Science A-Wing and removed his camera and other personal items.
- A student reported that someone entered his car while it was parked in Lot 59 and removed the stereo system.
- A student reported that someone entered her car while it was parked in Area 9 and removed her wallet and its contents.
- A student reported that someone entered his car while it was parked in Area 37 and removed a CD player and other personal items.
- A student reported that someone damaged her vehicle while it was parked in Area 57.

- A student reported that someone entered her vehicle while it was parked in Parking Structure 5 and removed the speakers and damaged the driver-side door.

- A student reported that someone damaged her vehicle while it was parked in Parking Structure 5.

- A student reported that someone removed his bicycle from the racks on Gammage Parkway, where it was secured with a lock.

- A female student reported that there was a trash-can fire on the third floor of Manzanita Hall. The fire was extinguished by a resident.

- A male student was arrested on an outstanding warrant from ASU Police. He was able to post bond and was released.

Tempe police reported the following incidents Wednesday:

- A Tempe man was arrested Monday in the 200 block of East Sesame Street on charges of assault and possession of dangerous drugs. A search revealed what the man stated was "meth" in his right sock. He was held in the Tempe City Jail.

- Police arrested a Phoenix man Monday at the J.C. Penney store at Arizona Mills Mall on charges of shoplifting. An investigation revealed he attempted to conceal two baseball hats down the front of his pants. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail.

- Police arrested a transient male Monday at 2020 E. Apache Blvd. on charges of consumption of alcohol in a public place. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail.

- A transient male was arrested Monday at 750 W. Southern Ave. on charges of providing false information to police. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail.

- A transient was arrested Monday at 660 S. Mill Ave. on charges of criminal trespassing. Police said he had been warned twice that evening and once Jan. 25 not to be on the premises. The man was booked into the Tempe City Jail.

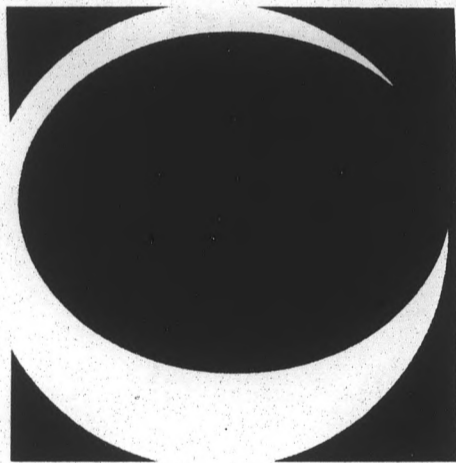
- Police arrested a Phoenix woman Tuesday near the intersection of South 48th Street and East Baseline Road on charges of aggravated robbery, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of narcotic drugs

and possession of a concealed weapon. Police said they saw a crack pipe and a knife in her open purse. The woman was contacted regarding a robbery at the Texaco station at Baseline and Rural roads. She was booked into the Tempe City Jail.

- A Phoenix man was arrested Tuesday at East 48th Street and South Baseline Road on charges of aggravated robbery, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of marijuana. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail.

- A Mesa man was arrested Tuesday at 620 E. Encanto Drive on charges of criminal trespassing and aggravated assault. Police said he hit a man, a previous business partner, who then took the gun from him and used it to hit him in the head, shooting the gun into the air. The Mesa man fled and called 911. He was arrested and booked into the Tempe City Jail.

Reports compiled by State Press reporter Jayson Peters.



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Thursdays, 3:00-4:30

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TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS

BY JONATHAN INGE

STICKWORLD



"All things considered, I'd say that was a successful date. I didn't feel the need to rush home and scrub myself down with gasoline or call my therapist."

BIGGER THAN HUGE

BY BRIAN BALCHUMAS

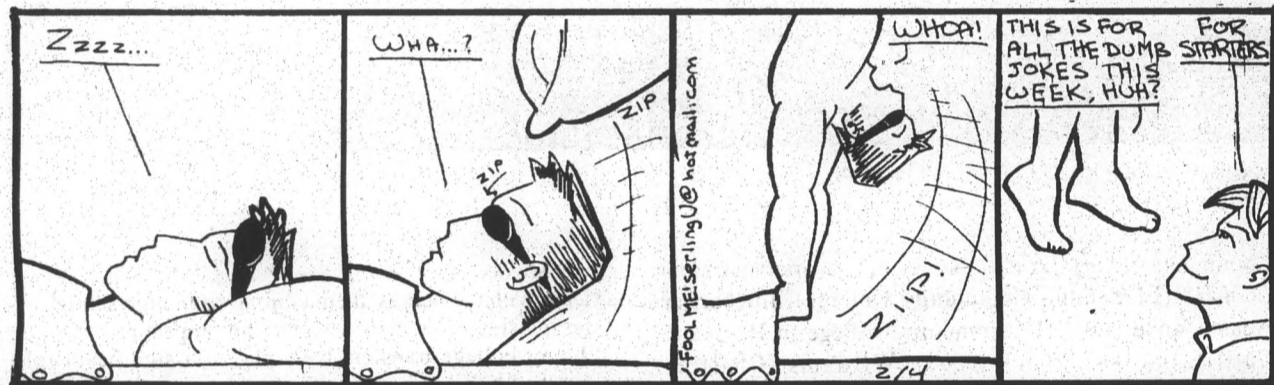


SERLING U.

BY CARLOS RAMIREZ

CHICKEN-STICK BUG FACE

BY JIM WODARK



In the crowded conditions of the hen house, Edgar's old pickup lines made him look more foolish than he could ever imagine.

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"As most of you know, I'm not really big on these rating systems unless they are in our favor. Then I like them"—ASU head football coach Bruce Snyder on preseason recruiting publications such as *Superprep Magazine*

National Signing Day big for Sun Devils

BY ED ODEVEN
SPECIAL TO THE STATE PRESS

Bigger is better.
That was the theme of ASU football head coach Bruce Snyder's latest recruiting efforts which culminated Wednesday — the highly-anticipated day known as National Signing Day.

A solid core of defenders helped the Sun Devils appear in back-to-back bowl games in 1997-98. But the defense was decimated by youth, injuries and lack of depth last season as the team posted a disappointing 5-6 record.

So the Sun Devils signed their biggest recruiting class during Snyder's seven years at the helm. ASU announced the signing of 26 student-athletes, including 16 incoming freshmen, Wednesday evening at a news conference at Sun Devil Stadium.

Snyder said "15 or 16" of the 26 incoming players are defensive-type players since this year's main emphasis will be upgrading the defense.

"I feel very confident that this is going to be an excellent class," Snyder told a crowd comprised of media and boosters. "Now, obviously you don't know that until a couple of years in most cases because they have to mature."

Talented transfers

The promise and potential is there for this group of athletes. *PrepStar Magazine* lists 13 of the 16 freshmen in this class as top players in the Western Region. This group also includes a possible "gem" in tailback Delvon Flowers.

Flowers is listed as the No. 1 junior college player in the nation, according to *SuperPrep Magazine*. The 6-foot, 190-pound junior runs the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds. He averaged 8.3 yards per carry last season (1,098 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns) for El Camino Community College.

"He's a tailback," Snyder said. "He can play wide receiver. He's really skilled with the ball in his hand. He's a big playmaker."

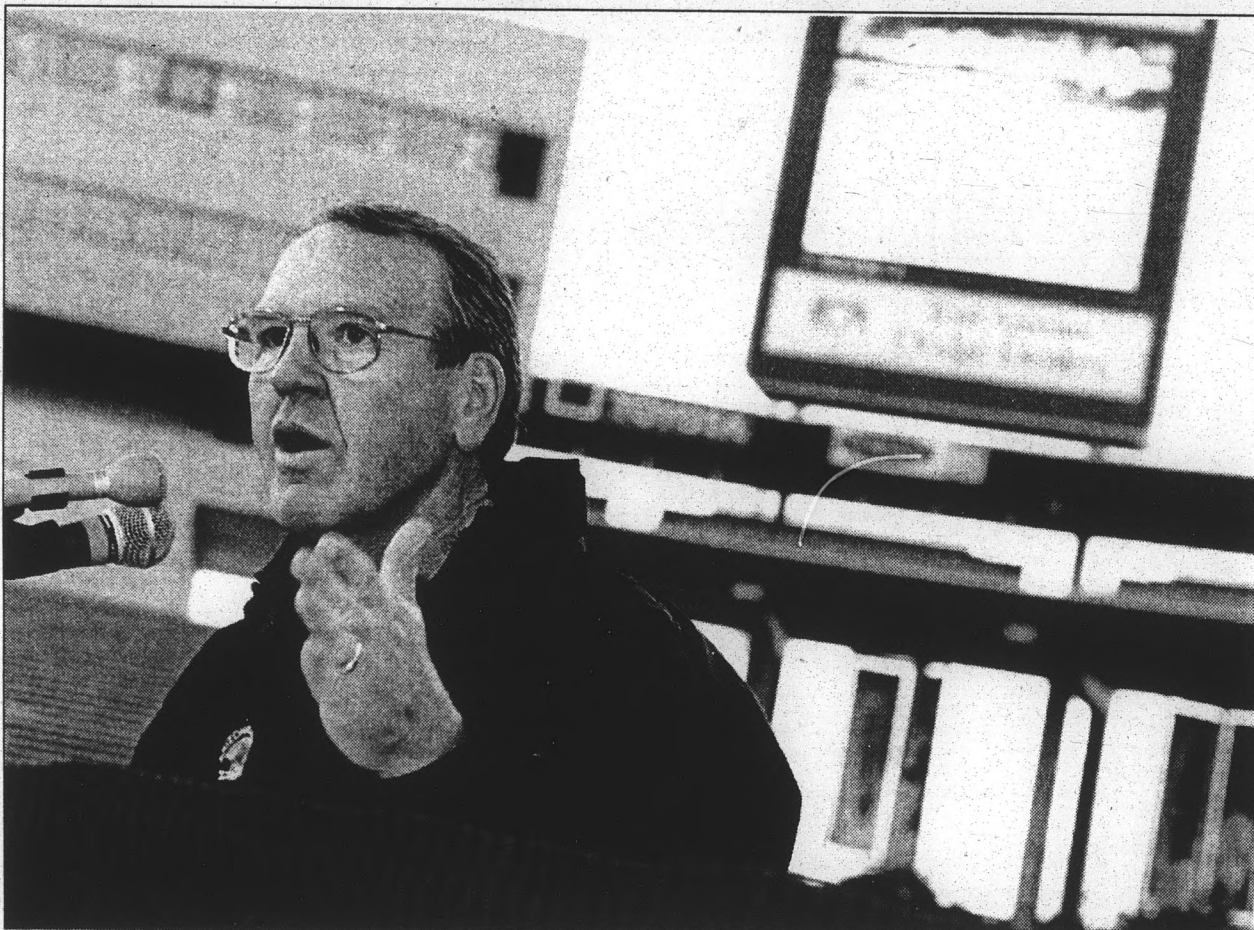
Interestingly enough, Snyder is paying attention to the rating gurus these days.

"As most of you know, I'm not really big on these rating systems unless they are in our favor," he said with a smile. "Then I like them. Delvon is rated in some publications as the number one player in the United States coming out of junior college."

Flowers is projected to be a part of the regular tailback rotation next season.

"We are really excited about what he'll bring as far as explosiveness," Snyder said. "We expect him to play a lot along with (tailbacks) J.R. Redmond, Davaren Hightower and Gerald Green and the other players that we have at that position."

Other junior college transfers include linebacker Jamall Anderson (Long Beach City College), wide receiver Ryan Dennard (Phoenix College), cornerback Nijrell Eason (Long Beach City College), safety Craig Koontz (Shasta



ASU head football coach Bruce Snyder announces one of his team's 26 recruits for the 1999 football season Wednesday at Sun Devil Stadium. The total of 26 are the most Snyder has recruited in his tenure at ASU. Jeremy Hein of the State Press

Community College in Redding, Calif.), quarterback John Leonard (El Camino Community College), linebacker Adam Tanke (Chabot Community College in Hayward, Calif.) and cornerback Kenny Williams (Chaffrey Community College in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.).

Eason, who was heavily recruited by USC, was the last player to officially sign with ASU. The 6-1, 195-pounder was a first-team junior college all-American in 1998, and was mentioned in the "Best of the Rest" under junior colleges in *PrepStar Magazine*.

Snyder said Eason's letter of intent was "hot out of the fax machine" Wednesday night.

Building blocks

Despite signing eight junior college transfers, Snyder said his staff hasn't lost touch with its recruiting philosophy — i.e. building the program with a staple of high school recruits.

"I wanted to keep the core of our classes high school ori-

ented," Snyder said. "We've been able to establish building our team with the bulk of them coming from high school."

But transfers have made a significant impact recently.

"Junior college transfers have played a significant role on our football team over the last three to four years," Snyder said, "going back to Derrick Rodgers to Derek Smith, Scott Von der Ahe, Jeremy Staat..."

The school was able to sign 26 players because it had five unused scholarships from last season.

"You could sign 25 new players a year if the 85 (available scholarships) allows you," said Snyder, explaining the strict NCAA criteria for guidelines. "If in one year you sign 20, which was the case a year ago, that means there's five out there someplace. Now you can sign those five up until January of the next year. If (they're) not used up before semester begins, they are lost forever."

The Class of 2003 includes eight prep players from Arizona.

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ASU forward Bobby Lazor attempts to drive around Washington State's Chris Crosby in the teams' matchup in Tempe earlier this year. Samaruddin Stewart of the State Press

ASU looks to overcome road woes

BY NICK PIECORO
STATE PRESS

Judging by ASU's 91-63 victory over Washington State earlier in the year, one would think the Sun Devils would be able to snap a peculiar streak they have going Thursday in Pullman — 11 consecutive losses to start a Pac-10 road trip.

But the score from that Jan. 9 contest in Tempe is somewhat deceiving. The Cougars were without their leading scorer, Jan-Michael Thomas, who came down with a bad case of the flu — bad enough to check into a hospital. Plus, the Sun Devils were up by only six halfway through the second half when the Cougars fell apart. Their head coach, Kevin Eastman, was told to take a hike with 1:17 left, during the middle of a 14-2 run that ended the game.

"I was teed up once and I guess the other one, they say, was on somebody on our bench," Eastman said. "We still don't know who."

ASU coach Rob Evans realizes that the approach his team used to defeat the Cougars the first time around may not work the second time.

"What you try to do is you try to put new wrinkles in and try to change up some things to try to gain an edge," he said. "But it's a little more difficult because everybody knows everybody."

From Washington State's standpoint, it'll deal with ASU

the same way everyone else does: contain the Sun Devils' big three of Eddie House (19.9 points per game), Bobby Lazor (17.6) and Mike Batiste (16.3).

"Well, they beat us pretty good at their place," Eastman said, "and we'll have to be prepared. I think, for obviously three guys that everybody's gonna try to be prepared for in Batiste, Lazor and Eddie House. There's been some games of late where Eddie has really just played exceptionally well offensively and gone on binges of shot after shot after shot. So we'll have to contend with him, without question."

House's most recent "binge" came Saturday against Stanford, when he took 26 shots (10 of which he made) and finished with 25 points. Against Washington State a month ago, House scored 20 and added six assists.

Eastman believes that the Sun Devils are "a team that for us is very difficult to play."

In sixth place in the Pac-10, tonight's game, which starts at 8 and can only be heard on KTAR 620 AM, and Saturday's Washington game are very important if the Sun Devils have any post season aspirations.

"It's important for us to go on the road and see if we can't win two ballgames this week," Evans said. "Our guys understand the importance of these two ballgames."

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Chris Crosby, 6-7 jr. 14.6 ppg, 4.4 rpg	Bobby Lazor, 6-9 sr. 17.6 ppg, 8.8 rpg
Eddie Miller, 6-6 so. 10.7 ppg, 5.2 rpg	Mike Batiste, 6-8 sr. 16.3 ppg, 7.2 rpg
back court	
Blake Pengelly, 5-10 jr. 3.9 ppg, 3.4 apg	Eddie House, 6-1 jr. 19.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg
Jan-Michael Thomas, 5-10 jr. 16.1 ppg, 2.1 apg	Alton Mason, 6-2 so. 7.7 ppg, 4.2 apg

Recruits from page 09

defensive lineman Tony Aguilar from Superior, linebacker Josh Amobi of Phoenix Shadow Mountain, athlete Mike Barth of Phoenix Mountain Pointe, defensive lineman Chad Howell of Phoenix St. Mary's, offensive lineman Nick Johnson from Mingus, versatile Shaun McDonald of Shadow Mountain and athlete Brandon Tomerlin of Superior.

Perhaps Shaun McDonald, who averaged 30 yards per catch last season, is the prize of the in-state crop of talent.

"This guy is instant excitement," said Snyder of ASU receiver Tariq McDonald's younger brother.

The latest recruiting class features 10

out-of-state players, including highly-rated defensive back Machtier Clay of Carson High School (Redmond's former school), who was listed as the No. 7 athlete in the Western Region by *PrepStar Magazine*. Clay ran a blistering 4.32 in the 40 at a Nike Combine last year.

Note
•Offensive lineman Damien Niko — a 1998 graduate of Mountain View — who originally signed a letter of intent with ASU last season, was also added to this year's list. He remains ineligible but will retake the required entrance exams this spring.

Horns boast top recruiting class

AUSTIN (AP) — His newest players have yet to put on a Texas uniform, but coach Mack Brown immediately sized up the potential impact of the nation's top recruiting class.

"This class sends a message nationally that we're really serious about being a top program again," Brown said Wednesday. "It's a class that can jumpstart us back to where we want to be — the elite of college football."

Recruiting gurus across the country rated Brown's class as the best, thanks in large part to signing two of the biggest prizes: Franklin Lakes, N.J. quarterback Chris Simms and Houston-area linebacker Cory Redding.

Overall, the 28-player class has four Parade All-Americans and 11 of the players selected among the nation's best by USA Today.

Simms and Redding were the USA Today

offensive and defensive players of the year. Only Florida State (1991 and 1997) has accomplished a similar feat.

Simms, the son of former New York Giants star quarterback Phil Simms, originally committed to national champion Tennessee before changing his mind.

"I thought Chris had a great visit here ... sometimes you make a decision a little hastily. I think it took Chris a lot of courage (to change his mind)," Brown said. "But we're glad he's here."

Simms, a left-hander, threw for 7,055 yards, 63 touchdowns and 13 interceptions in 39 games for Ramapo High School.

Redding was the Class 5A defensive player of the year after making 215 tackles, 15 sacks and four interceptions last season for Galena Park North Shore.

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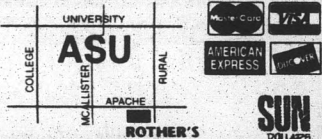


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Turner Thorne, ASU ready to deliver

BY DOUG FLANAGAN
STATE PRESS

ASU women's basketball head coach Charli Turner Thorne can't guarantee two home victories this weekend over Washington State (Thursday) and Washington (Saturday). She can't predict how many wins her team will rack up over the second half of the Pac-10 season. And, as of Wednesday, she still doesn't know which five players she will start this weekend.

But there's one thing she's relatively sure of: she's going to be a mother. Soon. In fact, she hasn't ruled the possibility of going into labor while on the sidelines during a contest.

"Hey, if anybody wants to see something interesting, come out to the games," she half-jokingly said. "You never know."

Turner Thorne is due to have her first child, Conor, on Saturday. But first, she and her squad will deal with the Cougars, who they defeated 63-54 on Jan. 9 in Pullman for their first conference victory of the season.

However, Wazzu will be without the services of forward Alke Dietel, who destroyed her anterior cruciate ligament prior to the Cougar's Jan. 21 game against Stanford. Dietel was averaging 17 points at the time of her injury and, according to head coach Harold Rhodes, is missed, especially on the offensive end of the court.

"It's definitely hurt us offensively, and that's an area of big concern for us because we don't have the consistent scorers," he said. "The kids that we have work extremely hard defensively — they just play their hearts out — but when it comes to the offensive end, they're like 2 for 12 (shooting). In the last two games, we've missed 12 layups. We have to find some scoring, and that's where we miss Dietel the most."

ASU post Rachel Holt, whose status for this weekend is in doubt due to sore knees, said the WSU offense won't be as different as one might think.

"Dietel was a big outside threat for them," she said, "but they're going to run the same things and we're going to defend them the same way that we did last time."

"They're a really deep team," Turner Thorne added. "Dietel's a big loss, (but) they're good. I think they've improved. (They're) hard-working, they play well together. Certainly, just because we beat them once, we can't take them lightly the second time around."

Holt did not start in last Saturday's game at Stanford (breaking a streak dating back to the 1996-97 season) and is a question mark for this weekend, even though she said she is improving, because Turner Thorne is afraid she won't be able to execute in ASU's high-tempo transition offense.

"She hasn't been moving as well as she had been earlier in the season," Turner Thorne said. "We're going lighter on practices, but there's still some wear and tear in practice. She may not start because she may just not be ready in terms of her knees and running well."

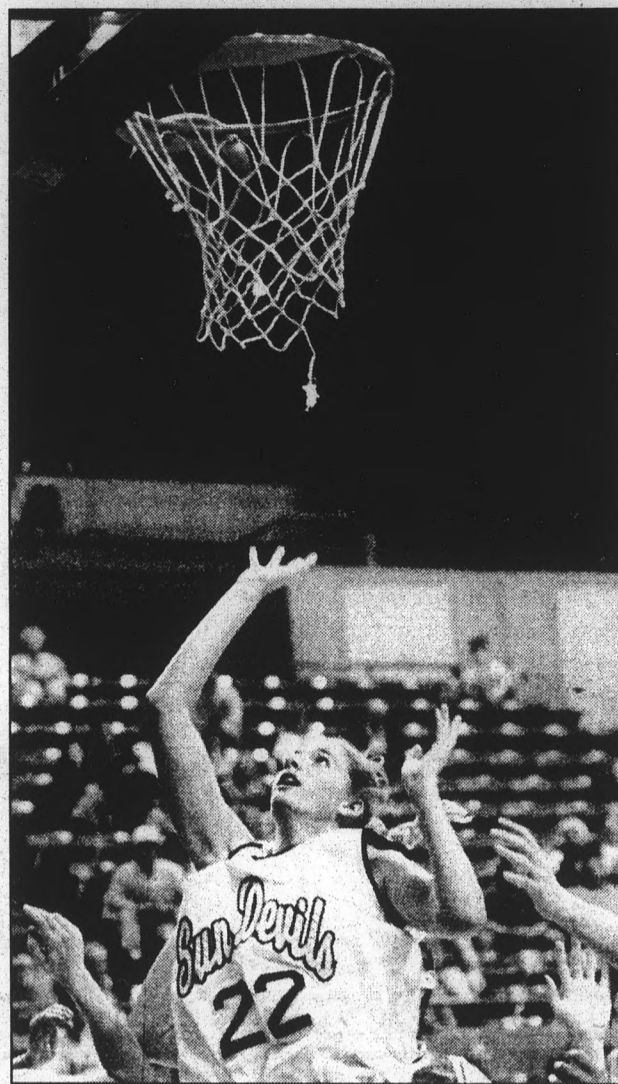
If Holt is unable to go, Theresa Jantzen will take the junior's starting position.

After the Stanford game (a 73-58 loss), ASU takes a 2-7 conference record into the second half of the Pac-10 schedule. But while some people would assume that the Sun Devils' confidence might be shaken, the team is actually positively upbeat.

"We just have to bounce back from those other games and focus on what we need to do from now on for the second round," guard Leaf Newman said. "What happened in the first round was all a learning experience, but we're not going to dwell on it. We're going to move on."

"I feel good about the team going into (Thursday night)," Turner Thorne said. "I think we've had a good week of practice, and we're just really excited about the second round. We just feel like we learned a lot in the first round, and I think we played with everybody. We know we are capable of beating anybody and everybody in the conference. We're real excited."

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Samaruddin Stewart of the State Press
Freshman Theresa Jantzen will receive her second consecutive start on Thursday against Washington State if starting center Rachel Holt is unable to go due to sore knees. Jantzen has led the Sun Devils in scoring three of the last five contests.

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On the right track

ASU sophomore Tony Berrian has emerged as one of the country's most improved sprinters

By JOE MANTONE
STATE PRESS

The transition to the enclosed 200-meter track proved to be difficult task for ASU sprinter Tony Berrian.

"It was the first time I ever ran indoor track, and I couldn't get used to it," Berrian said. "During some meets I would say 'I can't wait until the outdoor season.'"

But the outdoor was not much better.

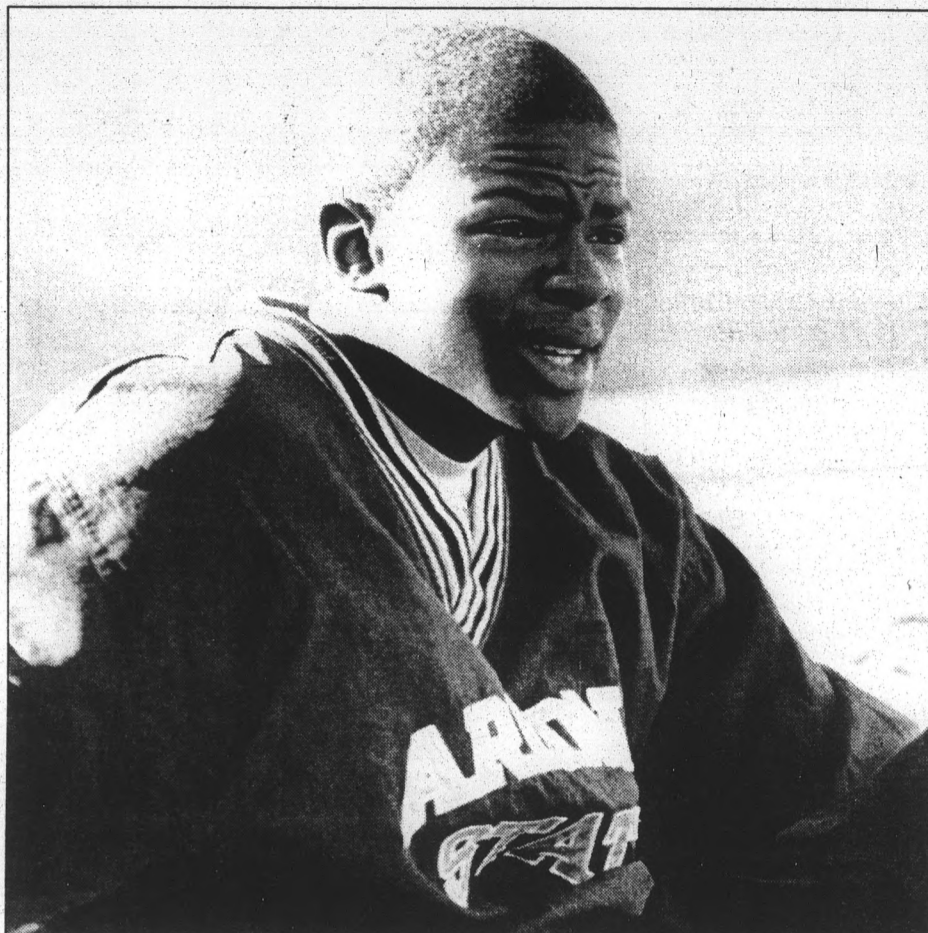
"I really struggled last year," he said. "That is, until the summer."

On June 27, 1998, Berrian captured the USA junior national championship in the 400 meters (46.38). He then traveled to Annecy, France to participate in the IAAF/Coca Cola World Junior championship. Running a 47.07 and 46.56, Berrian advanced to the finals.

"I was fine for the first two heats," Berrian said. "But I kind of blew it in the finals."

With his slowest summer run (47.30), he finished eighth in the world.

"In France, they take track very seriously," he said. "There was about 30 to 40,000 people there. I guess I just got nervous for



Samaruddin Stewart of the State Press
Sun Devil sprinter Tony Berrian, after a successful freshman campaign, didn't rest on his laurels as he took eighth place in the IAAF/Coca Cola World Junior championship in the 400 in Annecy, France.

the finals."

Berrian did come home with a silver medal in the 4x400.

"I kind of got lucky. A lot of guys had

better times than me. But I tried out, and they pulled me along."

Now a sophomore, Berrian said he can help pull a long his teammates.

"This year the coach (Greg Kraft) knows what to expect from me," he said. "I know he wants me to be a leader on the track. I think I can help the incoming freshman and transfers."

Berrian's summer experience did help change the sprinter, Kraft said.

"He is a completely different person this fall," the third-year coach said. "You go to a world championship, (and) that gives you quite a bit of confidence. He's much more mature on and off the track."

The matured Berrian showed up for last Saturday's opening meet at NAU's Flagstaff Invitational. In what Kraft called a "patient race," Berrian overcame a poor lane draw and set the school indoor 400 record (46.29).

"I did better than I thought I would do," Berrian said. "I didn't expect to get under 47, but I did."

After breaking the 47 mark, Berrian wants to dip below 46. He said by Feb. 13 (the Lumberjack/UofA meet at NAU), he can probably do it.

"Now he's definitely picked up from he left off. He wasn't resting on his laurels," Kraft said. "Tony came a long way from he started in to where finished last year."

After his first indoor season, Berrian posted an NCAA provisional time, but not a qualifying time. His time in this season's first race qualified Berrian for the NCAA.

"Last year I was about 49th on the NCAA list," he said. "All year I knew the coaches wanted me to but I just couldn't get relaxed."

The more relaxed Berrian feels a little more kindly towards the indoor track this season.

"It took a little while," he said, "but I like it now."

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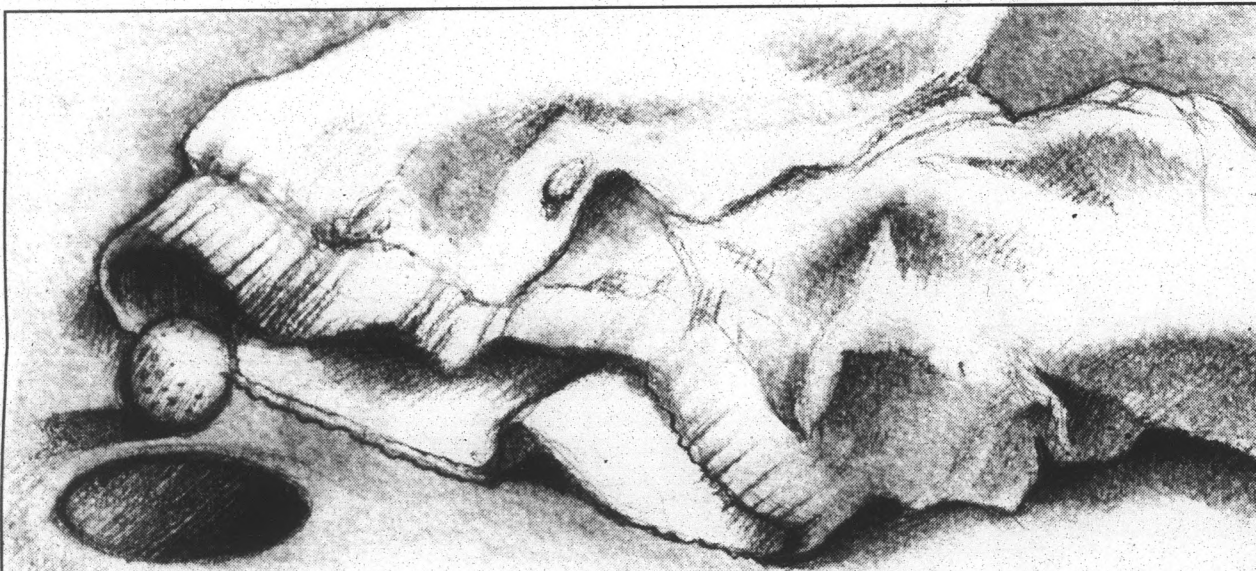
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