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Three ASU couples celebrate National Freedom to Marry Day

By JUNE D. WILHITE
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Three couples — a man and woman, two men and two women — will act out wedding ceremonies on Hayden Lawn today as part of ASU's National Freedom to Marry Day event.

The "Wedding Cake" performance art piece will consist of two groups of ASU theater students—one will act as couples getting married and the other will protest against that particular wedding.

"We want to go against the idea that people conjure up when they think of the traditional wedding," said Johnny Saldana, an ASU theater professor whose students will act out

the wedding ceremonies.

Act Out, a gay and lesbian political activist group under the ASU Lambda League umbrella, is sponsoring the second annual event.

"A lot of the publicity put out for the Freedom to Marry Day has said that there are 1,049 rights the government gives married couples," said Act Out President, Jessica Share, a 22-year-old history and women's studies senior. "Things you wouldn't even think about become obstacles and undermine their families' ability to function successfully, even to survive."

Students and faculty who are in support of same-sex mar-

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ASASU adds primary election as deadline nears

By STEPHANIE PATERIK
STATE PRESS

Campus political hopefuls will take the first step towards running for office in the Associated Students of ASU when they turn in their petitions today.

And for the first time, a primary election will be held before the general election. ASASU election officials hope this will eliminate problematic run-offs.

Petitions for senate and executive candidates are due by 5 p.m. today. Jayme Sloan, ASASU student elections director, said they are predicting more

competition for senate seats, which would mean a better selection for student voters.

"In the past, a lot of students have run as write-in candidates," Sloan said. "Now we're going to see real races; students will actually have a choice."

She said 43 students attended the initial candidates meeting last week, which is an increase from past years. Those students will have to battle for only 22 senate seats and five executive positions.

Sloan's office has already received a number of petitions for senate seats.

Candidates can begin campaigning once their petition signatures are verified by student government officials, which Sloan said will be completed next week. Students who don't have enough valid names on their petition, or fail to turn one in, can still run as write-in candidates.

Students aspiring to the senate must have signatures from 150 students, or 10 percent, who are in their college. Candidates for executive positions need 750 signatures from the entire student body

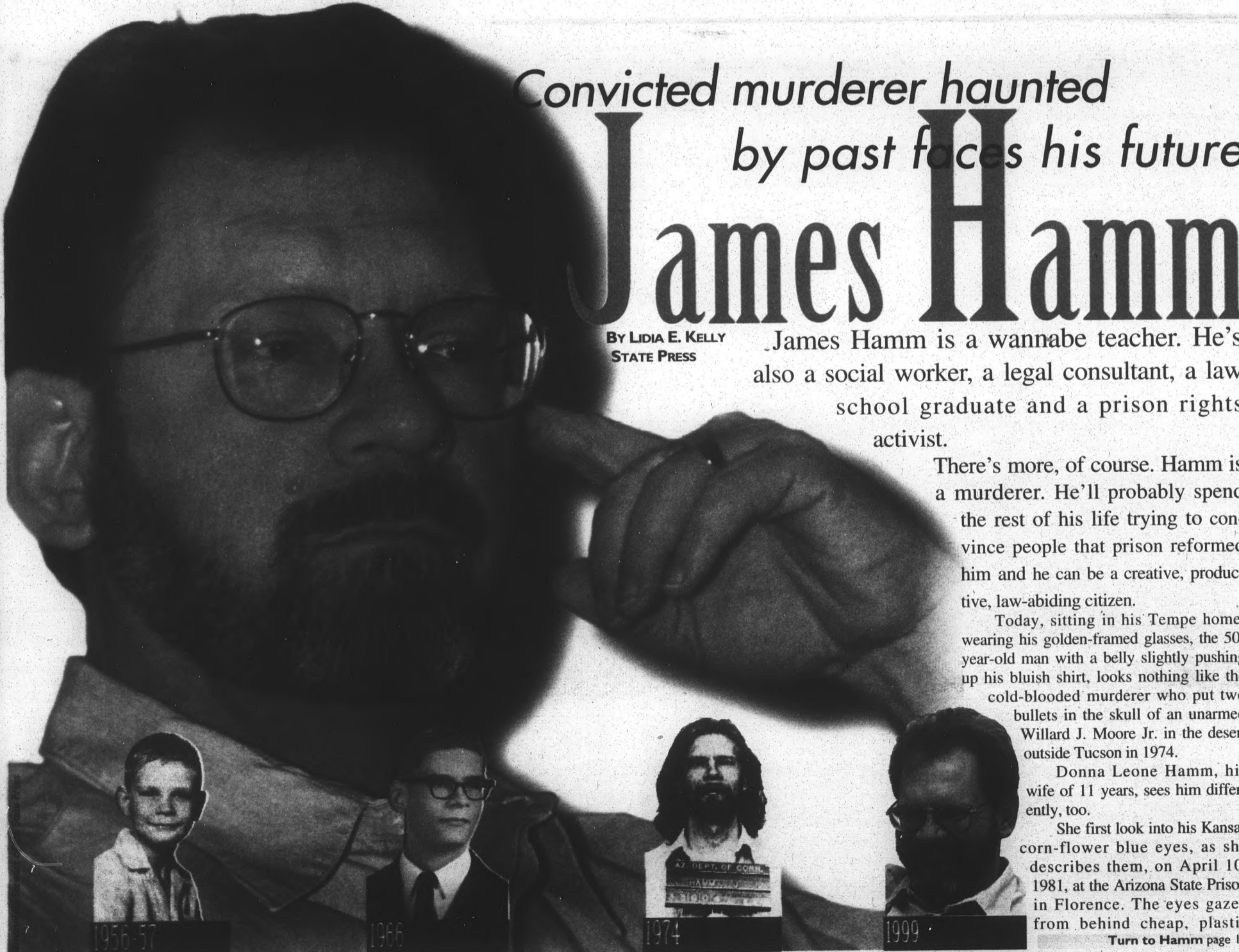
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Samaruddin Stewart of the State Press

Making 'Lemon'-ade

Erin Lawton, a freshman theatre major and Ed Coco, a graduate student in cinematography, construct a play backdrop in the Lyceum Theatre Thursday. Lawton, shop assistant and Coco, assistant designer are working on the set design for "Lemon Sky" a play that will open later this month.



Convicted murderer haunted by past faces his future

James Hamm

By LIDIA E. KELLY
STATE PRESS

James Hamm is a wannabe teacher. He's also a social worker, a legal consultant, a law school graduate and a prison rights activist.

There's more, of course. Hamm is a murderer. He'll probably spend the rest of his life trying to convince people that prison reformed him and he can be a creative, productive, law-abiding citizen.

Today, sitting in his Tempe home, wearing his golden-framed glasses, the 50-year-old man with a belly slightly pushing up his bluish shirt, looks nothing like the cold-blooded murderer who put two bullets in the skull of an unarmed Willard J. Moore Jr. in the desert outside Tucson in 1974.

Donna Leone Hamm, his wife of 11 years, sees him differently, too.

She first look into his Kansas corn-flower blue eyes, as she describes them, on April 10, 1981, at the Arizona State Prison in Florence. The eyes gazed from behind cheap, plastic

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Today

for Friday, February 12

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.

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 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.

MUAB Comedy Committee will have the "Farce Side Comedy Hour" in the MU's programming lounge at 12:40 p.m.

Black Business Students Association "How to Break Through the Class Ceiling." People of color in Corporate America. Thursday February 11, 1999 at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Union room 218 (PIMA ROOM).

Philippine-American Students Association general meeting at 5:30 p.m. Everybody Welcome! February 12, 1999 in Yavapai Room 209 (MU).

Marriage & Family Therapy Clinic Individual, couple, and family therapy is available to students, faculty, and staff. Call 965-9373 for more information. Year-round by appt. at Cowden Family Resources Bldg, room 140.

Residence Hall Association general hall meeting. All residents invited. Bring a monkey!!! February 13, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in MU Alumni Lounge.

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riages will be wearing purple rings. It's as important to same-sex couples to earn the same privileges that heterosexual couples are given, said Casey Self, an Act Out advisor. Those privileges include income tax deductions, credits, rates exemption and estimates, insurance licenses, coverage, eligibility or right to inherit property.

"Right now there are many benefits that my partner of three years and I cannot have unless he were my 'wife,'" Self said. "Why should all of my heterosexual colleagues here at ASU be allowed to have benefits I don't have just because their partner is the opposite gender?"

This will be the second year that Act Out has chosen to host the event. Seventy other cities in more than 30 states will also gather to celebrate the observed day.

"Same-sex couples have taken on all the responsi-

bilities of a family and are acting only for the good of their partners and children, yet are denied a great deal of legal privileges and protections that would enable them the security that other couples enjoy," Share said.

As one of the founding members of the one-year-old Act Out, Share said the group serves to make visible the gay and lesbian community and their efforts to be treated equally.

"It is important to know and understand that sexual preference no more determines an individual's character than do blue eyes or brown hair," said Chris Purpus, a 53-year-old graduate student and Act Out member. "Our society extends many benefits, both small and large, to married heterosexuals. These rights should also be given to same sex couples who are in a committed and monogamous relationship."

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The primary election will be held Mar. 2 and 3 for all senate offices exceeding four candidates and executive offices with more than two candidates.

In the general election, held Mar. 30 and 31, executive positions and two senate seats for each college will be filled by the candidates who receive

a majority vote of at least 50 percent.

"There used to be so many candidates for certain offices that no one would receive 50 percent of the vote (in the general election)," Sloan said. "This process will hopefully be a much more effective one."

Judge puts sidewalk ban on hold

BY CARRIE SEVERSON
STATE PRESS

A second federal court appearance ended with yet another delay for protesters of downtown Tempe's sidewalk ordinance.

Randall Amster, an ASU justice studies graduate student and co-founder of the project Sidewalk Initiative Team — S.I.T. — challenged Tempe's sidewalk ordinance Thursday in the U.S. District Court in Phoenix.

Amster said in his reply memorandum that the ordinance was "an unconstitutional prior restraint on expressive activities in a traditional public forum."

The law, which went into affect last month, prohibits sitting or laying down on the sidewalks of downtown Mill Avenue between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 1

a.m. Friday and Saturday.

The delay was not something Amster anticipated, he said.

"I am obviously disappointed, I was hoping Judge Stephen McNamee would have ruled that day from the bench," Amster said.

The court ordered Amster to write an additional brief within 15 days, as there was some confusion with what was being argued, McNamee said.

"First Amendment cases get tricky along the way," he said.

The defendants will have 15 days to reply to Amster's brief. After the procedures are completed, McNamee will come to a decision.

"In the meantime, our First Amendment rights are on the line," Amster said. "We need to see where are rights are."

Reality check.

80%* of ASU students had sex with either one or no partners during the last year. Surprised? Don't be. Most ASU students are smart about sex.

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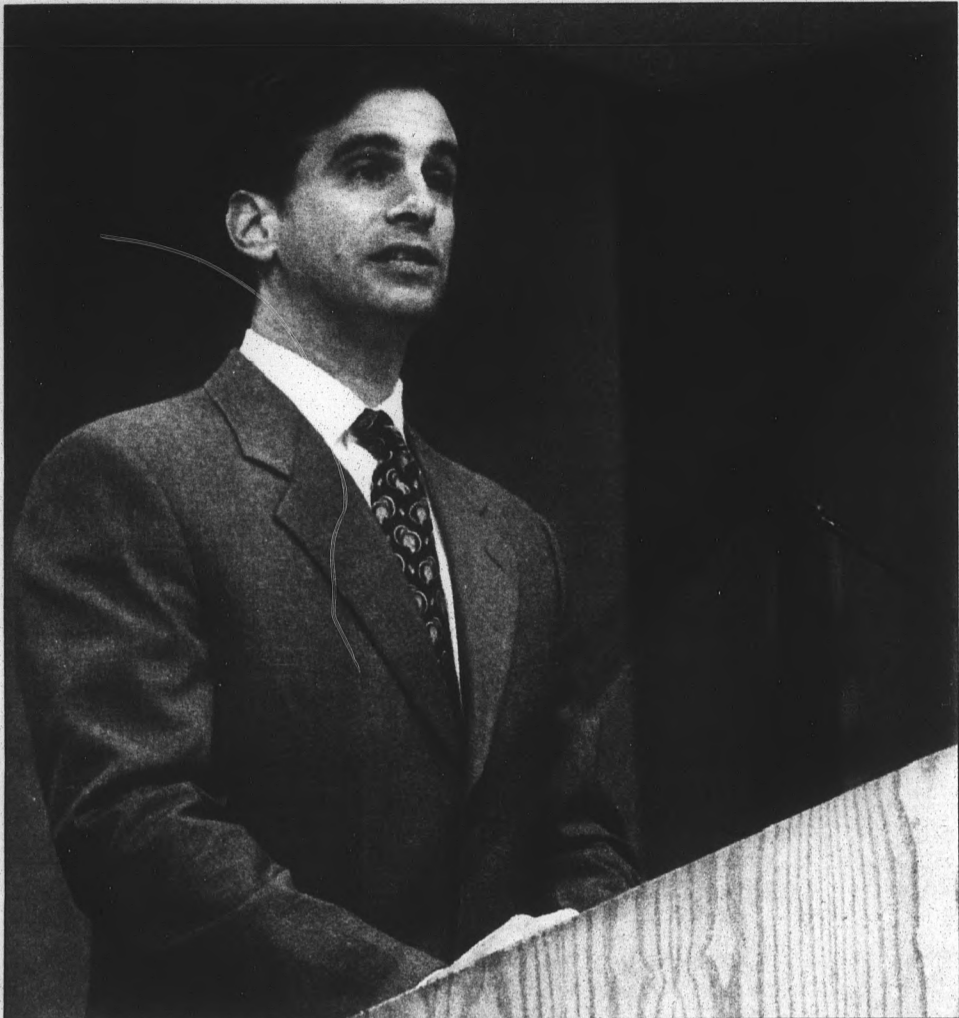
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"While I do not believe our local government can do everything to solve this social problem, we can be part of the solution." — Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano, referring to the city's homeless dilemma.

Mayor covers sidewalk ordinance in speech



Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano delivers the State of the City speech, Thursday night. Among the key issues he talked about were the controversial sidewalk-sitting ordinance, the city's financial health, which he said is good, and further improvements to Sun Devil Stadium. Giuliano also said that he wished the Arizona Cardinals the best of luck with the Rio Salado Crossing Project, which would include a new stadium for the team.

BY GANGA SUBRAMANIAN
STATE PRESS

Tempe's recent ordinance banning sitting on downtown sidewalks was not an attempt to run certain groups of people out of downtown Tempe, said Mayor Neil Giuliano in the second annual State of the City address Thursday.

Giuliano, who said he preferred to call the speech the State of the Community address, spoke about key issues facing Tempe including Rio Salado, public safety, and possible improvements to Sun Devil Stadium.

"Tempe is not just a city," he said. "It is a community. There is a uniqueness about Tempe that is our strength."

Since the adoption of Ordinance No. 98.57 (otherwise known as the sidewalk-sitting ordinance), which went into effect Jan. 18, critics have questioned the city's real motives behind the legislation. Giuliano said the city's only objective in enacting the controversial law was to improve safety and access on Mill Avenue.

However, he admitted the issue has drawn the city's attention to the plight of its homeless.

"While I do not believe our local government can do everything to solve this social problem, we can be part of the solution," he said.

He suggested that Tempe's old fire station just east of Rural Road on University Drive, be converted into a social services outreach center, where homeless citizens could get help.

Giuliano also said ASU, particularly the further development of Sun Devil Stadium, is very crucial to the development of Tempe.

"We should ensure that the facility remains at the top of its class for the ASU football program," he said. "The University and the city have grown up together," he added.

The mayor went on to address the issue of venue improvements to the Stadium.

"We must do everything in our power as a community to make sure that the Fiesta Bowl remains in the only home that it has ever known — Sun Devil Stadium, right here in Tempe," he added.

Giuliano went on to address the issue of a new stadium for the Arizona Cardinals.

"While we are not part of the current plan, we wish them well in their efforts to do what is best for their business," he said.

Another issue the mayor went on to address was the financial health of the city, which he said was good.

Overall sales taxes are up by 5 percent and the city's largest mall, the Arizona Mills Mall, has raked in more than \$4.5 million in sales taxes in its first year, he reported.

He also said the 30-year-old Rio Salado project, which is scheduled for a grand opening soon, has come along fine without any new taxes.

"Because the Rio Salado will always be a long-term work in progress, just as it has been, we have always known that it will continue to be," he said.

Plans to insure poor working parents a struggle

WASHINGTON D.C. (AP) — Arizona has the second greatest share of low-income working parents without health insurance, just behind Texas, according to a national study.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, D.C. said this week that while most states — including Arizona — are making strides to insure poor children, few do the same for their parents.

In most cases, the non-profit organization said parents have a better chance of getting health insurance if they're not working.

The study found that nationally, 23 percent of non-working parents below the poverty level are uninsured, in contrast to 46 percent of low-income working parents.

In Arizona, nearly two-thirds of the low-income working parents lack insurance, the study said.

"How can we have a healthy family without healthy parents? How can they care for their families if they can't care for themselves?" asked Jill Guernsey de

Zapien, who helps border communities assess their health needs through the University of Arizona's Rural Health Office.

Arizona could use federal Medicaid dollars either to extend KidsCare, which insures children for low-income families, or to implement Healthy Arizona, a voter-approved initiative that would insure more people through the state's Medicaid alternative, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

Either alternative faces problems.

KidsCare serves those whose family income is up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level — \$20,475 last year for a family of three.

To cover parents, the state first would have to do something some experts say is nearly impossible: prove it could insure an entire family for the same cost as insuring only the children.

On the other hand, to qualify for AHCCCS, a family of three must earn no more than 51 percent of the feder-

al poverty level — \$7,011 a year. Healthy Arizona would raise that threshold to 100 percent of the poverty level — \$13,650.

However, the federal government hasn't approved the state's plan to cap the number of participants rather than open it to everyone who qualifies.

For now, Arizona has a year-old pilot program in four counties allowing families making up to double the poverty level to buy into AHCCCS.

Most families pay less than \$20 per person each month for Premium Sharing coverage; tobacco taxes cover the rest — about \$240 a month.

After the three-year, \$20 million-per-year pilot is concluded, legislators will evaluate its effectiveness and decide whether to continue, AHCCCS spokeswoman Linda Bylow said.

Additionally, there are indications that federal officials might loosen restrictions for extending KidsCare to families, said Debi Wells, Gov. Jane Hull's health care adviser.

Witnesses say Marine jet flew so low they cowered

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — Witness testimony in the case of a former ASU student and marine pilot being court-martialed for the death of 20 people in Italy, for accidentally severing a ski gondola cable with its jet, continued today and included one account that people on the ground had to cower and cover their heads.

"I bent down. I covered (myself) because I saw a danger for myself. I could see the plane very well on my eye level," Patricia Pichler, a German-speaking Italian, said through a translator.

She said she was watching her children take ski lessons on Mount Cermis in the Italian Alps on Feb. 3, 1998, when the EA-6B Prowler sliced the cable at

360 feet, sending the gondola crashing to the ground.

The pilot, Capt. Richard Ashby, 31, an Arizona State graduate, is being court-martialed on charges including 20 counts of involuntary manslaughter. He could get more than 200 years in prison.

Other residents of the area around Luson, Italy, recalled their terror as the jet roared down the alpine valley. Prosecutors have said the jet was going 621 mph when it hit the cable.

Maria Luise Messner said the jet appeared to clear an electrical tower beside the ski slope by about 30 feet. "I thought, 'My God, how could an airplane fly that low, that it is even possible for it to fly like that?'" she said.

Girl assaulted on way to school; police seeking tips

BY JAYSON PETERS
STATE PRESS

Tempe police are searching for a man in connection with the attempted sexual assault of a 14-year-old Tempe girl Monday.

The girl told authorities a man tried to expose himself, and then grabbed her and tried to force her to the ground as she walked to school.

Screaming, she was able to push him away and escape. Police said the

Rape suspect



man was last seen running toward East Alexander Boulevard and South La Rosa Drive.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, about 30 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall of medium to average build. He is believed to have short, dark hair, dark eyes and a clean-shaven face.

The man was wearing a dark green or gray sweatshirt, sweatpants, and athletic shoes, the girl said.

Sgt. Dave Lind, a police spokesman, said anyone with information about this incident should call Det. Timothy Bulson at 350-8560.

Boos & Bravos

BRAVO — To the two ASU students resourceful enough to start up a fund-raiser for Colombian earthquake victims. The two women, both native Colombians, began the campaign after realizing there was no relief effort on campus. That's just what we like to see — instead of complaining about the situation, these two did something to fix it.

BOO — To Rev. Jerry Falwell for claiming Tinky Winky's purple color and triangular antenna are evidence of his same-sex preference. Who is this clown? It's a television show folks. A children's television show. Settle down.

BOO — To this bozo, Rep. Jim Weiers, R-Glendale, who wants to secede ASU West from the ASU "family" and rename it Barry Goldwater State University. Enough with the Barry Goldwater stuff. Barry Goldwater Airport, Goldwater Peak, Barry Goldwater High School. We like the guy, but come on.

BRAVO — To ASU for having the 15th-largest international student population in the country. It's nice to finally be at the top of a list that's actually good for our image.

BOO — To Valentine's Day — just because everyone down here seems to be so damn bitter about it. Maybe it's because we spend all our time down in this dungeon. Whatever. We think Valentine's Day sucks.

BRAVO — To "The Many Faces of HIV/AIDS," part of AIDS Awareness Week activities at ASU. The art exhibit, which has been on display at the Memorial Union Gallery this week, reminds us all of the very real, individual impact of the disease.

BRAVO — To ASASU for adding primaries to this year's elections to avoid last year's snafu. While we're pretty sure turnout will be just as dismal as it is in national primary elections, we're glad ASASU has taken steps to better the system.

BRAVO — To ASU Clean and Beautiful for all its efforts to keep our campus clean. It costs ASU \$150,000 a year to clean up trash and cigarette butts carelessly thrown on the ground. That's a lot of money wasted because of a few thousand rude and careless people. Pick up after yourself — it's not too much to ask.

BRAVO — Again to ASASU for passing the resolution backing the Tuition Tax Relief bill. While we'd still like to see more than mere opinions standing in for legislation, we are happy to see the student government standing up for something that directly impacts us all.



Divorce may be overcome by Xers

I started realizing what divorce was when I was five. It was Christmas Day and I was being shuffled between my grandparents' homes. Instead of me and my cousins spending our most anticipated holiday together, we were being separated. And we weren't the only family.

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Our generation grew up witnessing divorce. Divorce was happening to our friends, our families and to nearly half of the other families across America. During the early 1990's more than a million divorces occurred annually.

Regardless if divorce was affecting our family or not, anywhere we went, we were reminded of its wrath. The once-taboo subject even emerged in the classroom. Kids were being pulled out of class to talk to the school psychiatrist about family problems. Family drawings became more complex with sketches of stepmoms and stepbrothers. Birthday party RSVP's changed from "yes" to "sorry, I'm going to my dad's this weekend." Divorce to us was as scary as the chicken pox. It seemed like it was going to happen to everyone.

Now that I'm 21 and a college student, I have learned that I am in the minority for having parents who are still happily married. Although I have had the luxury of having my parents celebrate their 22nd anniversary, most of my friends have grown up in single-parent homes. It's now easier to assume someone is the product of a divorce rather than a lasting marriage. Divorce has made a mockery of lasting love, romance and marriage at our expense.

According to current statistics, one out of every two marriages end in divorce. As a generation of potential brides and grooms, we have the burden of marrying into a culture where 50 percent of all marriages fail. With the uncertain economy reminding us of the difficulties of finding a job and the dangers of rape and STDs mak-

ing dating a risk, we now have the added pressure of finding that "special someone" and not becoming a couple scarred by divorce.

Marriage isn't guaranteed and our generation is choosing to probe further and date longer before getting "hitched." Perhaps this introspection is better than just plunging into marriage, but with so many uncertainties about our future, it would be comforting to have love and marriage come with a lifetime warranty.

But perhaps the "death do you part" vow will be honored in our marriages. Marriage has changed dramatically during the past few centuries. Traditionally, marriage was reserved for the wealthiest members of society to symbolize property and ownership. Marriage, historically, has always been more of an arrangement than a partnership. While we now seek a "best friend" to spend our lives with, our ancestors searched for a "good provider."

Ironically, the past justifies the high number of divorces and offers hope about the institution of marriage. When you compare the many cycles of marriage, it's easy to understand why divorce has been so prevalent. Now that the views of marriage have changed, hopefully so will the divorce statistics. That paradox may be a little exaggerated, but I realize now that if I married a "partner" years ago, I'd be yearning for a "best friend" too.

Perhaps our generation then will have the power to reverse the culture of divorce for us and for the future generations. Until then, though, we will continue dodging the haunting statistics and marriage casualties paving our path and stay focused on our own matrimonial fantasies.

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Thrill is gone from Smitty's after takeover

I first heard the news on a call-in talk radio show. I'd been out of town for a few days and was planning on stopping by my local Smitty's and picking up a few things for dinner. Then I heard.

Seventeen Smitty's stores had been taken over by Fred Meyer, in his insane bid to rule the supermarket business nationwide, if not globally. I had to pull over and get myself together. I'm not ashamed to say a few tears were shed.

The worst part was that most of the callers had been ignorant or even apathetic about the tremendous void the loss of Smitty's stores will create in the Valley.

One, however, had it right. A native Arizonan said he couldn't imagine ever shopping anywhere but Smitty's. I agreed. Still, I prayed, maybe they were all wrong. Maybe the deal hadn't gone through, after all. I had to find out for myself if the story was true.

As I pulled into the parking lot, my hopes were shattered. A huge, blue neon sign loomed over the parking lot, threatening to crush all in its path in an avalanche of tackiness if it fell, proclaiming that this store now belonged to FRED MEYER. Sooner or later, I'd have to go in there, but I wasn't ready for it yet.

I squealed out of the parking lot, lurching blindly into traffic. I drove for hours, no destination in mind, struggling to escape the blue neon letters that burned in my brain. Finally, I pulled into a plaza and parked. After a while, I looked around to get my bearings.

I was right outside Basha's.

In the past, the very idea would have been anathema, but the cupboard at home was bare, so I decided to take a chance. I breezed through the inferior store, eyes



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down, wishing I was back in my own Smitty's.

The check-out lady asked me if I had some special savings card Basha's customers apparently use, and then tried to convince me to sign up for one.

"No thanks," I said. "I've got too many cards as it is."

"Oh, you're probably one of those that's gonna go over to that new Fred Meyer store," she spat back at me, venomously. "They don't use cards over there."

I had the next day off, and after psyching myself up for a few hours, I decided to do the inevitable — to enter enemy territory. I hurried through the automatic doors, averting mine eyes from the big sign out front and the smaller ones within, all attesting to the takeover.

In a matter of days, the Fred Meyer people had managed to suck all the life out of the place. No familiar faces. No Pete the meat-cutter, Sally the checkout lady or that other guy whose job I never figured out, but who always said hello.

Shopping at Smitty's was like being in your own living room. OK, you had to wear pants and you had to pay for whatever you wanted, but it was still like home. If you spent enough time in the coffee shop, you'd get to know everyone's names and they'd talk to you too — although it did start to seem almost like they started to avoid me, but then that's probably because they were such hard workers. I'd even come in and help out now and then, mopping up floors, price-checking items, cleaning toilets.

That was all gone now, lost in the money-grubbing, "more is better" hyper-commercialism that was always foreign to Mr. Smitty and that drove him out of business.

"Okay, it's different," I said to myself. "But you're going to have to get used to it. You could shop here."

Still, the old memories kept flooding back. Like the time over by the coffee display, when I ... hold it. What

had they done with the coffee? After much searching, I found it on a different section of a different shelf in a totally different aisle. Same with the Cheerios and the string cheese. It was like they'd purposely rearranged everything to make it confusing — a final stab in the back of the former owner.

"There you go, Sam. Now your customers will never be able to find anything. (Insert maniacal laugh here)."

The supermarket had started to spin and I could feel a panic attack coming on. I edged over to the express checkout line. Surely there had to be some vestige of the old store, some familiar face ... the checkout lady! Her back was to me as she talked to an unfamiliar bag-boy, but I was sure she was one of the old Smitty's workers.

She turned around, killing my last hopes.

"Cash or charge, sir? Sir? Sir?"

"Sir." That was what my old checkout lady used to call me.

The packages fell from my hands. I broke into a half-jog, half-run toward the exit. Still, it probably wouldn't have looked that bad, had I only noticed the jumbo-sized bag of dog food sticking out from underneath the shopping cart mid-aisle.

When I got back up, I decided to walk slowly and with whatever dignity I still had toward the automatic doors. I could still hear them laughing as I turned the corner — the hard-faced checkout clerks, the acne-ridden bagboys, the disloyal consumers, unaware of what we all lost when the sign out front was changed.

Life will never be the same again. Why, Mr. Smitty? Why?

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Lincoln well-remembered for Gettysburg Address

February 12 marks the anniversary of one of our most distinguished presidents.

frank Sackton
guest columnist

Born 190 years ago, he ascended to the presidency in 1861. History records him as the Great Emancipator for his leadership role in ending slavery in the United States. However, he is best remembered for the greatness of his Gettysburg Address.

This very brief speech was delivered in 1863 at the site of the Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania. However, Lincoln was not scheduled to be the principal speaker on that occasion. That honor was for Edward Everett, a great orator of the time.

One story about Lincoln's speech is that the president wrote it in pencil on the back of an old brown envelope while on the train to Gettysburg. Actually, he wrote the short, two-minute address while at the White House, but he may have revised it on the train. It is a fact that he treated the occasion lightly because he was not the principal speaker. As a result, Lincoln wrote a short two-minute address that we remember by the opening words "Four score and seven years ago."

On the day Lincoln departed for Gettysburg, he had no idea he was to deliver a memorable speech that would be remembered for more than 100 years — a speech that would be memorized and delivered by school children over and over again. Lincoln was light-hearted, jovial and relaxed. So relaxed, in fact, that his aides had to push him to get started that morning for fear he would be late for the ceremony.

Everett delivered a long and learned oration with brilliance. The crowd of 15,000 listened intently to the great orator, and they applauded appreciatively and long. Then after the singing of a short hymn, Lincoln rose to give what was intended to be a short address to dedicate the cemetery. But he had pre-

pared the 272-word speech solemnly, notwithstanding his relaxed attitude.

It wasn't only the wording of his address that captured the attention of the audience; it was the sincerity and passion with which it was delivered. Uppermost in his mind were the 51,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who had fought and died on the battlefield and the realization of what the war was all about. Lincoln was fighting for the nation's soul. That is why he alluded to "the proposition that all men are created equal," and that the aim of the war was to test "whether that nation or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure."

The address ended. There was no applause. Lincoln's first reaction was that the address had fallen flat. It was much later that he learned the crowd had not applauded out of reverence. The audience, all 15,000, had experienced a touching and sacred feeling that could be appreciated only by silence and prayer. Lincoln's talk was not only a tribute to the dead, it was also an appeal to the righteousness of the war, that a nation which prized liberty "shall not perish from the earth."

After Lincoln returned to the business of the presidency, Edward Everett wrote him, "I shall be glad if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion in two hours as you did in two minutes."

Lincoln had underestimated the power of his address. Otherwise, he would not have included "the world will neither note nor remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." But the world has remembered more of what was said by Lincoln at Gettysburg than the battle itself. And it will be remembered forever.

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Letters to the Editor

Students not to blame

I agree with your editorial in the Feb. 9 edition addressing the current problems with the Residential Life dormitory shuffle.

But I would like to add that as a student in the Honors College, we had little choice or say in the Honors College decision to move to Best and Irish Halls. We were just simply told the decision was final in January, coming as a complete surprise to many here.

As a first-year student, I am completely happy living in McClintock and really have no desire to move to Best and Irish halls. Many of the students here are not happy with the decision and have no intentions of moving with the Honors College and will look for housing someplace else.

It seems to me here that the incoming freshmen are the ones getting priority overall, because they continue to expand the FYE program while gradually eliminating housing choices for others. It seems that for the University, money, especially from freshmen, speaks louder than the voices of continuing students.

Yes, it's true that the Honors College is growing, but it seems that something else could be done to accommodate this growth while respecting the rights of other students.

**J. Ong
Sophomore
Broadcasting**

Not 'another stadium'

Regarding Stephanie Conner's column on the Rio Salado Project (Feb. 3), why did you fail to mention that the project contains 650 acres of open spaces, including parks, waterways, 10 miles of hiking and bicycling trails, two public golf courses and a skateboard park, among other things?

I didn't read anything about the 2 million square feet of office space, the three new hotels, the 500,000 square feet of retail and restaurant venues or the community of apartments and single-family homes that 10 to 12

thousand people will call home. Why did you not mention that three-fourths of this project is privately funded, with the Cardinals providing \$200 million—the most ever by a professional franchise for a stadium project?

Why did you not point out the fact that the stadium portion of the project is funded entirely from private sources? The increased sales tax would go toward the construction of the public parts of the project — such as the parks, trails, waterways and convention center.

What about the 10 to 12 thousand new jobs that this project would create? Are those "misdirected" funds also? What about the \$1.66 billion (source: Ernst & Young) in economic activity that this project would generate on an annual basis for the East Valley, with an additional \$300 million every time the Super Bowl comes to Mesa? The project pays for itself in new dollars generated in only one year!

Did you know that the Rio Salado Crossings Project will generate \$9 million a year for the Mesa School District in recaptured sales taxes? That's 9 million more dollars per year than what the Mesa School District is currently receiving. The project will also generate enough extra sales tax money to hire additional policemen and firemen, as well as provide funding for improving roads.

With this in mind, it is an absolute joke to try to construe this project as simply another stadium.

And to think, the people in Mesa have the opportunity to enjoy all of these benefits simply by invoking a sales tax increase that will result in them paying an additional penny on every four dollars they spend (that's 25 cents on every \$100 spent!).

So, yeah, go ahead and only spend your money in Tempe. Mesa won't be needing it once this project is passed on May 18.

**Casey Carpenter
Junior
Finance**

ASASU walk to promote pride in 'clean campus'

By **STEPHANIE PATERIK**
STATE PRESS

Laura Hinze-Lofgreen hopes that during Valentine's weekend, ASU students will remember to love their campus as much as their sweethearts.

Hinze-Lofgreen, student environmental issues director at Associated Students of ASU, is organizing a "Show Your Love for Arizona" one-mile fun walk on Saturday. The event is designed to promote awareness of campus greenery and the need to keep it clean.

"I've always had this vision of doing something that will get people excited about cleaning up the campus," Hinze-Lofgreen said. "We want to promote our arboretum and spread some enlightening ideas to the community."

ASU President Lattie Coor declared the campus an arboretum in 1990. It is considered an arboretum because descriptive signs are posted near all plant life. It has the largest date palm collection in North America and it is free and open to the public, said Louisa Ballard, program coordinator for ASU's arboretum.

"This event will help the public realize that the campus is an arboretum, enjoy its beauty and recognize the need

to take care of it," she said. "They need to know that ASU is beautiful and it's here for them."

Hinze-Lofgreen said ASASU did not print many promotional fliers for environmental purposes, but she's optimistic that a lot of students and families will participate in the free event.

Two mile-long courses will be mapped out through campus, and children will be given chalk to draw murals along the way. The courses begin at 10 a.m. at the Student Recreation Complex and will lead participants to various scenic spots.

Face painting, plant giveaways, valentine crafts and recycling relays will also highlight the day's "clean campus" events.

"We have to inform students that ASU is a garden," Hinze-Lofgreen said. "You don't want to litter in a garden."

She said that as an ASU employee, she hopes to promote ASU's commitment to the environment, but she has a personal motive as well.

"I want to change people's perspectives about littering and recycling," Hinze-Lofgreen said. "It feels good to know that maybe your idea will change others' attitudes about the environment."

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Laura Hinze-Lofgreen,
Student environmental issues director, ASASU

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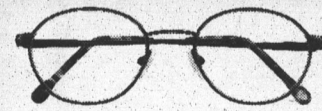


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ASU comptrollers report near-perfect returns

By ERLIND AAS
STATE PRESS

About 3,500 former ASU students have delinquent accounts with the University, so they run the risk of eventually having to fend off a collections agency, according to the ASU Comptroller's Office.

Though there is a long walk from being late with bills to getting a surprise visit by the collectors, no one should push their luck, said Jerry Snyder, a spokesman for the comptroller's office. The University has a history of getting its money back, he said.

"We have a very effective collections operation," Snyder said. "Our uncollectables were four-tenths of 1 percent." This means Student Business Services was successful in collecting 99.6 cents for every dollar.

"I remember one student one time who was somewhat upset," Snyder said. "He was upset that the collections

“We want to be fair. We give students the benefit of the doubt, but after a certain period of time we will have to take the necessary action.”

**Jerry Snyder,
ASU Comptroller's Office**

agency was able to catch up with him in Hong Kong."

Because of an Arizona Board of Regents policy, students who don't pay their bills cannot get transcripts or re-enroll at ASU.

Unpaid bills in 1998 reached only \$350,000, which is

0.4 percent of the \$87 million in accounts receivable. That \$350,000 in bills has been turned over to an outside collections agency.

The University has seven such agencies working on collecting debts, but the office collects the money on its own when it comes to currently enrolled students.

"If they're still enrolled as students, we have three in-house collectors who make phone calls, trying to give the students an opportunity to pay," said Henry Spomer Jr., an assistant comptroller.

Spomer said the University receives 150 bounced checks for tuition payment each semester, due to insufficient funds; about 10 students end up being involuntarily withdrawn from their classes because of such checks.

"We want to be fair," Snyder said. "We give students the benefit of the doubt, but after a certain period of time we will have to take the necessary action."

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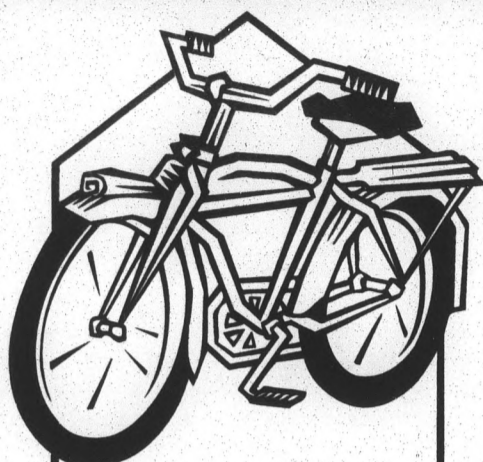
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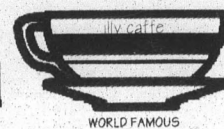
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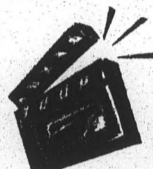
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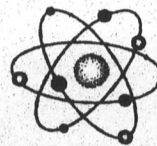


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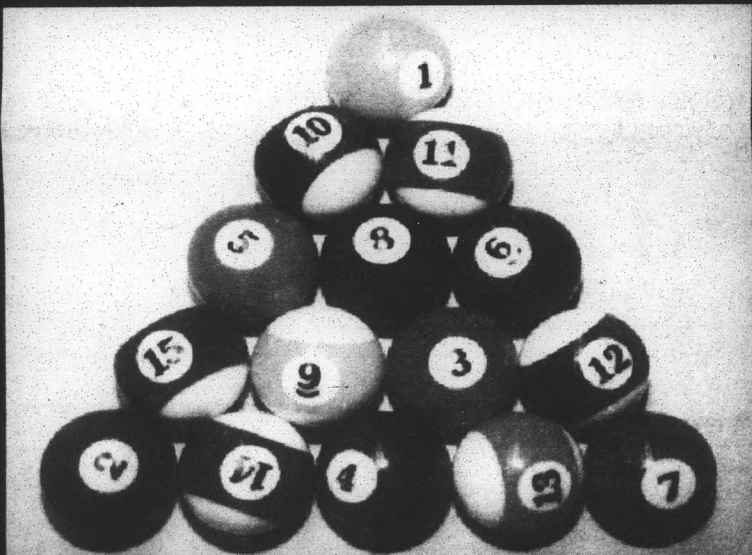
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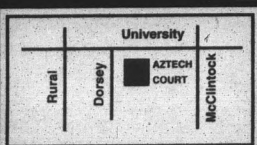
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- A student was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 525 S. Forest Ave.
- Four male students reported their bicycles stolen from various locations on campus.
- A student reported that someone stole the rear wheel of his bicycle at Area 40.

Tempe police reported the following incidents Thursday:

- A 35-year-old Tempe man was arrested Tuesday in the 300 block of East McKinley Street on charges of disorderly conduct with a firearm. Police said he fired a .357-caliber Magnum twice into the ground. The man said he fired the shots as a warning to someone who threw a car part through his car's windshield. The man was booked into the Tempe City Jail.
- An 18-year-old transient, whom police said failed to appear in court on charges of letting his dog roam, was arrested Tuesday on charges of

shoplifting. Police said he attempted to steal a tape from Zia Records, 105 W. University Drive, but was apprehended and detained by store employees. The man was booked into the Tempe City Jail and held to see a judge.

- A 21-year-old Tempe man was arrested Wednesday at Zia Records, 105 W. University Drive, on charges of shoplifting. He reportedly put a CD in his pocket and attempted to leave the store. The man was booked into the Tempe City Jail, cited and released.
- Police arrested an 18-year-old Mesa man Wednesday at 2131 E. Apache Blvd. on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Officers stopped the man because he was reportedly riding a bicycle at night without a light and against the flow of traffic. When asked if he was using drugs, the man revealed a ceramic pipe and a substance believed to be marijuana. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail and released pending an analysis of the substance.

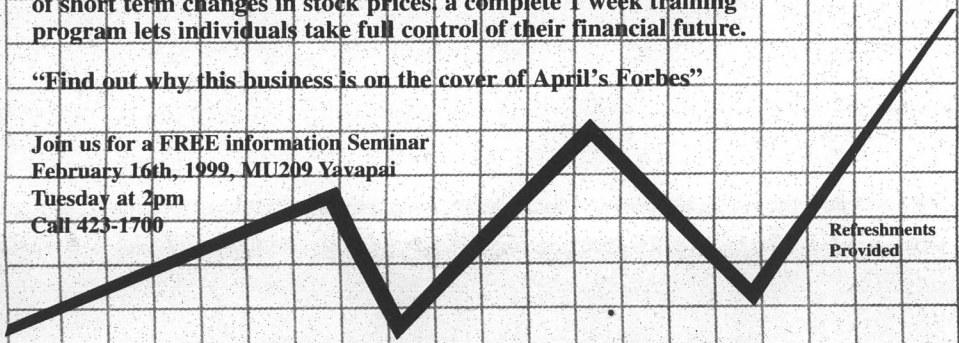
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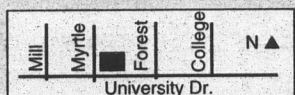
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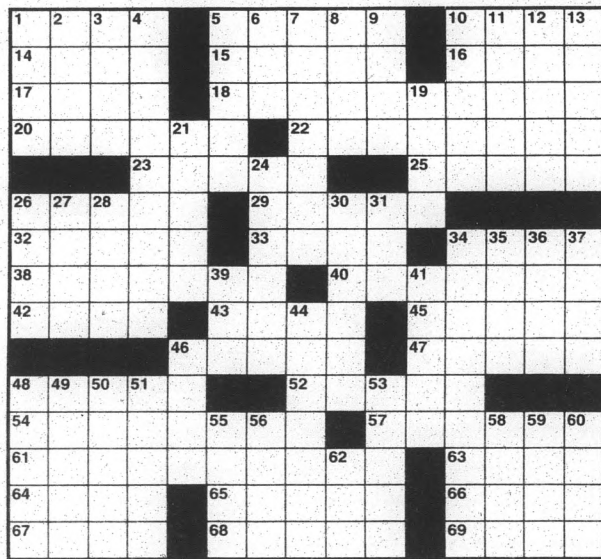
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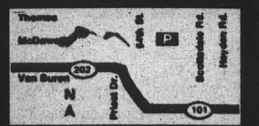
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Experts try napalm, plastic explosives to burn grounded ship

By JEFF BARNARD
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COOS BAY, Ore. — Demolitions experts brought in napalm and plastic explosives Thursday in another attempt to set fire to a grounded cargo ship and save Oregon's beaches from a disastrous spill of fuel oil.

"It's going to be like your barbecue pit, if you will," said Coast Guard Chief Gene Maestas. "They are going to put lighter fluid on the coals and light it on fire."

The 639-foot New Carissa, a Japanese-owned freighter, ran aground Feb. 4 about 150 yards offshore with

nearly 400,000 gallons of tarlike bunker oil aboard. It began leaking Monday as pounding waves widened the cracks in its hull.

With an approaching storm threatening to tear the ship apart with 70 mph winds, federal and state authorities decided to burn the vessel and its fuel — something never before attempted in the Lower 48 states — rather than risk trying to bring the New Carissa out intact.

The first attempt Wednesday night using grenades and buckets of gasoline fizzled with only a flash of flame and a plume of oily black smoke.

But the approaching gale slowed, and the revised forecast said a weakened storm would move ashore late Thursday with rain and winds of no more than 45 mph. "Our window of opportunity has widened," Maestas said.

On Thursday, Navy bomb experts boarded the ship with explosive charges that they hoped would crack open the fuel tanks and allow the oil to fill the cargo holds.

Then they planned to put nearly 350 gallons of napalm gel over the oil, leave the ship and ignite it by remote control with C-4 plastic explosives. It could take five days for the oil to burn.

"The controlled burn is the highest and best hope," Gov. John Kitzhaber said. "If we don't cause detonation and burn tonight, I guarantee you'll have the release of oil."

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration experts have said an oil spill could, in a worst-case scenario, coat 50 to 100 miles of the coast. The oil could endanger threatened sea lions and shorebirds.

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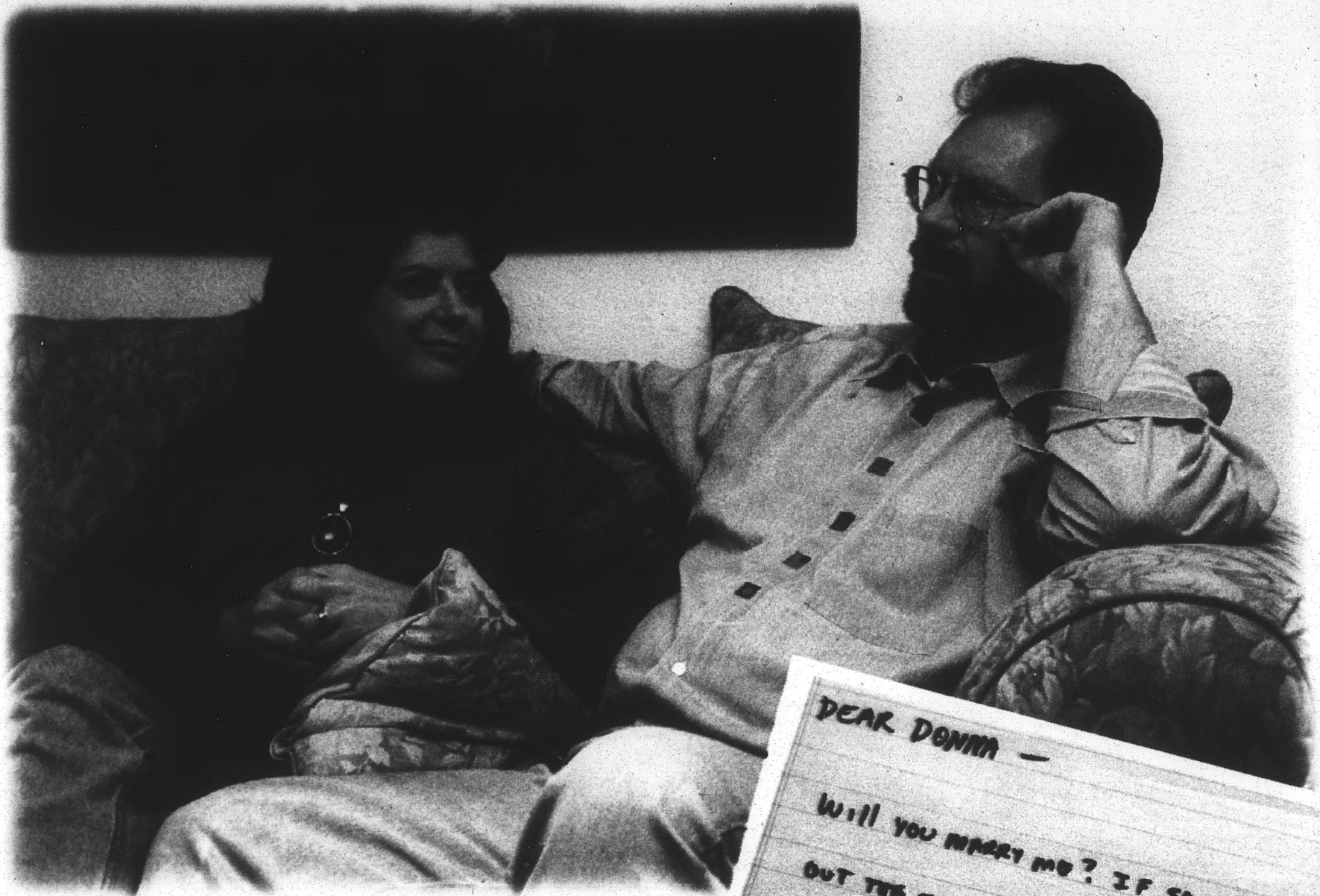
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Donna Hamm met her future husband in 1981 while touring the Arizona State Prison in Florence. Separated at the time, Donna — a justice of the peace in Maricopa and Coconino counties — fell for Hamm's blue eyes and intelligence. In March 1987, the two were married at the Tucson state prison.

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Hamm builds his future on pieces from the past

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frames, but they were different from those of other inmates.

"When I looked into his eyes, he did not have the desperation that other prisoners did," Donna said.

Hamm's eyes were surrounded then by a bunch of stormy hair that was almost touching his shoulders.

Separated at the time from her husband of six years, Donna fell for Hamm's intelligence, sincerity and calmness. She started writing letters to him and sending books, only to exchange them soon for whispered thoughts in the prison's visitation area.

Then on a March day in 1987, the mother of the then-20-year-old Angela, married the sentenced-to-life murderer.

"I knew Donna was the only woman in my life," Hamm said sitting in his home two blocks south of ASU, slightly kicking his fat, 14-year-old kitty, Tabitha, when she tried to fawn on his knees. "She was ready to give me love."

Donna married a man with whom she couldn't share a bed or a morning cup of coffee. However, they both said the marriage was a step to seal their commitment to each other.

"We knew one day we'd be together," Donna said.

In 1992, five years after the wedding, Hamm walked out the prison gates on parole granted by the Arizona Board of Pardons and Paroles. He said if it hadn't been for Donna, he would've never applied for a parole.

"She's been shepherding my life from the moment I met her," Hamm said.

Before that, Hamm had no desire to leave prison. Converted to

Taoism and practicing the Eastern religion daily, Hamm felt prison was his destiny.

"Taoism guided me to focus on the process, not on the outcome," he said.

Other inmates respected him

During the long years of incarceration, Hamm managed to make friendships with some of the inmates and prison guards.

Paul Lavallee, now a community enforcement officer at the Connecticut Department of Corrections, was a guard at the Florence prison from 1979 to 1982.

"He (Hamm) had the respect of the inmates," Lavallee said. "It's hard to do so when you're there for a murder."

Hamm's monthly prison evaluations, attached to his files at the Arizona Department of Corrections, show all but a few excellent marks for his prison work, education and behavior.

"He is a very responsible individual/initiative. Continues to do good work," said one, dated June 1980.

Despite his stoic acceptance of the life in prison, Hamm said there were things he missed from the outside world.

"No one realizes what freedom really is until you don't have it, anymore," he said. "Your abilities to make very small choices are gone."

One choice he made in prison was to get an education.

He and Lavallee took classes through a special Northern

Arizona University program for prison inmates. Hamm graduated *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1984.

"He took good advantage of the program," said Warren Lucas, a professor of sociology at NAU, who was the program coordinator at Florence in the early

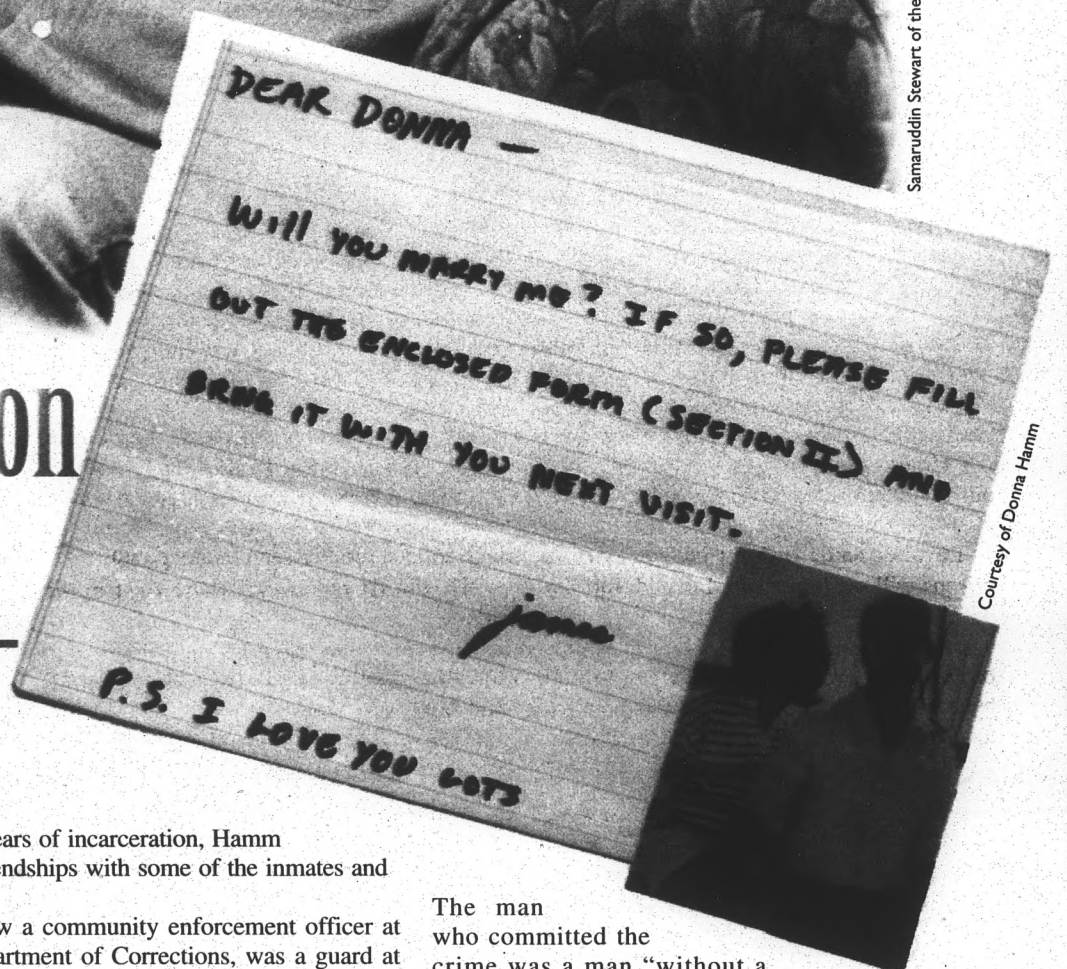
80s. "He was an excellent student."

Lucas established a close relationship with Hamm. "When I met him, he was not the same person that committed the crime," Lucas added.



SCHOOL DAYS 54-57

My childhood lacked some things. I was looking for my mother to show me the same affection she showed my sisters. But she never did.



Courtesy of Donna Hamm

The man who committed the crime was a man "without a human face," Hamm said.

"It was a dark part of my consciousness that broke through," he said. "I never knew I had one, until then."

The "dark consciousness" let him carry the .38-caliber revolver on the December 1974 night for the first time in his life, Hamm claimed.

"It was a gun of my companion," he said.

Hamm and his companion — a drug dealer named Garland Wells — killed two people over 20 pounds of marijuana. The victims contacted Hamm, a drug dealer himself, to purchase the narcotics. Hamm then talked to Wells, who decided to participate in the operation. Hamm said he thinks Wells planned a robbery that turned into a bloody slaying.

"Drugs (and alcohol) let me forget the pain I was in," Hamm said. "I didn't know then that what I was going through was a nervous breakdown."

He said the pain was caused by the early death of his 53-year-old mother in 1973, who died of heart complications.

"I didn't realize how close I was to her, until she died," Hamm added, even though he admitted his mother never showed him love.

"My childhood lacked some things," he said. "I was looking for my mother to show me the same affection she showed my sisters. But she never did."

Growing up in Kansas

Born in 1948, Hamm grew up in Hill City, Kan., a town of 1,500, where many people lived off the land or worked for the Graham County offices. Hamm was the fifth child in a low-income family and was soon followed by two more sisters and a brother.

Hamm's life prior to 1974 is yet another face he does not

want to talk about.

His answers are short, vague, untelling.

Donna has locked Hamm's childhood in a breathless zip-loc bag with a few faded pictures of a smiling 8-year-old boy with the spark of life. There's a high school graduate with a clean face wearing the '60s-style black-framed glasses. The bag contains a few other pictures, which Donna quickly went through not letting her eyes rest on them too long.

Hamm said growing up in his family was not easy.

"My parents had a very stormy relationship," he said.

Married, divorced and again re-married, his waitress-mother needed a man to feed the constantly hungry children, said Hamm's sister, 53-year-old Nancy Parks, the only sibling still living in Hill City.

For Parks, Hamm's childhood face was the face of a brother to play ball with, argue with and get close to. But she said their father was abusive and their mother had a tough life.

"Mother never wanted daddy to get drunk, because it made him crazy," she said.

His father's behavior and the lack of attention from his mother left Hamm without a feeling of belonging.

"I never had a sense of security," he said.

After graduation from Hill City High School in 1966, Hamm went to a couple of Kansas colleges. He took divinity classes to become a minister but never finished. He also was married, but it was ending.

He took to the road after his mother died. He stayed high on alcohol and drugs, and drifted to Tucson. And murdered.

"I am responsible for my crime," Hamm said of the slaying that has haunted him for 26 years. "And I know the crime will stay with me for the rest of my life."

Even if it is, his supporters say he is a changed man.

"James knew from the very beginning of our relationship that he cannot do it again," Donna said.

Lavallee said, "I don't believe Arizona prisons will see him again. I would trust him with my life."

Lawrence Sideman, an Arizona clinical psychologist who specializes in criminal behavior, said most criminals who committed a violent crime can rehabilitate themselves.

"There are very few who cannot,"

Sideman said. "Those are the serial killers. I have full faith in the rehabilitation process and I believe he (Hamm) may never kill again."

But forgiveness is yet to come to the man himself.

"I don't think that I fully forgave myself," Hamm said. "And I don't know if I'm going to be able to achieve that level ever."

His sister, Nancy Parks, said, "I do, probably, forgive him. But we actually never talked about it. Every time he's come to visit was to enjoy, not to bring up the dark moments. From what I understand, he was on drugs and alcohol, he was not aware of what he was doing. But if he was aware — then, I don't know."

Donna's daughter, Angela Baldock, said the idea of her mother marrying a convict did not please her. But she added that after getting to know Hamm, her reservations disappeared.

"It (the marriage) certainly wasn't what a daughter would choose for her mother," the 31-year-old mother of two said. "But I realized soon James is a wonderful man and she just wanted to be happy."

Baldock was the maid of honor at the wedding, which was witnessed by a few friends and other inmates behind the gates at the Arizona State Prison in Tucson, where Hamm was sent after spending time in state facilities at Florence, Marana and Douglas.

At home in Tempe

Donna, a native of California and a former justice of the peace in Maricopa and Coconino counties, met her future husband on a tour for judges to observe the NAU program in Florence. Hamm was introduced to her as one of the prisoners who was excelling in his studies.

After Hamm was paroled, the couple needed time to adjust to living together in what they call their "fru-fru style" Tempe house, where abstract paintings are mixed with antique furniture and family photos.

They still remember their first night together.

"It was an incredible feeling to be home, to realize that this house is going to be my real home," Hamm said.

Donna said her husband was insecure about the things he owned.

"It was like, 'this is mine — leave it alone,'" he said.

She added, "But I understand it. In prison, the inmates are allowed to have very limited number of things, so they take the sense of possession very seriously."

While in prison, Hamm was accused on several occasions of being in possession of other inmates' property, prison records show.

Still, Hamm claims he does not have a possessive personality.

"I care about spiritual possessions," he said. "That's what matters to me."

Still practicing Taoism, Hamm managed to convert the raised-as-a-Catholic Donna to his religion.

In 1997, Hamm applied for an absolute discharge of his sentence. But the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency, which deals with discharging of sentences, denied the request in February 1998, which means if he doesn't reapply, he will stay on parole for the rest of his life.

"There could be a variety of reasons why each member felt he (Hamm) should be supervised," said Edward Leyva, chairman of the five-member board. "After all, he was convicted for a first-degree murder."

Hamm's entire life revolves around prison, law and legal matters. He started studying law at ASU in 1994.

"He was an excellent student," said Rebecca White Birch, an Arizona Court of Appeals judge and director of the ASU Legal Writing program at the time. "I know that many other students went to him for help. He was a very good tutor."

One of them was Wesley Duran, a retired Air Force officer.

"I heard so much about James," said the 59-year-old man, whose brother was at the time in jail in California. "I was looking forward to meeting him."

And it was Hamm who tutored Duran.

"I give him credit for my graduation," Duran said.

Hamm graduated in 1997, with a dream to teach.

With a law degree and sea of prison experience, he applied to teach part time in ASU's School of Justice Studies.

Dennis Palumbo, interim director of the school, thought Hamm would be a good teacher for two courses that needed to be filled, substantive criminal law and a class on citizens rights and personal law.

"I hired him because I thought he could give a lot of interesting and important information to the students," Palumbo said. "I thought he would have a unique appeal. Besides, I believe people have the right to rehabilitate."

But ASU Provost Milton Glick, who

made a decision to reassign Hamm to non-teaching duties as soon as the hiring hit the local media, said Hamm did not have the necessary qualifications to teach because he has not yet taken the state bar exam. Hamm said he plans to take the exam in July.

"To hire him over all graduates who had taken the exam was not right," Glick said.

He added that he could not answer a question about convicts rehabilitating and teaching at a public university.

"It's a very difficult question," he said. "What does rehabilitation mean?"

Writing about rehabilitation

Other had stronger opinions.

"(To teach) there needs to be appropriate partnering between an individual's professional and personal qualifications," said Judy Gignac, president of the Arizona Board of Regents. "(In Hamm's case) the match isn't there. I'm sure there may be a position out there one day, for which he may become professionally ready, but it doesn't mean he has to teach at ASU."

Gignac said that although ABOR had no influence on Glick's decision, the board expressed its dismay about the process of hiring Hamm.

Hamm reassigned duties consist of writing an academic paper on rehabilitation. He will present it during a seminar to ASU faculty and graduate students by the end of semester. The \$6,000 salary will be by non-state funds.

"It's ironic," Donna said. "They did not let him teach a small class but they let him speak to a wide audience of ASU students and faculty."

Meanwhile, the Hamms said they enjoy their life at home, which is filled with law books and legal papers.

Their house also serves as their office. They offer legal consulting to prisoners and run a non-profit organization, Middle Ground Prison Reform, that helps prisoners with legal matters and questions. The organization, aside from the Hamms, has three regular volunteers who mainly answer letters from prisoners from all over Arizona. Usually, there are 200 letters to respond a month, Donna said.

The Hamms are working to reform the legal system in the United States. They both strongly oppose capital punishment.

"Why do we kill people who kill people to show that killing people is wrong?" asks the black and white sticker on their kitchen tack board among the colorful pictures of Donna's grandsons.

"The government shouldn't be killing citizens," Hamm said. "By killing them they're creating another set of murder victims' families."

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The Hamms work out of their Tempe house as legal consultants. They also run Middle Ground Prison Reform, a non-profit organization for prisoners and their families.

No one realizes what freedom really is until you don't have it anymore. Your abilities to make very small choices are gone.



In December of 1974 Hamm and his companion, Garland Wells, murdered two men over 20 pounds of marijuana in the desert near Tucson.

Hamm received a life sentence with the possibility of parole after 25 years.

However, in 1992, the Arizona Board of Pardons and Paroles approved his request for an earlier release and after only 18 years Hamm left prison.

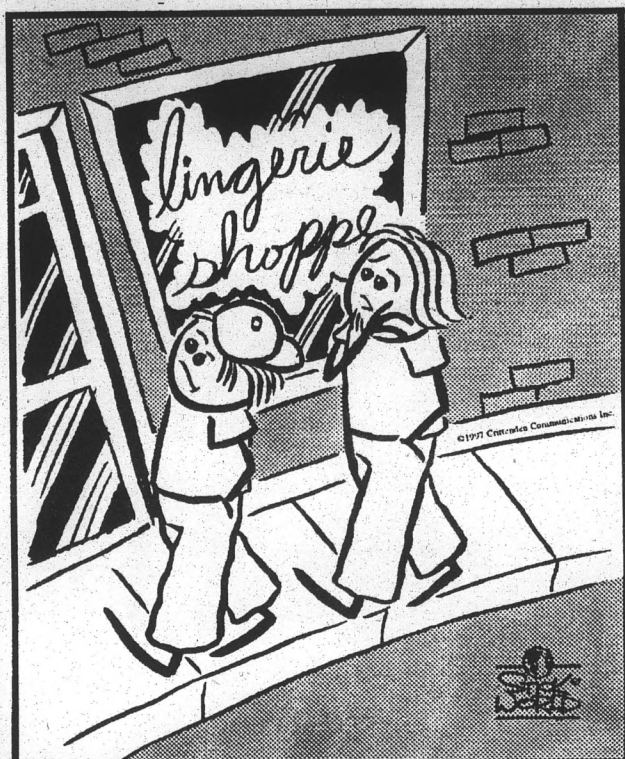


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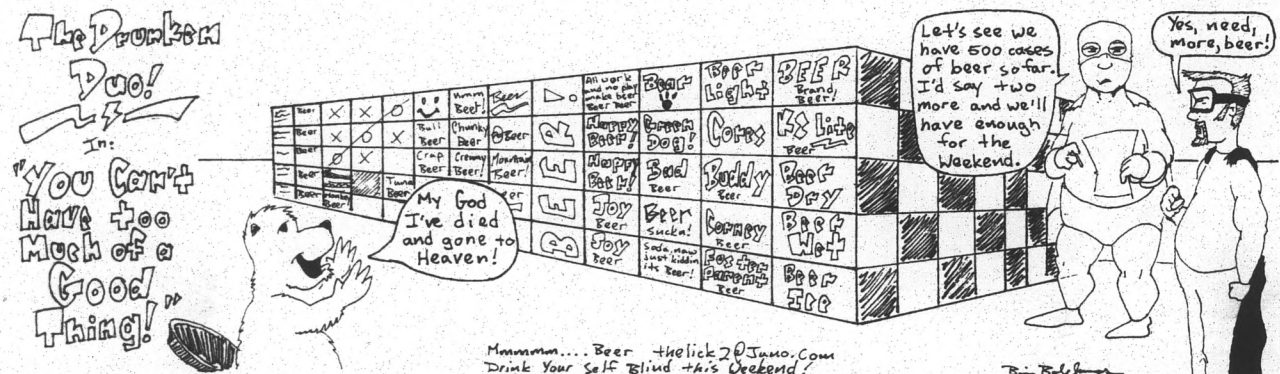


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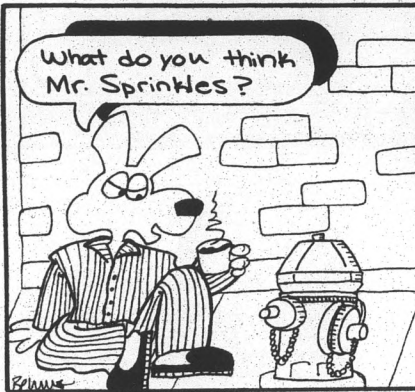
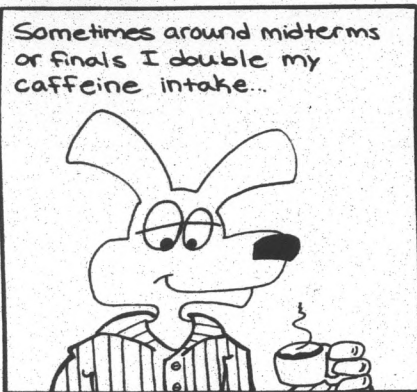
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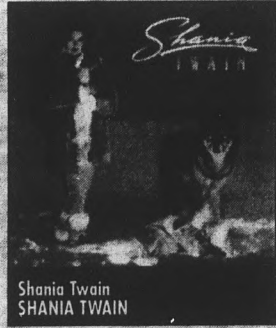
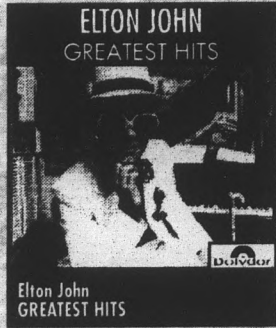
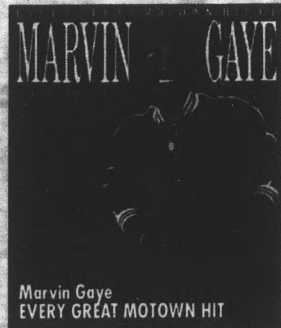
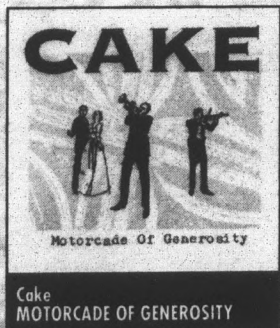
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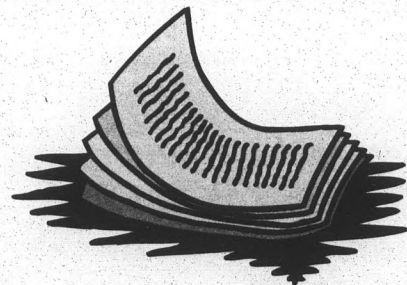
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ASU assistant coach Mark Lewis said the play of Kitch Kitchen and the rest of the Sun Devils on the defensive end of the court contributed heavily to the team's two victories over Washington State and Washington last weekend.

Women's tennis team annihilates Long Beach State in straight sets

BY ROBERT DEAL
STATE PRESS

The Sun Devil women's tennis team finally got a break yesterday as it destroyed the 49ers of Long Beach State 9-0.

"When you play a team like this, the most important thing you tell your kids is to go out there and try to beat them as badly as you can," ASU head coach Sheila McInerney said. "We did just that. I think we beat them pretty badly today. That's the only way you get better."

The Sun Devils took absolutely no mercy on the 49ers, who scrambled all over the court trying to recover from every shot ASU took.

The Sun Devils were once again led by freshman Allison Bradshaw, who had no problems finishing off Long Beach State's top-seeded Lara Spica 6-2, 6-0.

On the second court, senior Katy Propstra also made it look easy as she quickly defeated the 49ers' Dianne Asis 6-1, 6-1.

The biggest win for ASU came on the fifth court where Celena McCoury was nearly flawless, dropping only one game in her 6-0, 6-1 victory over Jessica Perico.

"I like matches like this," McCoury said. "They give us a chance to work on things rather than just getting on and off of the courts. When we have a opportunity at match play, it's easier to adjust things in our game."

The main focus for the women's team recently has been the doubles game, where it has struggled in its last outings. The Sun Devils' doubles teams managed

to get into their groove early, however, dropping only five games in the three matches.

The top-seeded team of Bradshaw and Propstra bounced back from two straight losses in California to defeat Asis and Connie 8-1.

The other doubles matches were finished in similar style, as Allison Nash and Bradshaw beat Spica and Judy Esmero 8-3. The third-seeded team of McCoury and Faye DeVera also beat Perico and Hiebaso 8-1.

"The doubles game is getting better," DeVera said. "It felt much better today than in California. The balls out here weren't coming at us nearly as fast, and it gives a lot more room to think about what to do."

Despite the overwhelming ASU victory, Long Beach State was happy with its showing in the match and plans to use it for improvement.

"It's a great opportunity for the team to come down here to play," 49er head coach Jenny Hill said. "These are matches that we don't usually see a lot of. We use it as a gauge to see what it takes for players on the team to get to the level of those on this Sun Devil team."

"(Long Beach State) played really hard," ASU's Karin Palme said. "They tried everything on every ball and never gave up."

Men to face Badgers

The Sun Devil men's team will hit the road to face off against 63rd-ranked Wisconsin this weekend.

The Badgers have won three straight dual matches, most recently sweeping

ASU looks for revenge

BY DOUG FLANAGAN
STATE PRESS

Saturday's game against arch-rival UofA will represent much more than the dawn of the P.C. (post-Conor's birth) era for head coach Charli Turner Thorne and ASU women's basketball squad.

And the team definitely knows it. "The baby has been here for nine months, essentially, (but) certainly it's been a more

prevalent factor the last couple of weeks," assistant coach Mark Lewis said about Turner Thorne's first child, Conor, who was born on Tuesday. "The players rolled with it. They'll all be thrilled to see the baby for the first time and all that, but at the same time we (have) a job to do and we'll be able to do that, and Charli will be right square in the middle of it."

For Turner Thorne, who returned to practice on Thursday afternoon after being released from Chandler Regional Hospital at 11 a.m., a win would not only top off what would be one of the most memorable weeks in her life, but give her team its 11th win (it had 10 all of last season) and avenge a 70-61 loss to UofA in Tucson on Jan. 16.

In that game, ASU turned the ball over 27 times due to heavy pressure applied by the Wildcats' defense and poor shooting (31 percent from the field in the first half). The Sun Devils had a 17-8 lead midway through the first half, but UofA shot 56 percent in the second half to pick up the victory.

"I think more about the end of the game than the beginning of the game, because that's where it's decided and obviously we didn't get the decision we wanted," Turner

Thorne said. "We really let up at the end."

By winning both a blowout (an 80-66 win over the Cougars) and a nailbiter (a 72-69 overtime victory over the Huskies) last weekend, the Sun Devils will take the court on Saturday with a healthier mental attitude, according to freshman forward Theresa Jantzen.

"I think we got momentum from those two games," she said. "(They did) so much for our team. It's pulled us together. We got lots of confidence now."

The Wildcats have won six of their last seven games, dating back to the win over ASU in Tucson. Included in that run is a 78-74 win over then-No. 25 Oregon on Jan. 21 and, most recently, home wins over Washington and Washington State.

Head coach Joan Bonvicini said her young team's ever-evolving realization of what it takes to play Pac-10 basketball has been the reason for the surge.

"Number one, we've played a tough schedule, and that's hurt

us as far as overall record (goes) a little bit," she said, "but it's helped us as far as quality play. The past month, our freshmen have really matured and they understand a lot more about what's expected and what to do. We're playing very good basketball right now."

Despite the fact that ASU has failed to post a victory against UofA since the 1992-93 season, the Sun Devils believe they can make Conor's first game one to remember.

"We feel pretty good about ourselves," Turner Thorne said. "Now, the challenge for us is to keep coming. We beat one team ahead of us in the standings, and now we need to beat another one."

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Lisa Griffith, 5-6 jr. 9.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg	Leaf Newman, 5-9 so. 10.4 ppg, 3.8 rpg
Angela Lackey, 5-6 jr. 13.6 ppg, 4.9 rpg	Theresa Jantzen, 6-3 fr. 8.7 ppg, 5.1 rpg
Elizabeth Pickney, 6-3 fr. 12.0 ppg, 5.8 rpg	Rachel Holt, 6-3 jr. 10.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg

back court	
Julie Brase, 5-9 fr. 6.7 ppg, 2.6 rpg	Kitch Kitchen, 5-7 jr. 6.9 ppg, 3.8 rpg
Felicity Willis, 5-7 jr. 12.2 ppg, 5.8 rpg	Natalie Tucker, 5-9 so. 7.9 ppg, 5.3 rpg



Jeremy Hein of the State Press

Faye DeVera and her doubles partner Celena McCoury easily dispatched of their Long Beach State opponents 8-1 on Thursday. The Sun Devils won the match 9-0 against the Bulldogs.

DePaul 7-0. They are led by senior Mark Loughrin, who is currently ranked fourth the country. Loughrin is 2-1 in dual matches so far this year, and most recently played in the National Rolex Indoor Championships, where he lost in the second round after beating ASU's Gustavo Marcaccio in the first.

"(Loughrin) is a great tennis player," ASU head coach Lou Belken said, "and when the guy on the top of your roster is that good, it does a lot for the rest of

your team. He beat (Marcaccio) in the indoors, but he's played some great ball on slow courts as well."

Marcaccio is expected to once again face Loughrin on the No. 1 court. Marcaccio, who is more used to the slow court style of play, is looking forward to the opportunity to play Loughrin again at home.

"We'll see what happens," Marcaccio said. "I'm excited to play him again, and I'm going to do the best I can to beat him this time."

Challenge looms for grapplers

BY SAM GANCZARUK
STATE PRESS

The ASU wrestling team has a big challenge this weekend at Fresno State and Iowa State. The team will be challenged at Fresno tonight by a tough WAC team, and the Cyclones are ranked sixth in the country.

Head coach Lee Roy Smith feels his team is ready to wrestle.

"These are tough teams at their place. Fresno has several individuals that have national caliber," Smith said. "We need to go to Fresno and be consistent. We got our lineup, for the most part, intact. We need to wrestle like we are trained to wrestle."

Erik Larkin will wrestle for the first time since he hurt his ribs against Wyoming.

"I am in shape. I just have to get my timing back a little bit. It's not too bad," Larkin said. "I am ready to go. I gotta win — it's a big match."

Smith feels that Larkin is ready to wrestle, too.

"He'll be fine," Smith said. "He is experienced enough to bounce back."

In addition, Erik Gladish will be relaxing himself with his special form of motivation. "I got my Mexican music," Gladish said. "I feel I am physically prepared. I am mentally prepared. I believe, expect and deserve to win."

He will wrestle Donny Rider tonight. "He gives away his left foot," Gladish said, "so I am just going to attack it on offense."

Steve Blackford has kept an eye on this weekend ever since he was defeated by Iowa State earlier in the year.

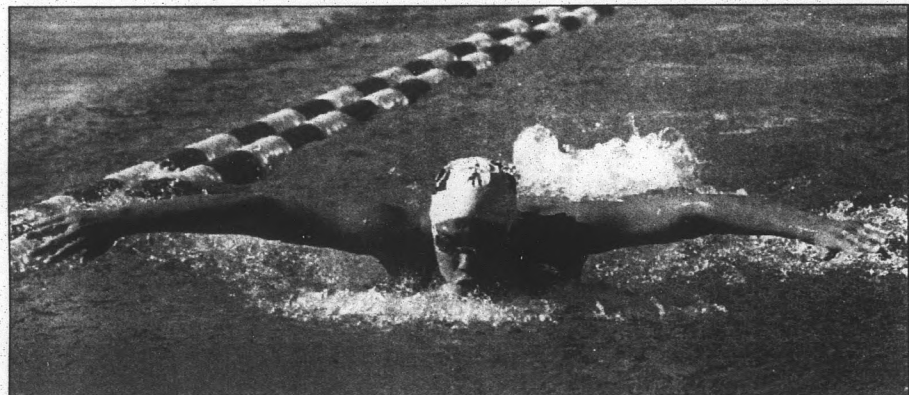
"I've been training hard for them," Blackford said. "It is not going to happen again."

Smith has full faith in his team to wrestle its best this weekend.

"(Fresno) wrestle well at home," Smith said. "I don't think there is a guy on the team that can't win their match. It is going to be a dogfight in Fresno, but we can't overlook Fresno."

Wrestling

on the mats	
Tonight at 8	
ASU vs. Fresno State	
(8-6-1, 2-1-1 Pac-10)	
the coaches	
Lee Roy Smith	Dennis DeLiddo
the players	
#7 Matt Azevedo (So., 21-9)	125 #1 Steven Abas (So., 28-1)
#4 Eric Larkin (Fr., 19-2)	133 Stan Greene (Sr., 2-0)
Mark Perryman (Jr., 13-5)	141 Jonte Davis (Jr., 7-13)
#17 Quinn Foster (So., 20-8)	149 Darrick Duran (Fr., 9-15)
Jose Moreno (Jr., 8-20)	157 Tim Cornish (Jr., 19-8)
#10 Steve Blackford (So., 20-9)	165 Matt Demers (So., 12-3)
John Groundwater (Fr., 3-9)	174 Dan Jackson (Fr., 16-13)
#5 Casey Strand (Sr., 27-3)	184 Michael Mellor (So., 5-14)
Erik Gladish (Fr., 1-4)	197 Demetrist Huff (Sr., 20-8)
Randy Leydecker (Jr., 9-16)	WWT Dave Wheeler (Sr., 10-11)



Samaruddin Stewart of the State Press

Freshman Sarah Baham and the rest of the ASU swimming team will head to Tucson this weekend to face UofA.

Swimmers face UofA; coaches reunite

BY JOE MANTONE
STATE PRESS

Old friends and old rivals will reunite at the Hillenbrand Aquatic Center in Tucson.

UofA swimming and diving coach Frank Busch and ASU's coach, Michael Chasson, first became friends when Chasson assisted at Stanford ten years ago.

"It's hard to imagine, but we became closer when Mike was on the other side of the country," said Busch about the seven years (1991-97) Chasson spent coaching at Harvard.

Although Saturday's contest at 1 p.m. will be the inaugural dual meet with UofA for Chasson, he has seen and kept up with the Wildcat coach.

"We've talked a lot," ASU's first-year coach said. "And we saw them at a meet at USC (Nov. 13), and in Texas."

At the Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Tex., (Dec. 4-6) both UofA and ASU enjoyed success.

"Most of our guys qualified for the NCAA in Texas," said Busch, who watched his team record 17 qualifying times in 13 events that weekend. "A lot

of their guys qualified there too."

ASU senior Francisco Sanchez swam NCAA qualifying times at the Longhorn Invitational. This meet marks the last UofA-ASU matchup for Sanchez.

"I won't be sorry to see him go," Busch said. "In my mind he's one of the best swimmers ever at ASU. He really helps make these dual meets fun."

Chasson used other words to describe the Wildcat and Sun Devil feud.

"At times there has been a little bit of a bitter rivalry," he said. "Hopefully it will be a good rivalry more than a bitter one. It does mean a little more because it's the last dual meet, and the last test before the conference championship. Plus the fact that they're good adds to it."

The Wildcats are good. The women's team (9-1) is No. 2 in the nation, and Chasson said it has a chance of winning the national title. The UofA men's team (3-6) ranks sixth in the country.

"It's a solid rivalry between UofA and ASU. We're really looking for some good swims," Chasson said. "I know the coaches respect each other. Let's just hope the swimmers respect each other."

ASU women golfers place 2nd in Calif.

BY CLINT CURRIE
STATE PRESS

In the stormy conditions that Palos Verdes, Calif., had to offer, the ASU women's golf team finished in second place at the SMU/OSU Challenge.

"The course was playing long," said Jody Niemann, who, along with Grace Park, led the team with a 227. "It is an elevated course — a lot of hills, and the wind coming off the ocean. Coupled with the rain, it (was) difficult."

ASU, after leading after two rounds, shot a 319 in the final round. But Georgia's final round of 299 enabled the Bulldogs to surpass ASU. UofA and USC tied for third place and were just one stroke behind the Sun Devils.

Niemann and Park tied for eighth overall at 14-over. Tui Selvaratnam tied for 12th at 16-over with 229 total shots.

In addition, Keri Cornelius was 34-over and freshman Caroline Laurens shot 20-over in her first collegiate tournament.

"Caroline got her feet wet — literally," head coach Linda Vollstedt said.

After a difficult fall, ASU is ready to make a run to defend its national title. Vollstedt is in charge again after a serious knee injury that often kept her from traveling with the team.

"It was nice to have coach out there again," Niemann said. "She's really getting around better."

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Showdown for supremacy

BY CHRIS CARLOCK
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The 10th-ranked UCLA Bruins gymnastics team comes to town tonight to face the ninth-ranked Sun Devils.

Both teams were the Pac-10's sole representatives at the NCAA Super Six Team Finals the past two years. In 1997, UCLA won the championship by edging out ASU by three-tenths of a point. Last season, UCLA placed fifth and ASU sixth.

Although Stanford is ranked ahead of the Sun Devils and Bruins, head coach John Spini thinks UCLA is still the leader of the Pac-10.

"Right now, if you put them all on paper," he said, "then I think UCLA is still the one to beat."

ASU (3-1) is coming off its first loss of the season, a 194.150-193.175 defeat at Oregon State. The Sun Devils again had troubles on the balance beam, but for the first time this season, it caught up with them. ASU suffered four falls on the beam for the third time in four meets. It's a trend that must come to an end if ASU is to have a chance against UCLA.

"We were pretty aggressive on three events and we went over to balance beam and didn't have our rhythm going," Spini said. "I think it's pretty important for our first kid to get off to a good start (on the balance beam) and not have to put pressure on that second kid, which would really help."

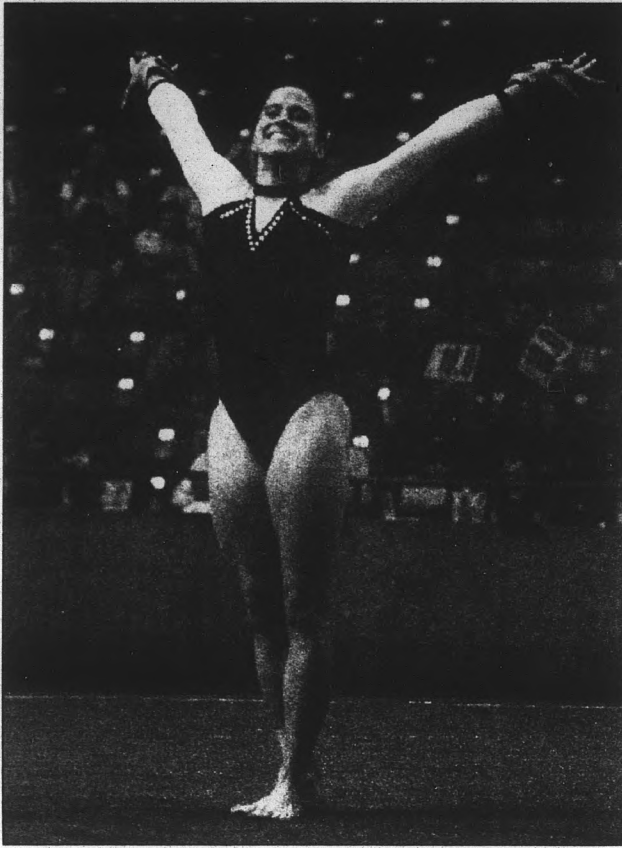
If there were a way the Sun Devils could eliminate the beam, they might do it.

ASU is coming off a season high 48.50 on the uneven bars with junior Elizabeth Reid and senior Wendy Ellsberry posting career-best scores. The vault has been a solid point for the Sun Devils all season long, and despite a season-low floor exercise in Corvallis, ASU has been stellar on the floor for most of the year.

The Sun Devils will have to be stellar all around to beat the Bruins.

"I think UCLA is going to be very hard to beat," Spini said. "We are going to have to hit all 24 of our sets."

The Bruins (7-3) are coming off an upset of fifth-ranked Penn State. But their score wasn't enough to overtake host



Elizabeth McNabb and the rest of the ASU gymnastics team will take on UCLA tonight at 7 at Wells Fargo Arena.

Jeremy Hein of the State Press

Stanford in the three team meet.

UCLA leads the all-time series vs. ASU 25-20. But the Sun Devils have won six of the seven dual meets between the two since 1980.

No. 6 track team returns to NAU

BY JOE MANTONE
STATE PRESS

With the time before the NCAA Championships running thin, the ASU track team will be running thin air.

Saturday, the Sun Devils will travel to Flagstaff's Walkup Skydome — which is 6,888 feet above sea level — to compete against NAU and UofA. This meet will be ASU's only dual contest of the indoor season.

"For a lot of our athletes it's only their second meet," ASU head coach Greg Kraft said. "So even though we're winding down, they've only had a couple of chances to qualify (for the NCAA)."

After this weekend, two championship meets (MPSF and the USATF) remain on the Sun Devils' regular season schedule before the NCAA (March 5-6).

"We don't have a conference championship," Kraft said. "So we don't have that opportunity to improve our times. But obviously we've had some people get off to a great start."

The Sun Devils' men's team has gotten off to a great start. In the latest *Trackwire* Power Rankings, the Sun Devils rank sixth in the nation, tied with LSU and the Wildcats. *Trackwire* also named ASU sophomore Marcus Brunson as its athlete of the week.

"Those things are great," Kraft said. "Going into NAU, we just want to get personal bests and hopefully some people to qualify."

Senior Dawnyell Linder could hit NCAA automatic times in the 50- and 200-meter events, Kraft said. Also, the men's and women's team each has a jumper that could qualify.

"We would like to get Dwight Phillips moved up in the long jump, and he's capable in the triple jump," Kraft said. "We'd like to see Fiona Daly get the qualifier."

Daly cleared the NCAA provisional height (5-foot, 10 3/4 inches) in the high jump at last weekend's Cyclone Classic in Ames, Iowa.

ASU prepares for Pac-10 season by facing Lobos

BY NICK PIECORO
STATE PRESS

It's fitting that New Mexico's first nine games are in Arizona — it's its home away from home.

Sporting a team that features nine players with Arizona ties, head coach and Tucson native Rich Alday's team comes into the weekend's series against ASU with a 1-5 record. The Lobos dropped two of three to Grand Canyon before being swept last weekend by UofA, where Alday caught for one year.

The series begins at 7 tonight, with sophomore Chad Pennington (2-1, 2.10 ERA) taking the mound for the Sun Devils. He'll be opposed by New Mexico's Brad Messer (0-2, 12.96).

The Sun Devils themselves recently were swept. Fourth-ranked Florida State won 4-1, 11-4 and 7-5 last weekend.

ASU coach Pat Murphy isn't going to worry too much about the sweep, though. The pre-Pac-10 games are there for fine-tuning purposes prior to the games that really count.

"We're still searching. We're not a good team yet," Murphy said. "We're just inexperienced. We haven't done a whole lot."

"In any early games, you've got inexperienced teams. We're trying to find ourselves, trying to be resilient."

There are three full weeks before the start of the Pac-10 season, and almost a month before the heart of the conference schedule begins.

ASU shortstop Willie Bloomquist said that after playing Florida State, the Sun Devils learned that they could play with anyone.

"It's not like we got blown out in any of those games," he said. "We had every opportunity to win every game."

New Mexico, picked by *Baseball America* to finish second in the WAC, isn't a pushover, no matter what its record suggests.

"I think New Mexico's very good," Murphy said. "Their record doesn't show it yet, but they played UofA very tough two out of three. It's their whole season to beat ASU."

on deck

ASU Sun Devils (11-3)
vs. New Mexico Lobos (1-5)

7 p.m., Packard Stadium;
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TV: COX Sports will broadcast Friday's game

Pitching matchups:

Fri., 7 p.m.: RHP Chad Pennington (2-1, 2.10) vs. RHP Brian Messer (0-2, 12.96)

Sat., 1 p.m.: LHP Will Waldrip (3-1, 1.86) vs. LHP Eddie Miguez (0-1, 15.00)

Sun., 1 p.m.: LHP Jon Switzer (2-1, 5.29) vs. LHP Mike Albers (0-0, 6.97)

Quick hits:

Arizona State: The Sun Devils have yet to allow an opponent to score in the first inning... Jay Sitzman leads the team with 14 stolen bases in as many games... Freshman infielder Gonzo Grasis has had surgery on his left wrist and likely will miss the rest of the season... Head Coach Pat Murphy was honored as *Baseball America's* 1998 Coach of the Year... The Sun Devils own a 96-19 edge over the Lobos in the all-time series. Last season, the teams split a pair of games.

New Mexico: The Lobos are on a four-game losing skid... New Mexico is 3-13 against ASU when the Sun Devils are ranked in *Baseball America's* top 25... Right-hander Vance Bonner (0-0, 0.00) could get Sunday's start over Mike Albers... The Lobos were swept in three games last weekend in Tucson by UofA...

Lon Yamaguchi and Mark Okano have been the Lobos' "Hawaiian Hitmen." Yamaguchi has started slow, hitting just .148 after six games... Senior centerfielder Mike Campbell went 8-for-11 against UofA with a homerun, double and three stolen bases.

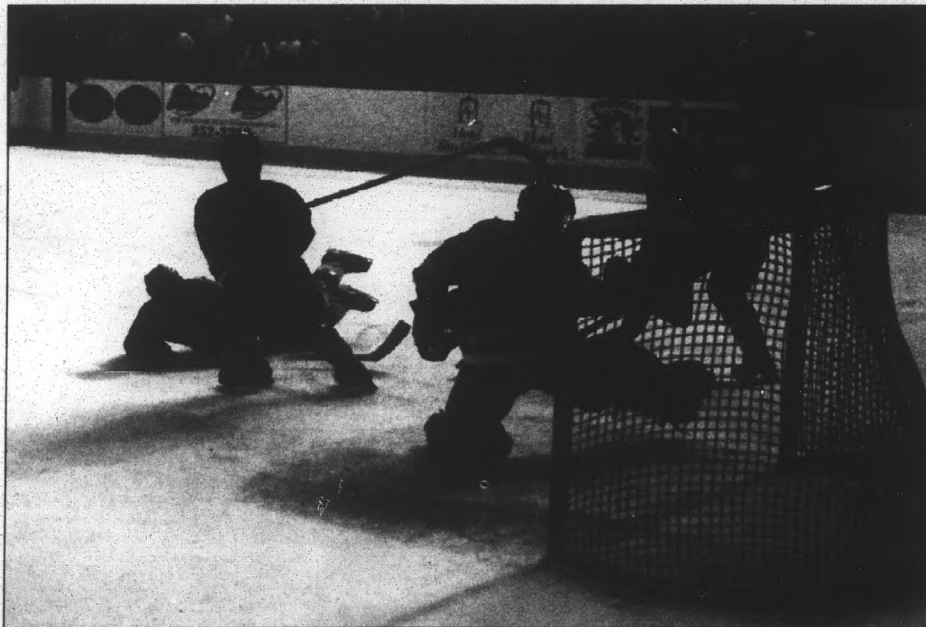
Scouting Report:

Name: Will Waldrip
Position: Pitcher
Age: 20
Height: 6'2" Weight: 190
Bats: Left Throws: Left
High school/transfer:
Beigham Young
University

Will has flirted with no-hitters in his first two starts at ASU.



—compiled by Percy Edulino, Jr.; graphic by Alyson Hurr of the State Press



The ASU hockey team will need more goals like this one against UofA this weekend in Los Angeles.

Hyun Dong Lim of the State Press

Hockey team ready for Bruins, Trojans

BY CLINT CURRIE
STATE PRESS

The Sun Devil hockey team will take its 4-10-1 record to Los Angeles this weekend to face off against UCLA on Friday and USC on Saturday.

ASU is coming off two tough losses to UofA, 5-4 and 6-2, two weeks ago and needs to put a little light in a dark season. With only four games left in the season, the seniors are in the sunset of their collegiate careers.

"I've got four games left. I'm going to enjoy playing this weekend," center Jeff Kennedy said. "It hasn't really hit home yet. I think (against) UofA it will. Basically, we've got a better program. We have to just go out there and play."

Both UCLA and USC are in the Pac-8,

which is the Pac-10 minus ASU and UofA. The Pac-8 sponsors Division II teams while ASU and UofA are in Division I. Because of that, the competition is not as stiff.

"Hockey hasn't hit out there yet. They just don't have the quality players," defenseman Tim Jolley said. "We're going to play hard and win two games. Also, we're going to give ice time to the guys who haven't gotten it."

For ASU, the plan right now is to play hard, enjoy Los Angeles and get ready for the season finale in Tucson.

"These games don't mean a quarter of what the following weekend will (UofA)," Jolley said.

ASU plays UofA in Tucson 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19-20 in the Tucson Convention Center.

POISED FOR SUCCESS...

Wins, discipline go hand-in-hand for ASU men's basketball coach Rob Evans

BY PERCY EDNALINO JR.
STATE PRESS

Twenty-four men gathered in a semicircle around the grim-faced man in the maroon and black Nike warmup suit. Like soldiers at attention, they waited, seemingly forever, for him to give them instructions.

Sweat dripped off their bodies, yet no one spoke or fidgeted — at least, no one *dared* to. The man removed his eyeglasses, and twirled them in his left hand.

He intentionally made them wait. If they wanted to become winners, then they needed to learn patience and discipline.

Winning and discipline — two of the many reasons the man was brought to ASU. Discipline, especially, is something he wants to instill into these men.

After a few minutes, he finally spoke in the manner that a father would use to his own sons: "Don't forget your studies during this trip. And bring your books!"

And with that, the ASU men's basketball team concluded practice. The next day, the team would board a plane and head for games against Washington and Washington State.

As he does at the end of every practice, Head Coach Rob Evans lectured his team about the things they would have to do to become winners. For the ASU basketball team, Evans and his coaching staff are their surrogate parents. For the 52-year-old Evans, basketball is more than just the practices and games played — it's about building traits that endure long after a player's career is over.

It's also about discipline. It's *always* about discipline.

Wins and losses aside, Evans said his goal as a coach is to empower his players with a sense of self-discipline.

"I think the most

important thing a coach can do is to make sure his young men mature," he added. "The only way you can do that is through discipline. There's a certain amount of accountability that each individual has to have. I think it's imperative that each young man knows that. I don't think anybody can be successful unless you have self-discipline."

A NO-NONSENSE COACH

Evans, who was hired by ASU Athletic Director Kevin White on April 7, 1998, has taken over a program that hasn't seen much success in nearly two decades. In the 1990s, it's been a program that has made more headlines for its players' exploits off the court than for dazzling plays on the court.

It's those off-the-court exploits that ASU athletic officials want to bury: A phone-card scam. The arrests of two players for theft. And a point-shaving scandal that has had an enduring impact on the Sun Devils' entire athletic department.

"He's the perfect fit," White said. "I can't imagine anyone being a better fit than Rob Evans."

Evans already has made a positive impact on both the team and the public with his no-nonsense, scared-straight/tough love approach. It's a sharp departure from the way former Sun Devil head coach Bill Frieder ran things.

Gone is the sloppy, baggy appearance of ASU's players on the court. It's a rule Evans follows as well. At court-side, Evans is an impeccable dresser. During games, his double-breasted suit coat stays buttoned and his alligator-skin loafers keep a brilliant shine. His appearance is another sharp contrast to Frieder's frazzled, frenetic sense of fashion.

If the University of Arizona's Lute Olson is considered the Cary Grant of college basketball, then Evans is Sidney Poitier.

When players are representing the team in public, hats are not allowed and shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Even his son, 25-year-old Damon, is required to tuck his shirt in when in his parents' presence.

As for his players wearing earrings? Forget it. Only his wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Amber, are exempt from that rule.

There are, too, the days when players skip classes. As long as Evans is on the job, ASU players will be required to attend class. They will not be neglected on road trips; neither will they be.

"It's not somebody pushing you," said ASU forward Anson Mount, this year's *Playboy* Anson-Mount Schoolboy Award winner. "It's good to have everybody in class. It's about doing the right thing."

Evans wants players who also want to be students. He wants the players to graduate with a degree. If they're not, for other reasons, then they don't belong on the team. For Evans, a player who gets drafted by the NBA is receiving a reward for following Evans' rules and regulations.

"I don't want any kid coming in here thinking that he's going to make the pros," Evans said. "The percentages tell us that only a few who make it to the NBA are not going to make it."

Evans wants to become a pro star after playing for four years. He wants you to earn your degree — even if the school is not going to escort you to class. Senior forward Anson Mount learned that lesson the hard way.

Mount put himself in academic peril earlier this season. He missed the first eight games. Batiste's performance would have progressed further had it not been for the intervention of Evans and his staff. Now Mount has developed the discipline to keep him in good academic standing on the team. He's no Anson-Mount Schoolboy Award winner like his teammate Lazor, but he's taking his classes seriously now.

"There are days when kids don't want to go to class because they don't feel like it," Evans said. "But there are days when I don't feel like going to work. But I've got to go.

Regardless of how you feel, you've got to (go to class) because it's a responsibility that you have."

Evans added that he feels "obligated" to his players' parents to keep them out of trouble.

"When those parents sent their kids here, they're saying, 'you are the parent away from home and you're responsible,'" he said. "So whatever needs to be done, then we need to do it."

Punctuality and respect also are required by Evans.

He won't tolerate goofing off or distractions from players during practices or games. Senior guard Eddie House said the coach takes a business-like approach to basketball that everyone on the team has adopted gladly.

"Everybody knows what we have to do and what we have to get done in order to get wins," House said. "Be serious about it because it's business. Just get the wins. I think that's a tribute to the coach."

House added that Evans' hard-nosed approach has been helpful in transforming the team. This season, the Sun Devils have compiled a 13-11 record (5-7 in the Pac-10). The losses haven't been blowouts, either. Five of ASU's losses have been by four points or less. And two of those close losses have been in overtime.

"It helped mature not only myself, but other basketball players on this team," House said of the coach's no-nonsense attitude. "It's helped us come into practice more focused, come into games more focused and get more done. We're winning. We could always have a few more wins on our side, but we're going to get those. We're going to get it done."

But Lazor said Evans still maintains a sense of fairness when he's enforcing his tenets of discipline and responsibility.

"He doesn't yell at people and he doesn't demean people, but his presence just commands respect," Lazor said. "It gets him things done the way he wants them done."

Evans said: "To hear him say that makes me feel good because he's a kid that I've only known for less than a year."

But the structure and discipline Evans requires his players to adhere to isn't entirely related to basketball. He said he considers himself more than just a coach. White called him a "professor of life lessons."

"I'm going to win ball games and I'm going to lose some ball games," Evans said. "But that's not the ultimate for me. That stuff (wins and losses) goes away. It's superficial. But whenever I see kids that are struggling and then I see them start to mature, like Eddie House, I feel great. My being here is not in vain."

In many ways, Evans has become more of a mentor and father than a coach to ASU's players. But his basketball "family" extends beyond the confines of ASU.

A HIT AT OLE MISS

Evans came to ASU after spending six seasons as head coach at the University of Mississippi. He shakes his head sorrowfully when talking about the early days at Ole Miss.

"That was the toughest assignment that I ever encountered," he said slowly, as if mentioning the school exhausted him. "There were so many things that needed to be done there. I don't think you'll find a tougher situation than that."

When he accepted the job at Ole Miss in March 1992, he took over a program that had the worst all-time record of any team playing in the Southeastern Conference. The university's basketball facilities were in disarray, its administration wasn't overly cooperative with Evans at first and its students were apathetic toward the program.

"The fans at Mississippi had been disappointed for a long, long time," he said. "They were waiting for something to happen that they could get excited about. But everytime they got ready to get excited, things went the other way."

"They were waiting for us to really do something. Once we did it, they really got behind our program."

Changes weren't slow to come after Evans arrived and became the first black coach in the heart of Dixie. He slowly became a household name in the deep South.

His first four years with the Rebels were eventful. His team managed a sweep of rival Mississippi State and pulled out wins against Louisiana State, an NCAA Tournament participant, and Alabama, which went to the NIT

“What he did at the University of Mississippi is nothing short of phenomenal. He took the doormat of the SEC and turned it into a contender.”

Kevin White,
ASU Athletic Director



He was not ASU's first choice, but men's basketball coach Rob Evans has been called "a doormat" by ASU Athletic Director Kevin White.

Tournament. In the SEC Tournament, Ole Miss upset Florida, 67-62. Just six games earlier, Florida had won, 94-47.

The 1993-94 season was Ole Miss's first winning season since 1986-87. The Rebels finished 14-13 and kept on improving. Four years after Evans took over at Ole Miss, the school earned its first at-large invitation to the NCAA Tournament.

Ole Miss's turnaround under Evans has been called a "miracle" by many of his coaching colleagues.

"What he did at the University of Mississippi is nothing short of phenomenal," White said. "He took the doormat of the SEC and turned it into a contender."

Evans chalks up his success at Ole Miss to the fact that he considers himself a sore loser.

"I'm a competitor and I think my kids appreciate that," he said. "I don't like losing at anything. Whether it's losing a recruit, whether it's losing a ball game or whether it's losing an argument. But I'm also realistic."

Evans said guiding ASU to a national championship is realistic. It's already happened to ASU's southern neighbor and archrival, the UofA.

When Evans took over at ASU, the program wasn't in as dire need as the one he inherited at the Ole Miss. At ASU, he's starting out with better players, like House, Lazor and Batiste.

"I think we do have an opportunity to win conference titles," he said. "When you win conference championships, then that means that you are one of the better teams in the nation."

It's the work he did at Ole Miss that prompted some high praise from his new boss, Athletic Director White.

"Coaches talk about programs and jobs and rebuilding jobs," White said when he introduced Evans as the Sun Devils' new coach. "Rob did not rebuild the Ole Miss program — he built the program."

Building the program won't be required of Evans. Rebuilding and solidifying it, however, will occupy most of Evans' time at ASU.

Ironically, as perfect as Evans seems for the task at hand, he wasn't ASU's first choice as coach. That honor belonged to the sweater-wearing, plump coach at the University of Utah, Rick Majerus.

After Frieder resigned from ASU in the fall of 1997, White immediately began a search for a prospective replacement. Evans was among the 15 candidates up for the job. So was Majerus.

But as the search droned on, White realized that Majerus wouldn't leave Utah.

It paved the way for Evans, who was seeking a means to relocate west.

White said he's had a unique opportunity to evaluate Evans. White's son, Michael, was recruited by Ole Miss and played under Evans. Ironically, it was Michael White who became the future Sun Devil coach's biggest advocate. Michael White even went as far as to tell his father that he "was nuts if he didn't hire Rob."

Kevin White knew then that Evans was the man for the job.

"It was kind of karmic," Kevin White said. "It sounds corny, I know. But I just knew we would work it out."

EVANS'S ODYSSEY

But Evans' hardships and tribulations began long before his head coaching career began at Ole Miss. The son of a minister, Evans picked cotton alongside his mother, Gladys, and six brothers and sister. It's from his mother that Evans learned discipline and hard work.

But it was basketball that taught him patience and character. During his senior year, Evans was a starting forward

on his high school team in Hobbs, N.M., in 1964 — his first year on the varsity.

It was his slow development as a player in high school that prompted Evans to play collegiate ball at Lubbock Christian, a junior college in Lubbock, Texas.

At Lubbock, Evans was one of only three black players on Lubbock's squad. There were times when his white teammates had to bring back food for the three because of the racial tensions that prevailed in the '60s.

After spending the 1964-66 seasons in Lubbock, Evans turned down an offer to attend Baylor University and become the first black athlete at a Southwest Conference school. He didn't want to be a racial symbol. He just wanted to play basketball and go to school. Instead, he transferred to New Mexico State. He helped lead the Aggies to the NCAA Tournament in both his seasons there.

After being graduated from New Mexico State with a bachelor's degree in education, Evans

was hired as an assistant coach by Lou Henson, his head coach with the Aggies.

Evans left New Mexico State in 1975 to take a position as an assistant at Texas Tech. Any ambitions Evans had of one day becoming a head coach were put on hold when he accepted the job — he spent 15 years with the Red Raiders.

As he did in high school, where he patiently waited for his turn to play on the varsity, Evans patiently waited for his shot at becoming a head coach. He left Texas Tech in 1990 to take an assistant's job at Oklahoma State. Two years later, he hit the big time: his first head coaching gig.

The strict disciplinarian side of Evans is a result of his patience, hard work and hardships. But there's another side to Rob Evans.

THE SOFTER SIDE

The lighter side of Evans is frequently seen away from the court. It's the side that enjoys grilling hamburgers for his family after games. It's the side that compels him to be the surrogate father for his players and to check up on them — even at their dorm rooms.

And it's a fatherly, caring side that wants his players to succeed off the court and wants his assistant coaches to become head coaches of their own programs.

House said Evans is easily accessible to his players. Evans requires that his players come by his office every day, if only to say "hi" — it's a policy Evans adopted while he was at Ole Miss.

"You can come in and talk to him about anything," House said. "Whatever you have going on in your life, you can talk to him about it and he's not going to hold any grudges. He's a really nice guy. I feel really comfortable with him."

On one day, Lazor peeked his head into Evans' office, which is located on the fifth floor of the Intercollegiate Athletics Building at Sun Devil Stadium. Lazor had stopped in just to say "hi." But what was supposed to be a brief, five-second visit turned into a five-minute discussion on what Lazor needed to work on during practice the day before the team's big game against the UofA in Tucson.

For Evans, the visits serve a dual purpose: to keep his players free from troubles off the court and to keep them focused for games and practices.

"I want to get a feel for what's going on in their lives today," the coach said. "I can see right there that Bobby's in pretty good spirits. (If) he comes in here and he's not like that, then I have to find out what's on his mind so that I can try to help him."

The visits also allow the players to see a different side of their coach — a side that's more relaxed and carefree. It's been a policy that has been positive for both players and head coach.

THE THREE 'D'S'

The word "Defense" appears on the backs of the shorts ASU's players wear during practice. On the backs of practice jerseys appear either the words "Dedication" or "Discipline."

Evans refers to those three words as the "Three D's." They're the main concepts his team needs to become winners.

"We're going to start clicking, and once we start clicking, we're going to start winning the games that we should be winning," House said. "Those close games that we've lost in the past? We'll be winning those."

Judging by the turnaround he pulled off at Ole Miss, House may not need to wait too long for the team to click. This season the Sun Devils possibly could secure an NCAA Tournament invitation.

Yet there is no timeline for when Evans wants to accomplish his goals at ASU. Evans said he has plenty of time to turn his team into champions and his players into mature, self-disciplined individuals.

"That's what his program is about: Discipline," House said. "You can't have a winning program without discipline."

Playing basketball at ASU is privilege, Evans said. It's a privilege that comes with a lot of responsibility and, yes, discipline.

"We're teaching life lessons," he said. "If they (the players) are going to be successful in life, then that (discipline) is what they've got to have. My experience has been that they appreciate it in the long run."

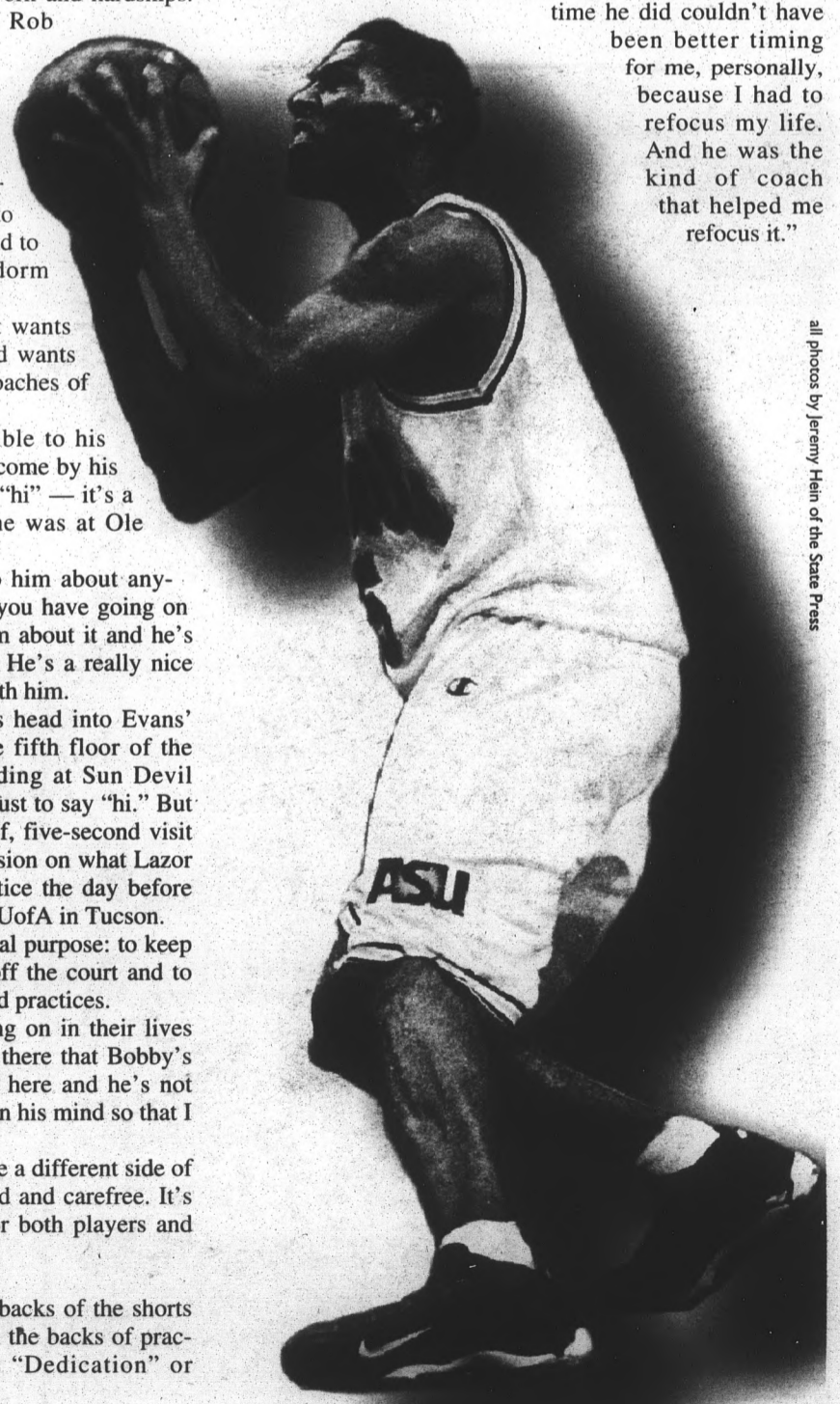
And how. House knows from experience the effects an infusion of discipline can make. In the fall of 1997, House and former player Reggie Hester were accused of allegedly stealing a portable compact disc player from Manzanita Hall. It

was that incident that proved to be the final blow for Evan's predecessor, Frieder. Now, under Evans' tutelage, House is one of the Pac-10's best, and has been the high scorer or shared that honor in 10 of the Sun Devils' 24 games this season.

"I made mistakes and I've lived and learned from them," House said. "I think having Coach Evans come in at the time he did couldn't have been better timing for me, personally, because I had to refocus my life. And he was the kind of coach that helped me refocus it."

"I'm a competitor and I think my kids appreciate that. I don't like losing at anything. Whether it's losing a recruit, whether it's losing a ball game or whether it's losing an argument. But I'm also realistic."

Rob Evans, on winning



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Bobby Lazor, ASU power forward

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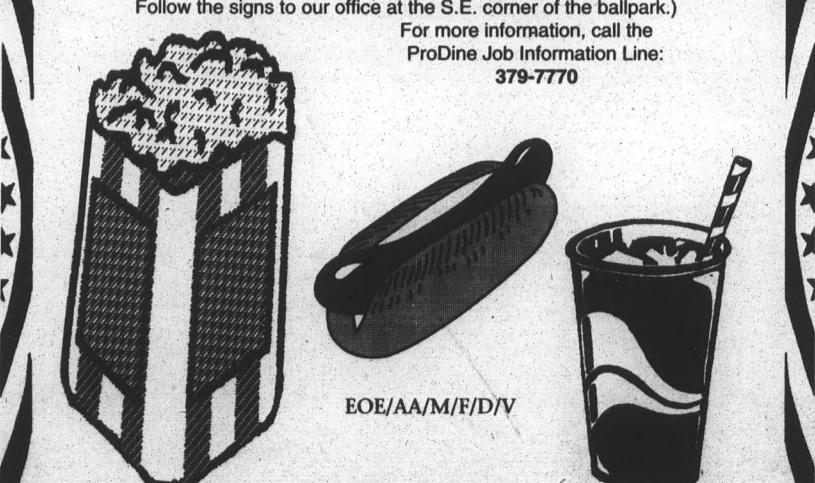
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ASTROLOGICAL FORECAST

by Sidney Omarr
Friday, February 12, 1999

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Climb is uphill, time on your side, refuse to be intimidated into making rash decision. Streamline procedures, perfect techniques, cooperate with Capricorn native.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Almost as if a bolt came out of the blue, some of your most intimate hopes, desires will be transformed into realities. Win friends, influence people, turn on Taurus charm.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Free yourself from unsavory situation. Steer clear of self-deception. See people, relationships as they are, not as you wish they could be. Aries, Pisces involved.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let go of tendency to brood — stress independence, make fresh start in new direction. Avoid heavy lifting, wear bright colors, let others know exactly how you feel.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Best procedure would be trial-and-error. Attention revolves around direction, motivation, marital status. Dinner tonight could feature broiled lobster. Capricorn involved.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Moon position relates to physical attraction, young people, experimentation. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play top roles. Gift received adds to wardrobe. Smile again.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be willing to revise, review, rewrite and to rebuild on more solid structure. You'll be dealing in durable goods, last word is yet to be received. Scorpio plays role.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your word will be influential where Libra is concerned. You'll receive written note complaining, "You never pay any attention to me!" Gemini, Virgo persons represented.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Financial dispute settled — in your favor. Fixtures, durable goods involved — you receive gift that includes luxury item, addition to wardrobe. Libra plays fascinating role.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sky is the limit. Key is to be discriminating, to insist on quality, no substitutes. Get out in the open, try hand at golf. Mysterious music will affect your mood.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be discreet concerning secret meeting. Spouse will congratulate, will appreciate element of surprise. You get results, meet and beat deadline. Cancer, Capricorn persons involved.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Long-term project near completion — don't stop now. Moon position highlights ability to win friends, influence people — do so with verve. Aries will play unusual role.
IF FEBRUARY 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have remarkable sense of humor, are versatile, possess intellectual curiosity. You are ultra-conscious concerning fashion, body image, ability to keep your figure attractive. Current cycle relates to where you live, major domestic issues, marital status. During March you will be rid of burden you had no cause to assume in first place. Gemini, Sagittarius play major roles in your life, these letters in names: C, L, U.
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VALENTINES



TO MY dearest soulmate Clyde, I wanted to use this Valentine's Day to let you know how much you truly mean to me. I never knew what love was until I met you. You have made my life complete. I also want to thank you (and God) for giving me the most beautiful son in the world. Sometimes I watch both of you sleep at night and I realize that I am the luckiest girl in the world! You are the greatest thing that has ever happened to me, and you make an awesome sidekick. Me and you against the world baby! Love always, Bonnie

A & W - How do I profess my love in 3 lines 3 bucks, when u r my whole kit & caboodle? 7up



I empty my soul of dreams that have gathered in me, and follow your soul as it leads. -W



LOVE is far too short 4 letters, too sparse to fill the deepness between us. -W



YOU glow in my heart like flames of countless candles. Forgive me when selfishness overturns the light. Don Juan

ADAM, I love you very much. Sorry I can't be with you on Valentine's Day. Ciao, Larry.

ANDREW: OFTEN, you may see me as a silly girl, with my head in the clouds and too many stars in my eyes. But that's only because you put me on a pedestal so high I've lost sight of the ground. But I'm not afraid to fall, because you've given my heart wings and made me feel like a fairy take princess who knows that her prince will always love and protect her unconditionally. You're my love, my angel, my best friend, and I love you so much. Happy Valentine's Day! Your sweetheart

ANGELA, HAPPY Valentines Day, I Love You! - Aaron

ANT, U bring smiles to my face, laughter to my voice, happiness to my heart, & the greatest love to my life.

B- I show my love every day of the week so what is it that I truly seek? I want to let you know in an extraordinary way that life with you takes my breath away. /R

BABE, LET'S free-fall out into nothing! I love you, Love Me!

BENJAMIN, HAPPY Valentine's Day! I love you! All my love, Me

BIG LOVE... you rock all day.

BOO, ROSES are red, violets are blue, here's a little something, I love you, Babs.

BROOKE- FIND your initials so plain to see, put the authors together and discover who truly loves thee.

CANUCK, I really like you! There I said it. I know that if God wants us to happen, He will work it out. With all my love, Ignorant American

VALENTINES

CAROL, YOU HAVE the brightest smile of anyone I know. Your jet black hair is the darkest of any midnights. You're amazing in your own way. Your modest expression says it all "I'm just me." All this I wish I could say with a tad more eloquence. Thanks for being yourself. - Shaun. "I will bring you water" #41 - DMB

CHRIS - HAPPY Valentine's Day spending time with you is always fun (even when we make dinner) Love, Rachel

CHRIS, WHEN I found you, my search ended. When we kissed, our love began. After all this time, you continue to amaze me. I adore you, Sammy.

CHRIS, YOU'RE w/me even when we're apart, b/c everytime U touch me, U touch my heart!

CLAUDIA, KARLA, Papo y Bolas - Happy "scrubbing" day. Enjoy this day fully, Love Anna

CLICK.

DADDY G - When we are old and grey, what's left to say, but that my only dream has come true, in my life I was loved by you. Love, mommy

DAISY, 3 years, 3 v-days, and 3 words - love, together, and forever - one we are in, two we always are, and three we will always be. Happy V-day! Love Richie

DAVID - MY love for you grows stronger every day! Happy Valentine's Day! 143 - Andrea

DAVID, WILL you be my Valentine? Britta

DEAR THELMA, I am holding back the break of dawn, just watching you sleeping in my arms. I let go of a new day hoping you will be my Valentine. E

DEAREST GINA, you are my first and last and my one and only true love. I love you with all of my heart and I always will. I'm so glad for your love and friendship. You mean the world to me. Always, Samuel

DEAREST JOHN, I love you more than anything! I am so proud of you! Happy Valentine's Day! Love always, your freaky monkey!

DURING THE years I walk with you. In deep lush forests along oceans of blue, on shores of warm glistening sand. To hear music from a distant string band, and when our time on earth is through, in heaven, too, you shall have my hand. Happy Valentine's Day.

EISBY, I have a secret crush on you. Your freckles are so cute. Love, Chad



ENGLISH MUFFIN, I love your nooks and crannies. Will you be my valentine? Love always, Big Poppa

EVEN THOUGH you don't have MO you're still my #1 team 4-ever Go Red Sox! Love Colin!

FLOOFERS, MY love, as we'll be apart on the day of my heart, the time I want to spend with you is now and forever always, i

FOREVER LOVE MM, as time takes us into the future, I will always have you in my dreams. You capture my heart. Please be my Valentine. . . Always. . . Tulip

VALENTINES

FRANCISCA, YOU have been a great joy to my life. I love you with all my heart. Love, your one and only, Benjamin

GAE HAPPY Gabe & Erin day! I love U so much! U mean the world to me! IDCY-HDILWY I love U Sundevil 4 life! Always! ODWBM!! Love, Bug.



NORTH, YOU'RE kind of bossy and sort of a control freak. That's why you're my C.E.O. Love, Brian



SOUTH, I like you way better than calculus. Love, Mike

HAPPY VALENTINE'S Day, my secret agent. I love you. Poophead

Winning Valentine

PUNKIE, YOU melt my heart, you soothe my nerves, I love your hazel eyes and your oh so sexy curves. You're having my baby, maybe two, we're going bankrupt, but what the hell I will always love you. Love Mookie

Winner of a night at The Phoenician

HEY JYLL Thomas. Hope you find true love this Valentine's Day, love your heart sis, Larissa



HEY MONKEY-BUTT! Happy V-Day! Sat. will be grand with ample sheets, candies & fondue. But Sun. will be memorable. I love you P. Cool hair dude. With greatest love, Pooh Bear

HEY NEN! Wuz up dog! Just wanted to wish you a happy V-day! Arf! Arf!

I DON'T think I've told you this before. Nothing excites me more than when you turn and look at me with those beautiful blue eyes from all others. I think you are so beautiful Cammie. Love Sal.

I HAVE something special to tell you regarding our love for each other, here's your Jerry Springer ticket!

I L U - I Love you, I W U - I want you, I M H U - I must have you

I LOVE you Cutie Pie! Forever your Angel.

INEZ, FROM London to Rome and everything in between, I found love, passion and romance. Italy will always be in our hearts. Ti amo, Dante.

VALENTINES



JEFFERY- "TO the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world." After all these years, you're still the only one I feel complete with, and who loves me no matter what. Happy Hearts Day, Dice. All my love, Jess.

JEREMY BRENT - Thank you for being my monkey. Love, Tiffany



TDL, HONEST, Sincere, and close friendships like ours are the prized possessions of the world, the secret of life and much desired by so many. Today I just wanted to remind you of how very special I think you are and how much you mean to me. I also want you to know that I'm quite aware of how very lucky and blessed I am to have gotten to know you. I miss you! KKT



TO MY Sweetest Bunkens: You are the one true love of my life. Every second of the last 5 years and 11 months has been the most fulfilling time of my life! Te amo mucho papasito.

K- HEAVEN is close and yet so far away - the longer I'm with you the closer I am to heaven every day - R.

K- NO matter where we are or what we do, no matter what day it is or how we feel, as long as the heavens exist and the stars shine true, I will forever and always be loving you. Z

KANDI, YOU'RE my shelter from the storm - Dave.

KIM, I miss you. I need you. I want you. I love you. Remember these things always, Jayson.

LITTLE BUTT. . . Happy Valentine's Day sweets! Thanks for all the love, laughter, fun & friendship. Love, Jen (aka Kook)

LITTLE DAWN: Would you like to bet \$20 on this Valentine's Day? Love, Jayson

LOVEBUG (EZH) - A single line can't express my love for you. Nor can an ad, an article, book, or novel. Words cannot express how much I love you, but I do. With all I am, I do. Hunebr

MAGNUS, YOU mean the world to me. Thank you for coming into my life, you will stay in my heart 4-ever. Happy 21st B-day & happy Valentines Day. XOXO, Amy

MARK, THANKS for 8 special months Your love has been my sweet gift. I love you to the moon and back. Love Kaylen

MIKE FROM Window Rock: A good deed from a stranger is appreciated. You are a wonderful guy. Thanks for your help in CSE 180. Vicki

MILL RAT - You are my favorite pastry white boy*. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, DG

MOM & DAD - You're the best!!! Love, Brian

MY DEAREST Frank, words can't express how happy I am since you came into my life. I only wish one day we will spend Valentine's Day as husband & wife. My heart 4E, Ti amo. Jay

VALENTINES

MY FLOUR- Your kisses are what I miss, but your not in Paris yet. You won't let me ask you in English and Frech you do not get, but I can't wait any longer to know if you will be mine for all time so: Ouldway Ouyay Arrymay Emay? Your Sun

MY SWEET Pooh Bear, Happy Valentines Day! Mancuso's is a romantic idea. U are my Romeo. How about dessert afterwards? *grin* I love U. XXOO Your Sweet Luscious Baby Love

NOT A moment goes by I don't think of my guy and I pray for all time he'll be my Valentine. Love Cadi.

PATRICK OF the clan Cormack, you take me higher, you're my yeah's burning desire, oh yeah you set my soul on fire! Mary

PEE, YOU complete me, Pooh.

REBECCA- YOU are the love of my life. I look forward to each and every day with you. Happy Valentine's Day! Love forever, John

RYAN, NO gifts, not even a flower. All I need is you to love and devour. Luv, Heather

S - THANKS for the B.J. The way you have brought joy into my life doesn't suck - C

SCHMOOPIE: 2 hearts separated by 2300 miles need not despair. 2 lives made 1 this June remind us: A day is but a breath in a lifetime that is soon ours together! I love you! Your Eve

SCULLY - X that other file. Spend V-day w/me - Zach

SHANNON - AFTER 3 wonderful years of shared memories and time together, the ones I enjoy the most are when we are doing nothing and I can stare into your beautiful eyes and say I love U! Scott.

SUNSHINE, WHY do I call you sunshine? You are the 1st thing I see in the morning and you brighten my day. I Love you, David

SWEET LAURA the sweetest thing for who it is my heart sings the godded of all who swing on a vine, please be my Valentine. I love you, your little love monkey Peanut 21

THIS ONLY as a beginning to be topped by nothing but you surprised ?? Deine B.! HVD



TO C.C. from E.C.. You told me to come visit on Super Bowl Sunday, the but the athlete in me took me so far away. Oh-how do I wish I had never left town, because in my search, you are no where to be found. I can only think about the plans made that day, but like footprints in sand, they get washed away. A picnic in the shade or a walk arm in arm, continuous thoughts as these does my heart harm. The man, not the athlete is willing this time to give hugs and kisses for my missing valentine.

TO MCG from Sever - Closure is important - I hope all your Valentine Days are happy days! Love, Happiness and Success forever!

TO MY Darling Jeanine: It hasn't been easy lately. Beneath it all we have something special. I think our love is worth it. I know you're worth it. I love you. Happy Valentines Day! Stuffie

TO MY darling Valentine, although we're far apart, you're forever in my heart. I send you all my love on this sad day of mine.

VALENTINES

TO MY favorite officer...you make my sirens wail, and my heart go 911 whenever you're in my station. Love, Badge Bunny (Princess)

TO MY favorite tool: I'm pretty sure I want you to be mine! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Your bad fish

TO MY Honneynunny pumkinhead: Love is you! Happy Valentine's Day! Love your honneynunny.

TO MY little burrito, I like you a lot! Your stinky, love Skunk.

TO MY lovely wife whom I love more than anything. Know that I will be thinking of you this Valentine's Day. Know that I often pray that God will keep you safe and happy. Know that I want nothing more than to make sure that each day of your life is filled with love and joy. Know that I eagerly await the day that we meet for the first time. Your loving husband.

TO MY one and only, my heart is yours to keep! May I have yours? Love, You know!!!

TO MY Orangutan man, I go ape wild over your hairy butt! I love you! Your cutie Panda

TO MY rollergirl and future ex-wife number five, Ruthie: Happy Valentine's Day and thanks for being there through all my scandals and affairs. Your future ex-husband and daddy, Ken :-)

TRICIA - DOTTIE, Happy Valentine's Day. I hope you have a great day, whoever you spend it with! ΣΑΩ Rachel (Mom)

TRYSHA- I LOVE you. Happy Valentine's Day. Jonathan.T-Bone ...ruff ...ruff

V- AS we embrace I feel the world stop for nothing else matters when I have you next to me. I'll offer you diamonds and pearls but no rose for a rose has no beauty when placed next to thee. A

WAYNE, I hope I never learn what my life would be like without you. I love you! - Amanda

WAYNE- I believe in our love, the good, the bad, and all that lies in-between. Ami

WELCOME BACK, Wenche! U R the best friend & lover in the world. Love from Erlend

WENDY, THANK-YOU for the greatest year of my life. You are my moonlit ocean. Eternally, Ross.

WHEN YOU walk into the room, I'm in a perfect place, no matter where I am. I love you! Jeff Bell

WICOLE NEIDMANN, You are my Rumpalicious. I love you with all my heart and look forward to our next home. Love, Mas Sam

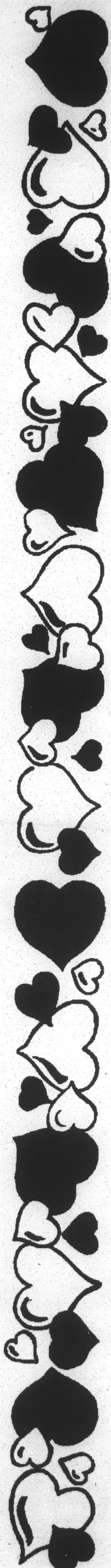
WOODCHUCK TO Grey Squirrel. I want you to know that you will always be my favorite monkey. Nothing says I love you.....Happy VD Day! Love - your dancing queen.

YOU'RE IN my heart and in my soul now Jimmy O. can you be in my life and Mary Me? -Love you! Sasha

YOU, YOU Illinois boy! Hope you know I think you're awesome! Happy Valentine's Day, Boob!

YOUR HAND on my skin, your lips on my mouth - To what do I owe this fate of my heart? I'll honor this day, love you in whole - and swim in cupid's art.

YOUR SMILE brings so much happiness to me, and when an issue forms controversy, it is your point of view I try to see. Though, I may not always agree with you, I will always stand and defend it. This is what it means to be best friends. But there is one question I have for you: Emily would you be so good as to Mary Me?



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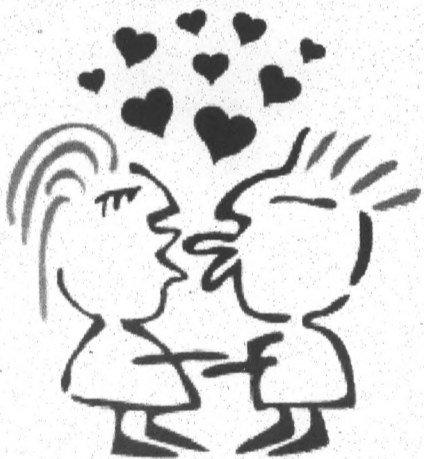
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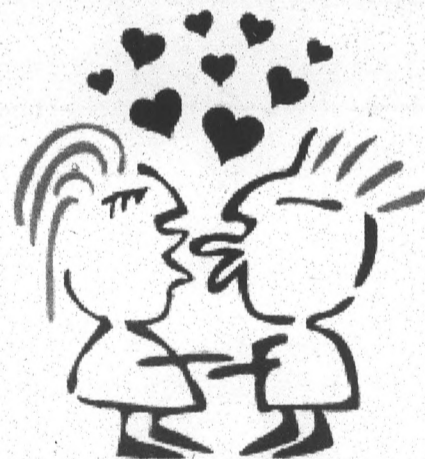
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