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## Apathy expected at ASASU primaries

BY STEPHANIE PATERIK  
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Primary elections for the Associated Students of ASU begin today and several candidates will be dropped from the race after the polls close Wednesday.

The office of the president and two College of Liberal Arts and Sciences senate seats are the only positions being contested in the primaries.

Six official candidates are running for president, but just two will go on to compete in the general election. One of the six CLAS senate hopefuls will also be eliminated in today's primary.

Although all ASU students have the opportunity to vote, only about 5 percent are expected to cast one.

"A big issue for us is finding out how to get such a large campus excited," said Jayme Sloan, ASASU elections director. "Someone told me it's going to take a person who can walk on water to get this campus motivated enough to vote, and it's unfortunately true."

Sloan said that in the past, about 2,000 students have voted in the student government elections. ASASU has advertised more this year to ensure that students know about the primaries, but she said apathy is the main culprit of low voter turnouts.

"All it takes is a couple of seconds out of your day," she said. "If you're anywhere on campus, you're bound to see a polling sight."

Four polling sites will be open on campus today and Wednesday, and voters must bring their student ID cards. Sites at the Memorial Union and the Student Recreation Complex will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and polls will be open at Physical Education East and the corner of Palm and Tyler from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

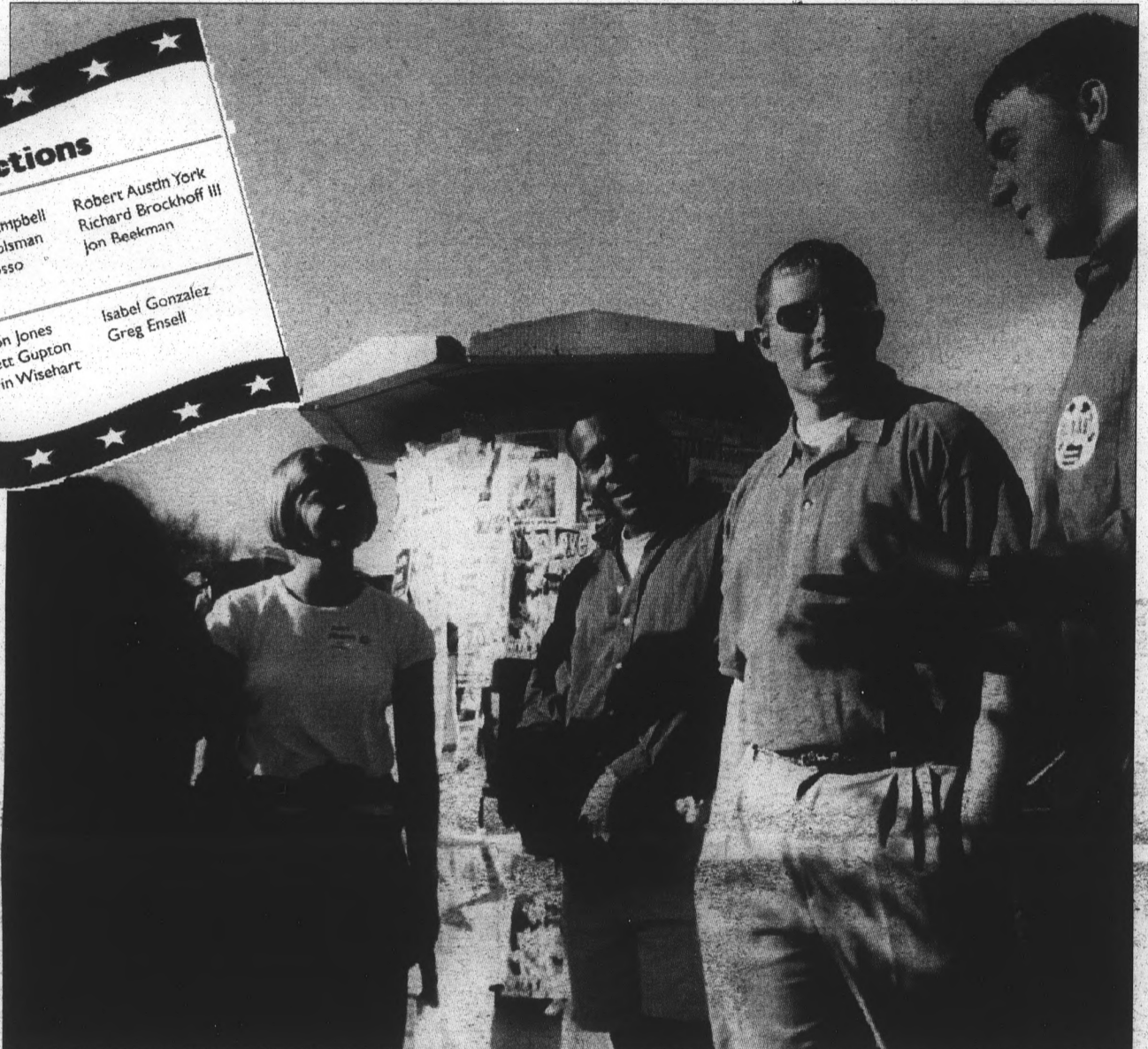
Many ASASU hopefuls will campaign and discuss issues with students near the polling sites. Although candidate forums have been organized, most have been unsuccessful due to lack of advertising, Sloan said.

The Residence Hall Association sponsored a forum Monday at Palo Verde Beach, but no students showed up. Joel Lyons, RHA critical issues programmer, said the event was poorly publicized, but he plans to organize another one before the general election.

The four presidential candidates who came took the opportunity to chat with passers-by.

"I'm excited (about the primaries) regardless of the

Primary elections	
PRESIDENT	Bryan Campbell Jenny Holsman Mike Sosso
	Robert Austin York Richard Brockhoff III Jon Beekman
SENATE	Allison Jones Jarrett Gupton Darin Wischert
	Isabel Gonzalez Greg Ensell



Leah Fasten of the State Press  
Presidential candidate Jenny Holsman (left), along with broadcasting senior Jeffrey Johnson and candidates Jon Beekman and Mike Sosso discuss the presidential platforms at Palo Verde Beach Monday afternoon. Primary elections for Associated Students of ASU begin today and run through Wednesday.

outcome," said Jenny Holsman, a political science junior running for president. "It's been such a good experience to meet students and find out what issues are important to them."

Mike Sosso, a political science and economics sophomore, said if his run for president fails, he will continue to work with ASASU to get his ideas achieved.

Both Sosso and Holsman currently hold positions in the student government, which other candidates at the forum said is not always an advantage.

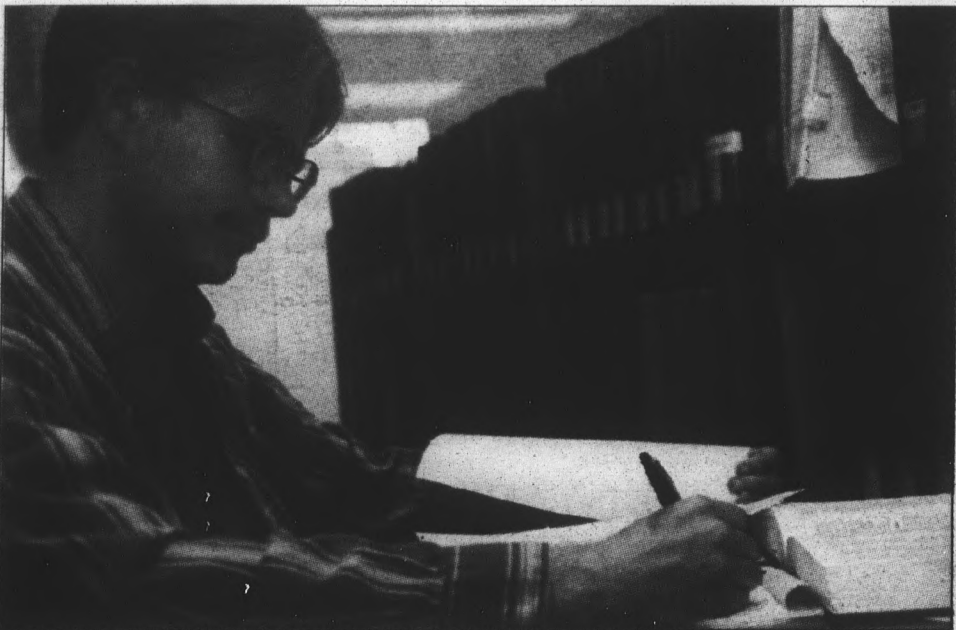
"Candidates who are already in ASASU are more aware of the ins and outs of the organization," said Austin York, a communication junior running for president. "But I may be more willing to try new things. It's good to have new people in the system."

Jon Beekman, a management and finance sophomore also running for president, agreed that new faces could be an asset to ASASU.

"I think I have a lot of new ideas that people haven't

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## ASU ranks 40th in National Merit Scholars nationwide



Leah Fasten of the State Press  
Tom Schenk, a political science and economics freshman studies at the John J. Ross-Williams C. Blakey Law Library Monday afternoon. Schenk, who received more than \$9,000 in scholarships, is one of ASU's 48 freshman Merit scholars.

BY CARRIE SEVERSON  
STATE PRESS

The attraction between political science and economics freshman Tom Schenk and ASU has been mutual.

While recruiting last spring, the University fell for Schenk — a bright top student at Deer Valley High School in Phoenix. And Schenk liked the money he would get if he fell for ASU.

Schenk received more than \$9,000 from four different scholarships to become part of the ASU community.

The prestigious National Merit Scholarship was one of them.

"I received the most money from the National Merit Scholarship," Schenk

said. "I was really excited when I was told about the scholarship, I knew I would be able to pay for school after that."

Schenk is one of 48 freshmen Merit scholars enrolled at ASU. The University

ranked 40th among 376 colleges and universities around the country, both public and private, that enrolled the scholars in 1998.

The rankings, determined by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, were based on the 1997-98 annual

report of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

*The Chronicle* also reported that the 48 scholars represent an increase of three

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"I feel quite unique walking on campus, knowing I'm one of the 48 Merit scholar students."

Tom Schenk, a political science freshman

# Today

for Tuesday, March 2

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.

- **Society for Human Resource Management** is holding a meeting with special guest Teres Bruner from Intel who will speak about performance appraisal at 4 p.m. in the BAC, room 323.
- **Campus Bible Fellowship** is having Bible study on joyful living at 12:40 p.m. in the MU, room 221.
- **Coming Out Discussion Groups** is having a general meeting at 6 p.m. in the Student Service Building, room 334.
- **Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship** is having a service, everybody is welcome to attend at 7:15 p.m. in the Danforth Chapel.
- **Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority** is hosting an informal rush party open to all undergraduate women at 8 p.m. in the Alpha Gamma Delta, room B2. For more information please call Chairissa at 884-8954.
- **BSU Christian Ministries** is hosting a praise and worship followed by Kurt Richardson speaking on "Witnessing" at 8 p.m. at 1322 S. Mill Ave.
- **Career Services** is hosting a workshop on interviewing skills at 11:40 a.m. in the MU, room 211.
- **Student of Objectivism** is showing "Ayn Rand's Theory of Free Will" with a discussion to follow at 7 p.m. in the MU, room 213.
- **East Timor Action Network** is having a talk by East Timorese student leader Luciano Valentin da Conceicao at 7 p.m. in the MU.
- **Salle Diabolo Fencing Club** is having a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the SRC.

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thought of before," he said.

ASASU budgeted \$4,500 for the primary and general elections, which covers advertising, ballots and a professional ballot counter.

Student volunteers, mostly from the business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, will work at the voting sites. They will scan student IDs and fill out Social Security numbers and colleges on each ballot.

"I will personally destroy the ballots after the election so that no one can get a hold of the Social Security numbers," Sloan said.

She added that before the ballots are counted they will be stored at the Department of Public Safety under 24-hour watch. Results will be announced at noon on Friday.

"The primary elections give you the best opportunity to choose from a large pool of candidates," Sloan said. "If students don't take the initiative to vote, they will be seriously limiting their choices for the general election."

## Merit

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from 45 in 1997.

Janet Burke, associate dean of the Honors College, said students decide to come to ASU because of its location and faculty.

"Students want to go to a college that can cater to their academic needs and offer great opportunities in their degree," she said.

Though Schenk is basically going to school for free, he said, he must make sure his 3.5 grade point average doesn't fall below 3.2.

Burke said that the Merit Scholar program, which started in 1988 and had fewer than 10 students enrolled, will grow rapidly over the next few years.

"We have many engineer and fine arts freshman that will enroll next year," she said.

And those who already came to ASU, don't regret the choice.

"I feel quite unique walking on campus, knowing I'm one of the 48 Merit scholar students," Schenk said. "So far I've had a good experience with ASU."

## Poptart Monkeys cause dispute

BERWICK, Pa. (AP) — Relations have soured between a Pennsylvania nightclub band and the makers of a sweet breakfast treat.

But the Poptart Monkeys say they won't back down to lawyers from Kellogg's, who object to the use of their trademarked Pop Tart name.

The band recently heard from the

lawyers after sending the Battle Creek, Mich., company a promotional package nine months ago in an attempt to gain sponsorship.

Lead singer Paul Reddon said Friday he thought the cereal maker would have appreciated the tribute and that the band and Kellogg's "had a common bond."



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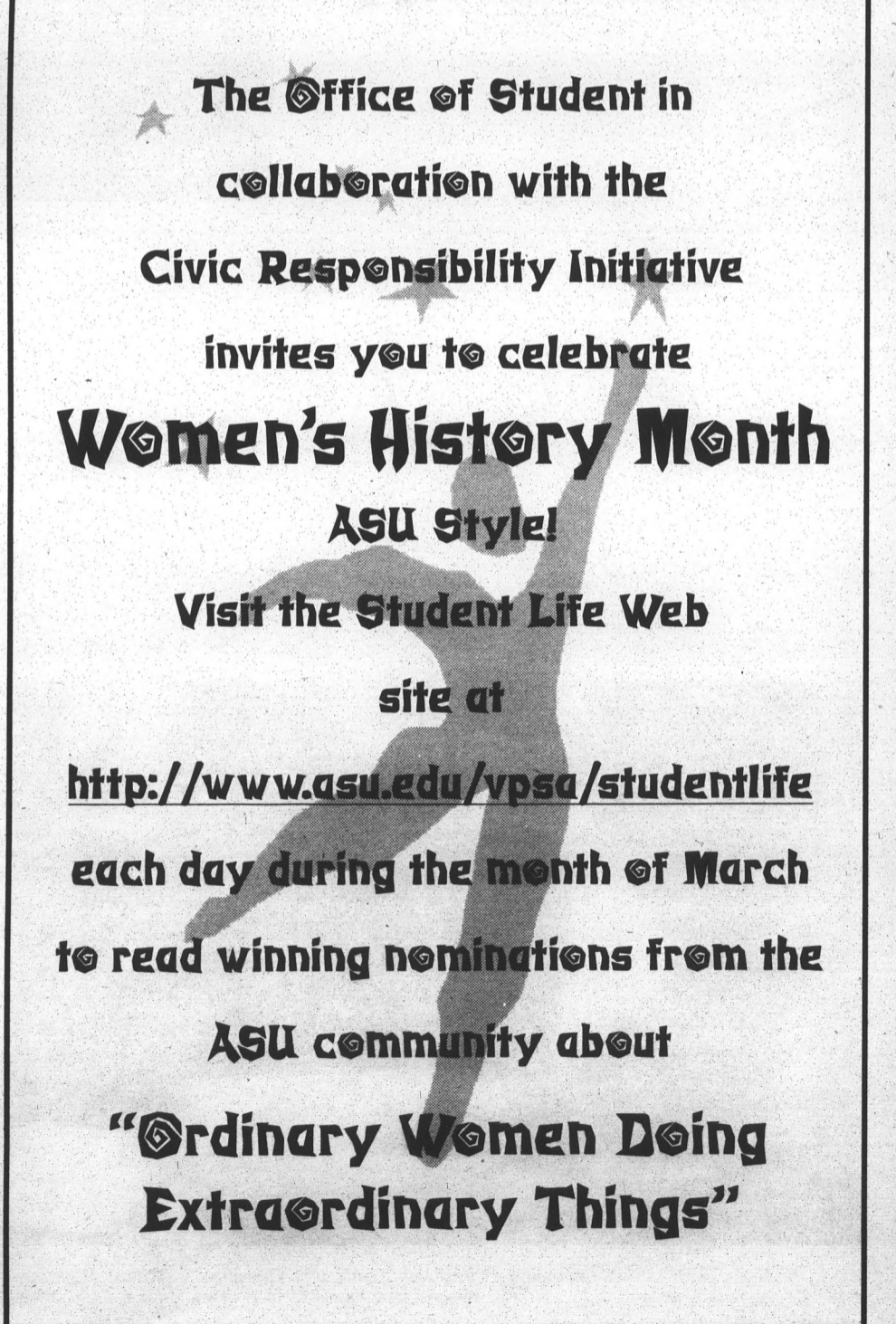
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"This is the most hated tax that we have."  
—Rep. Jerry Overton, R-Litchfield Park, referring to the vehicle license tax.

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## Counties want cut of tobacco settlement

By MATT KELLEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Arizona's counties should get a cut of the state's nearly \$3 billion settlement with tobacco companies, a lawyer for the counties told a judge Monday.

"We have a present right, a right today, to get money from that settlement pot," attorney David Tierney told Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Barry Schneider.

All of Arizona's counties except Pima are asking Schneider to reopen the state's settle-

ment with cigarette makers and give counties a piece of the pie. Tierney said Monday the counties have paid about \$1.7 billion in health care costs for sick smokers since 1982.

Lawyers for the state and tobacco companies urged Schneider to leave the settlement alone, noting that the counties objection could keep the money from flowing until June 2000. Arizona is set to get more than \$100 million a year from the settlement.

Gov. Jane Hull has proposed using that money for health care initiatives like building

a new state mental hospital and insuring more of the working poor. Committees in both the state House and Senate have endorsed slightly different versions of those plans.

Steve Berman, a private lawyer representing the state, told Schneider that counties were never part of Arizona's suit against cigarette makers. The counties never tried to get involved in the suit until after hearing about the settlement, Berman said.

"They would like to get paid," Berman said. "The place for them to get paid, if they

can win, is in their own lawsuit."

Tierney argued that the state was indeed suing on behalf of the counties, which share Medicaid costs with the state. Telling the counties to sue Big Tobacco on their own is unfair because cigarette makers now will be even more unwilling to settle, Tierney said.

The state's lawyers "have sicked the dogs of war on us and told us to fight Big Tobacco," Tierney said.

Schneider did not say when he would issue a ruling.



Hyun Dong Lim of the State Press

## Art for the ages

Andy Guzzonatto (far right), an ASU photography senior and co-owner of Barlow & Straker, attends the closing reception at his Phoenix gallery. "Windsor Castle Estates: The Depreciation of Royalty," was the first show in the new gallery which is operated by Guzzonatto and Ryan McNamara, also a photography senior.

## Former Tempe judge denied parole

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Board of Executive Clemency refused to grant parole to a former Tempe judge for the second time on Monday.

Stephen P. Mirretti Jr. has served 37 months of his eight year sentence for bribery, theft of public money, and conspiracy to obstruct a criminal investigation.

He asked the board to parole him, but it refused on a 2-2 vote, meaning he'll have to wait until September to

approach the board again.

Mirretti, 48, squandered his \$104,000 salary and was convicted of stealing nearly \$2 million from his employer and from several elderly people on fixed incomes to support his gambling addiction.

A year ago, Mirretti's request for a reduction in his sentence was also denied.

## House rejects proposed measure on eliminating vehicle license tax

By PAUL DAVENPORT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Another cut in the vehicle license tax is a priority for many lawmakers this year, but a proposal to scrap the widely unpopular tax outright failed Monday in the Arizona House.

The House voted 36-23 against the resolution (HCR2019), which would have gone on the state's 2000 ballot as a proposed constitutional amendment.

It would partially replace the VLT and its revenue with a 10-cent-per-

gallon hike in the gas tax. The VLT is a property tax on a vehicle's worth.

"This is the most hated tax that we have," said the resolution's sponsor, Rep. Jerry Overton, R-Litchfield Park.

Overton pitched his proposal as preferable to an initiative being proposed by conservative activists. The initiative includes only a 3-cent gas tax increase, Overton noted, predicting it would leave the state and other governments "scrambling for road funds."

While Overton argued that the resolution's 10-cent increase in the gas tax would mean the state and cities' and counties' transportation funds would not lose any money, opponents noted that cities and counties would not receive any replacement revenue for the VLT revenue that now goes to their general funds.

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns says municipalities would lose \$110 million if the resolution were to become law.

## Two drivers bills passed in Arizona Senate

By PAUL DAVENPORT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Approving bills promoted as steps toward improving highway safety, the Arizona Senate on Monday voted to require new training or behind-the-wheel practice for young drivers and to remove a legal defense used in some DUI cases.

Under one bill (SB1335), 16- and 17-year-olds no longer would be eligible for a regular driver's license. Instead, they could get a new Class G graduated license after completing either state-approved instruction or 25 hours of supervised practice.

The second bill (SB1313) would eliminate the so-called "affirmative defense" for DUI defendants. That defense allows defendants to argue that their alcohol level did not exceed the .10 legal limit until after they were pulled over, even if the level was above the limit when a test was conducted later.

Both bills now go the House, which last month passed a version of the young-drivers legislation.

Under the license bill, the minimum age for getting a regular driver's license would rise to 18 from 16.

The proposal is similar to one that failed in the Legislature last year. This year's version has softened penalties for Class G drivers convicted of a criminal traffic offense or responsible for a moving traffic violation.

The bill is supported by the Arizona Automobile Association, which argues that the youngest drivers account for a disproportionately high share of accidents.

If the applicant chooses to qualify by the practice method, a parent or guardian would have to certify that the teen-ager had at least 25 hours of supervised practice while driving on a learner's permit. The practice would have to include five hours of nighttime driving.

Elimination of the affirmative defense is a priority for law enforcement officials, Republican legislative leaders and Gov. Jane Hull. They call it a loophole that allows drunken drivers to remain on the road.

Defense lawyers criticize the legislation, saying it would be unfair to people who drank while dining out but whose alcohol level would not exceed the limit until after they get home.

The Senate last week amended the bill to bar motorists from arguing that their high alcohol levels were a result of drinking they did after driving but before being tested.

The vote on the affirmative defense bill was 25-5. Voting against it were Democrats Linda Aguirre and Joe Eddie Lopez of Phoenix, Jack Jackson of Window Rock, Pete Rios of Hayden and Victor Soltero of Tucson.

The license bill was approved 26-3. Those voting against it were Sens. Ken Bennett, R-Phoenix; Gus Arzberger, D-Willcox, and Rios.

## Senate OK's legal protection for Y2K

PHOENIX (AP) — The Senate on Monday voted to give civil but not criminal protections to companies who violate environmental laws as a result of a Year 2000 computer failure.

Qualifying for the new protection — an affirmative defense that could be argued in court — would require various steps, including having tried to fix the Y2K problem.

The bill (SB1194) originally included both civil and criminal protections, but the Senate voted 22-4 to delete the criminal protections. The bill then received preliminary approval.

A larger Y2K liability bill (SB1294) also received preliminary approval on Monday and also awaits a final vote. The Senate on Monday revised that bill to limit liability protections for local governments.

Both bills stem from expectations that many computers, particularly older ones or those with old programming, will fail to read the date of Jan. 1, 2000 and not work properly.

Both bills await a final Senate vote. Passage would send each to the House.

## Editorial

### Feminists hypocritical in defense of president

As everyone surely knows by now, yet another woman went public last week alleging some kind of sexual indiscretion committed against her by President Clinton.

Juanita Broaddrick, or Jane Doe #5 as she has been known in the media, appeared on *Dateline NBC* Wednesday night and claimed that the man who currently resides in the White House is a rapist.

In the aftermath of what normally would have been a hugely scandalous issue were it any other president, there was very little comment or outcry from the National Organization for Women and other feminist groups, given the seriousness of the allegation. In short, it is tremendously disappointing that the upper-ranking members of the feminist coalition have failed to make even the slightest call for the truth in this issue.

Before we go any further, let us make it clear that we are in no way trying to suggest that Bill Clinton may be a rapist and this is not necessarily a call for further investigation of the president. We are, however, greatly disappointed in the feminist response on something that has been a cornerstone of their teachings for decades: that rape is a serious offense of the highest degree and even the allegation of rape should be treated with the utmost seriousness and investigation.

Case in point: In an episode of *NBC News' Meet the Press* that aired Sunday, prominent feminists Susan Estrich, a professor of law at the University of Southern California and activist on numerous women's issues, and Patricia Ireland, president of NOW, appeared with conservative author William J. Bennett.

If you turned your head and listened to the things Ireland and Estrich were expounding on, you might have confused them for a couple of insensitive men considering the way they brushed off this serious accusation. "... I don't think we should be convicting the president 21 years after the fact," Estrich said referring to the little public criticism this latest scandal has drawn.

"I find it utterly implausible that if this man really did rape, that woman would sit by and let him become president of the United States ... If she could swear under oath, if she could let him be re-elected, let's let this matter go away. I don't want a he said, she said with a civic inquiry led by Bill Bennett," she said.

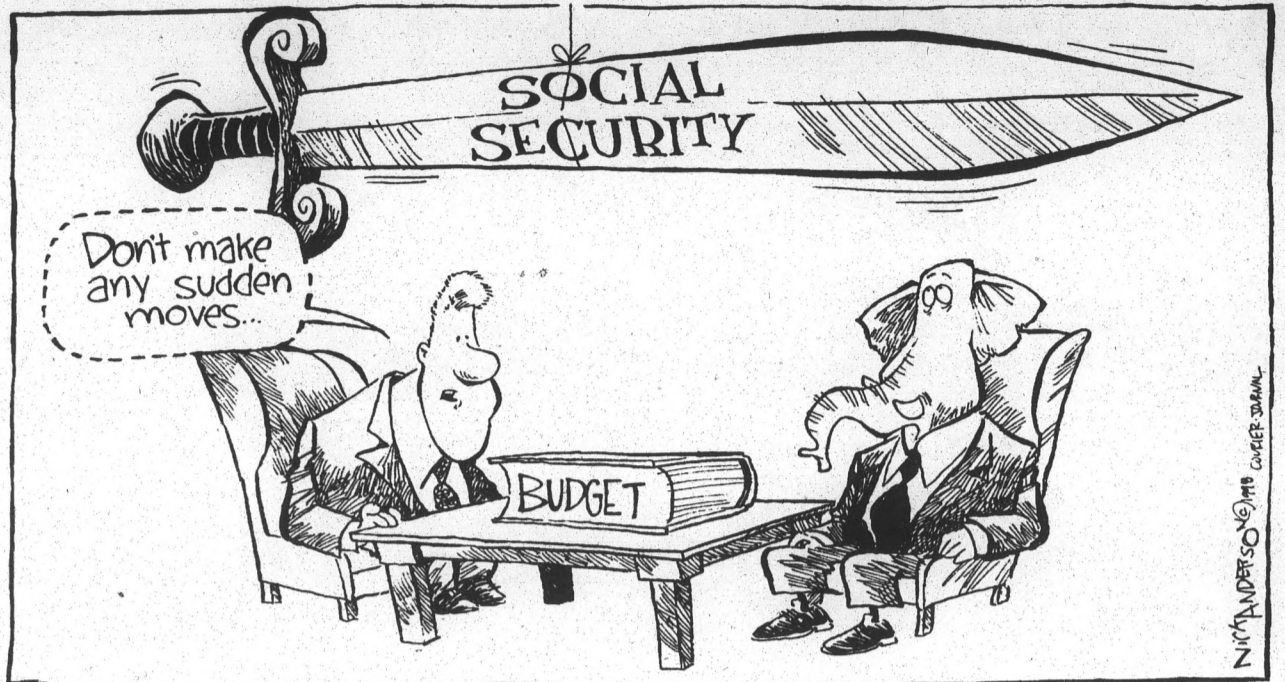
This couldn't possibly be a proponent of the new feminist ideology that will lead us into the 21st century, could it? What happened to the feminists from the Clarence Thomas hearings.

Long gone are the days when women wouldn't lie about something of such gravity and seriousness, as leading feminists said back in the days of his confirmation hearings.

In case some of you were too young to remember, when Justice Thomas was being questioned for possible sexual harassment against a former employee of his, eight years prior, the feminist community insisted that the mere allegation of a man harassing a woman should be enough to raise enough suspicion in people's minds as to prevent Thomas from gaining Senate approval to serve on the Supreme Court.

So where are these people now? As Bill Bennett said, all that was about was "dirty talk. This is about rape."

Look, we know that you all are sick and tired of hearing about sex scandals involving the president, but let's just suppose for a second that it is true and there is a rapist in the White House — don't you believe Broaddrick, a woman obviously fraught with guilt and embarrassment, should at least have a friend in the very people who supposedly defend her?



## Judge deserves just punishment

It's not often that a city court judge has to shower with his clothes on and eat bologna sandwiches under guard.

But then again, it's also not typical for someone of this profession to steal and gamble away nearly \$2 million from elderly citizens and the government that employs him.

The Honorable Stephen J. Mirretti Jr., at 26, was once the youngest municipal judge in the country. He lived with his family in South Tempe, earning a cool \$104,000 per year. He was married with two children and had the money, power and respect most can only dream of.

In 1996, Mirretti threw all of this away on a gamble. He was sentenced to eight years in prison in an out-of-state facility after pleading guilty to bribery, theft of public money and conspiracy to obstruct a criminal investigation. Mirretti's tragic flaw? The gambling addiction that drained his six-figure salary, destroyed his marriage and left his family on welfare. He now lives in fear of his fellow inmates, sleeps lightly to stay alive and wears his clothing in the shower to avoid sexual assault.

Tuesday morning, desperate to get out of prison, Mirretti pleaded for his freedom to a parole board. But for the second time, he was denied — the board voted 2-2, and he'll be up for parole again in September.

After serving only three of his eight years, Mirretti utilized his judicial knowledge to justify why he should be punished no longer. "Why do they feel they have to lock me up like an animal?" he asked the press Sunday. "It's not that I didn't deserve to be in prison, but why would anybody be afraid of me?"

Perhaps Mirretti should have asked that question of his victims. Bernadine Stall, just one of several elderly citizens conned by Mirretti, wrote a letter to the parole board that

reviewed and denied his case. "The rest of my life has been taken away from me, and his life should be taken from him, too," she wrote. Mirretti took \$200,000 from Stall and subsequently, lost it in a gamble, preventing her from affording extensive medical treatment or luxuries of any kind.

Stall is just one of 11 victims in Mirretti's streak of crime; he used his position, his power and his knowledge of the law to cheat the elderly and destroy their lives, all the while blowing their money in Vegas. For this there should be no pardon — in his next parole hearing in September or ever. Public officials who violate the trust we give them and manipulate it to better themselves are among the most dangerous of criminals, because it's nearly impossible to distinguish between their sincerity and deception.

The board was right to deny Mirretti parole after serving only three years. And if nothing else, he is finally getting the legal education that he apparently did not receive at law school: Purposes of Rehabilitation 101, Comprehension of

Punishment 202. And extensive courses in the curriculum of reality. But in order to graduate from Jailhouse University, Mirretti needs to fulfill his entire sentence — for his victims, for the benefit of other corrupted public officials and for himself.

Since his admittance, Mirretti has claimed to be a changed man, editing the prison newspaper and writing a novel about a compulsive gambler. Before his parole hearing, he claimed,

"I need to do something to show how very badly and how deeply I feel about the things I've done."

And he's right.

What Mirretti doesn't realize is that he's already three years into doing exactly what his victims would like to see:

A corrupt, manipulative judge seeing the other side of a good ruling.

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## Mr. Rogers gives insight into humanity

Last November, *Esquire* magazine devoted itself to American heroes. One would think the cover would feature someone larger than life, and it did: the mythic figure of Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Rogers is one of the few things all of us have in common. There are few people reading this article who have not seen his show, which has now been on the air for almost 50 years. While the show could hardly be described as exciting, children and their short attention spans are drawn to him. As Tom Junod points out in the *Esquire* article, Mr. Rogers sounds like a kid to adults, and sounds like an adult to kids. He talks to children with an aura of serenity and security that children instinctively appreciate.

Children, with their vivid and often intense imaginations, have a profound need for someone to reassure them. People matter. People are special. And sometimes, people can be really good.

Yet to describe Mr. Rogers merely as a kindly man on a children's program is to underestimate him. A Presbyterian minister now entering the winter of his life, Mr. Rogers offers an unsentimental world view at odds with the hyperactive pace of mod-



scott d. Gillette  
columnist

ern life. It is no small irony that television, which made Mr. Rogers famous, is the very medium that promotes the very values that Mr. Rogers is trying to combat.

Yet, television is only the tip of the iceberg. Maybe as we become adolescents and adults, we become enamored with transitory images of glory, only to lose sight of the most basic things we knew as a child. An extreme example points this out.

On Dec. 1, 1997, a teenager from West Paducah, Ky., told his friends that they should "watch out," because he was going to do something "really big" at school the next day. The next day, he lived up to his promise. With a gun, ammo and earplugs in hand, the boy proceeded to shoot eight classmates who had gathered for a prayer meeting. Three of his classmates died.

There is a primitivism to the human condition that appears impossible to eradicate, which is the only serious explanation I can provide as to why a young man would do such a thing. Yet, Mr. Rogers

placed the cause of this tragedy in another dimension. "Oh, wouldn't the world be a different place if he had said, 'I'm going to do something really little tomorrow.'" With this in mind, Mr. Rogers dedicated one week of his show to the theme of "Little and Big."

A few weeks ago, a resident of Cholla Hall threw himself off from the eighth floor of one of the buildings. He must have thought his problems were so big that only the most drastic action would be able to solve them. I am haunted about whether this person could have reconciled himself to the big problems that ultimately overwhelmed him by taking solace in the little things God had blessed him with.

One lesson to be derived from all this is not to lose ourselves in the big things. It is a sad fate to have overweening expectations about big things, only to have those hopes dashed with bitterness and disap-

pointment. This world has a way of mocking our most redeeming aspirations. But any failures on our part must never be allowed to consume us, lest we lose sight of the little things. And that is a big thing indeed.

As I get older, life has become lighter and darker at the same time. It is lighter because I have gained a sense of perspective one simply does not have when one is younger. You know when not to take things seriously. But life becomes a little darker too, because knowledge makes one understand how little control we have in the world around us sometimes. You realize that there is so much you wish you could change, but can't.

While life's little things may be the only things we have from time to time, that is still so much to be thankful for. This can still be a wonderful world, in spite of everything. It's just a matter of making a connection with those little things.

There are times for everybody when they lose their way and they are left with the pall of not knowing what's going on around them. But this is nobody's fate.

It just takes Mr. Rogers to remind us of the simplest things. You matter, because the things you do matter. You are a special person. And that's why you're here on this earth. That's what Mr. Rogers would say.

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*"Maybe as we become adolescents and adults, we become enamored with transitory images of glory, only to lose sight of the most basic things we knew as a child."*

**Scott D. Gillette**  
columnist

## Attendance policies spread illness

Last Thursday, I was sitting in my night class diligently writing down every sacred syllable my instructor uttered, when an unexpected crescendo disrupted my dictation. I spun in my seat to find the young lady behind me hacking violently and hopelessly searching through her book bag for some sort of miscellaneous throat remedy. Her cough continued throughout the class and since we only meet once a week, the class bordered on three hours long.

During the course of the lecture — if one could call it that since the class featured more sneezing, gagging and convulsing than actual information — I wondered what this girl was doing in class. In her condition, she should have been at home, laying in bed with a pitcher of O.J. on one side and a box of tissues on the other. Yes, she had no business being in class, but we all probably know why she was there.

A few weeks ago, when I succumbed to the influenza epidemic, I practiced the same ritual as my fellow classmates. I loaded up my backpack with a bevy of coughdrops, Robitussin, bottled water, Tylenol, tissues, etc. and wandered to class in a Nyquil-induced stupor. Upon arriving in class, I noticed that I couldn't really hear what the instructor was saying over the sounds of my unwrapping cough drops. I tried to take notes, but found it was difficult to tell the difference between Shelley and Shel Silverstein. I could tell I was disrupting class, in fact, I think I inadvertently sneezed on a couple classmates (sorry) and eventually I passed out. I finally awoke upon hearing the sound of my name being called. I looked up and saw that class had ended; my sole function in attending class that day had arrived. I raised my hand and croaked "here." Then I watched carefully as the instructor put a check next to my name on the roll sheet.

I showed up to class that day for one reason: the attendance policy. I've heard that these policies are here to ensure we get the most out of our education. Well, I didn't even get a restful nap out of that class.



brian Policoff  
columnist

In fact, I didn't get anything. My fellow classmates, on the other hand, got more than they bargained for. They got the privilege of hearing me rifle through my bag in order to find medication that would hopefully silence my annoying coughing and sneezing. But wait — that's not all! They also had the opportunity to expose themselves to my disease up close and personal. It was a crowded class. I'm quite sure I infected at least one or two of you. You're welcome.

Seriously though, don't blame me. If it were up to me, I would have gotten the notes from a buddy in class later in the week. I would have made up any work missed. It's not up to me folks. It's all ASU!

They don't understand that we are adults paying for our education. They don't seem to feel that we are responsible enough to know we're not going to get our money's worth if we're not present. They don't think we have the prudence to judge whether or not we are in fact too ill to attend.

Some instructors don't penalize students if they produce a doctor's note. This assumes that we are too dim-witted to determine our health, or lack thereof, without aid of a medical professional. I don't know about the rest of you, but when I start coughing, sneezing and aching all over, I know I'm sick. When these symptoms happen to appear right around flu season, I don't need to fork out a hundred dollars for the guy in the white coat to tell me I have the flu and I'd better get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids.

This year, I read that influenza reached epidemic proportions. I hold ASU responsible. Forcing students to show up to class ill can do nothing but further the spread of the disease. It goes to show that college is not the real world. Any responsible employer would expect employees to stay home under such a situation. They would realize that under such circumstances, not only would their employee's production be lacking, but also, they would be running the risk of infecting the entire office. For some reason, ASU doesn't seem to understand this simple equation.

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## Letters to the Editor

### All rights critical

In the last year I have read about a half dozen articles in the *State Press* having to do with fire arms. The majority of these articles argue the opinion that fire arms have little or no place in our society despite their constitutional protection. Two recent articles that come to mind are Brad Whisler's article "Right to bear arms needs re-examination," (Feb. 15) and Justin Doom's article "Guns tools not to be toyed with," (Feb. 18).

Brad Whisler quite eloquently attacks the Second Amendment while Justin Doom without any eloquence whatsoever attacks a shooting event at Ben Avery Shooting Range.

One of my concerns is the nature of the criteria that these individuals use to develop their opinions. I would venture from the lack of unbiased information that the individuals who wrote these articles know very little of what they are writing about. To suggest amending the constitution on the basis of such uninformed opinions is absurd. To quote Mr. Whisler from his most recent article concerning the protection of free speech, "In their good intention they have lost sight of individual liberty," ("Free speech protects flag burning," Feb. 26) Perhaps it is time he took his own advice.

We are blessed with the freedom to speak our minds and we are blessed with the many choices that our freedoms have given us. What I find alarming is that so many are so quick to eliminate the choices of others based on uninformed unsubstantiated opinions. To the writers in question I ask that you take responsibility for your words and not mislead your readers on purpose or through your ignorance, especially when the solutions you suggest eliminate the freedom to make a choice.

The pen has always been mightier than the sword and the constitutional right to free speech can be systematically attacked as easily as the right to bear arms. It is critical that we protect all of our rights as a whole so that our rights do not get taken from us.

If after an informed decision one chooses not to have anything to do with firearms that's fine, however do not take it upon yourselves to eliminate the choice for others. I would not try to eliminate someone's choice of words or their freedom of speech because I felt their words were dangerous or because I disagreed with them.

In an already over-legislated era we must address pertinent issues with clarity and do all that we can to insure reasonable decisions while protecting personal liberties.

**Brad Sallee**  
Freshman  
Art

# Lower-than-normal turnout for World Festival, Monday

BY ANDREA BALSKY  
STATE PRESS

David Stipek eagerly accepted a paper plate of roti telur, a Malaysian dish of eggs and onions wrapped in bread.

"This is good," said Stipek, a non-degree seeking student. "I like it."

Stipek was just one of about 1,000 students who gathered on the Student Services Courtyard for the World Festival Day Monday. The event was sponsored by the Student Life Office.

The day's activities included performances by Irish folk dancers, flamenco dancers and a Caribbean steel drum performance.

As Stipek ate his roti telur, the Yellow Bird Indian dancers — a family dance group — performed Apache and Pow-wow dances on a small stage, dressed in native costumes trimmed with red and yellow feathers.

Student turnout was not as high as previous

years, said Lloyd Brimhall, program coordinator of the International Student Office. In past years, more than 1,500 students have attended the events. Still, Brimhall said he thought the day was a success because it taught students about some of the different cultures that are represented on the ASU campus.

Kim Losey, an administrative secretary for Student Life who helped to organize the event, said she wished more students attended the festival.

"We hope to see more student involvement next year," Losey said.

Marie Putman, a history sophomore, said she enjoyed the festivities. She said the day helped her meet classmates she hadn't talked to before.

"It's nice to taste different foods and listen to different music," she said. "I've seen so many people from my classes that I normally didn't get to associate with."



Hyun Dong Lim of the State Press

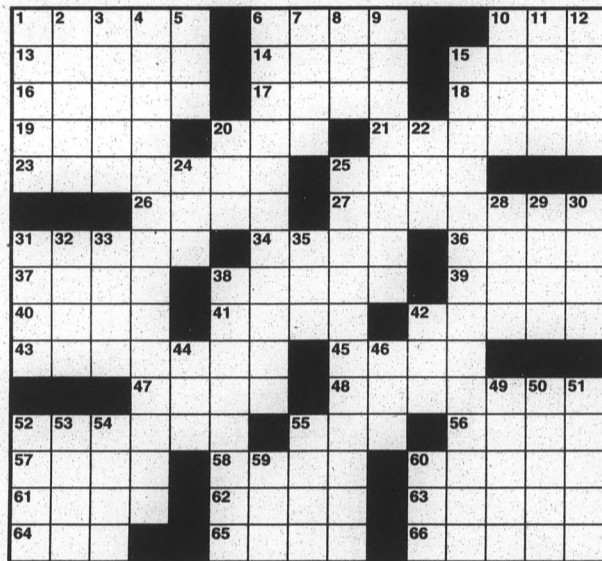
Seneca, a Sequoia High School student, and other Yellow Bird Indian dancers perform a Pow-Wow and Apache dance at the Student Services Courtyard Monday. The performance was part of the World Festival sponsored by Student Life. About 1,000 students showed up for the annual festival, which was less than the turnout in past years.

## DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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# Spring break event to inform students about potential dangers

By JODIE LAU  
STATE PRESS

Exercise. Sun tanning. Alcohol. Got spring break plans? Tips on nutrition, travel safety, sun exposure and drinking responsibly are all part of the Safe Spring Break Send-Off and Wellness days on Tuesday and Wednesday. The event will take place both days from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Hayden Lawn.

The event is designed to educate students about health issues during spring break, which is March 15-19.

Under a supervised field sobriety testing, students who are at least 21 years of age can volunteer to drink beer today from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Police will explain the effects and dangers of alcohol to students and participants.

"The idea behind doing a field sobriety testing is to help students understand that when you look at someone you can't necessarily tell that he shouldn't be driving," said Karen Moses, assistant director of health education.

According to a Student Health survey, Moses said last year many students planned to go to Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, during spring break with one thing in mind: to get wasted.

"We felt that students who were going there (Rocky Point) needed to know that it wasn't a safe place to be in terms of the groups that were going to be there," she added.

In another survey conducted in April, 81 percent of 964 ASU students had two or fewer drinks per day during the spring break, which is considered to be moderate drinking.

Student Health educator David Bower said although a majority of the surveyed students drink responsibly, there are still consequences that go along with getting drunk.

"There are social issues with sex, intoxication in public and not making correct choices that can get the (intoxicated) person in trouble," Bower said.

In addition to drinking precautions, Moses said the event would be a good source of information for students who have other health concerns, such as sun tanning. She also

said students should be aware of the sun's harmful rays.

"SPF 15 or higher sunscreen can protect skin from the long-term exposure consequences, which are skin cancer and premature aging," Moses said.

Moses also recommended avoiding the sun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., wearing a hat and UV-protected sunglasses.

Some students, like journalism freshman Andrew Bevan, have concerns about traveling safely.

"I'm naive to some of the issues out there, like getting scammed and protecting myself," Bevan said.

Anne Sawkiw, a humanities senior, said she thought the event would be beneficial to students.

"It has an educational purpose. I would know what (dangers) to be looking for during spring break," she said.

Bower said some students travel out of town, such as Mexico, and get into a taxi without thinking twice about possible dangers.

"Students need to see this information and make the right choices," Bower said.

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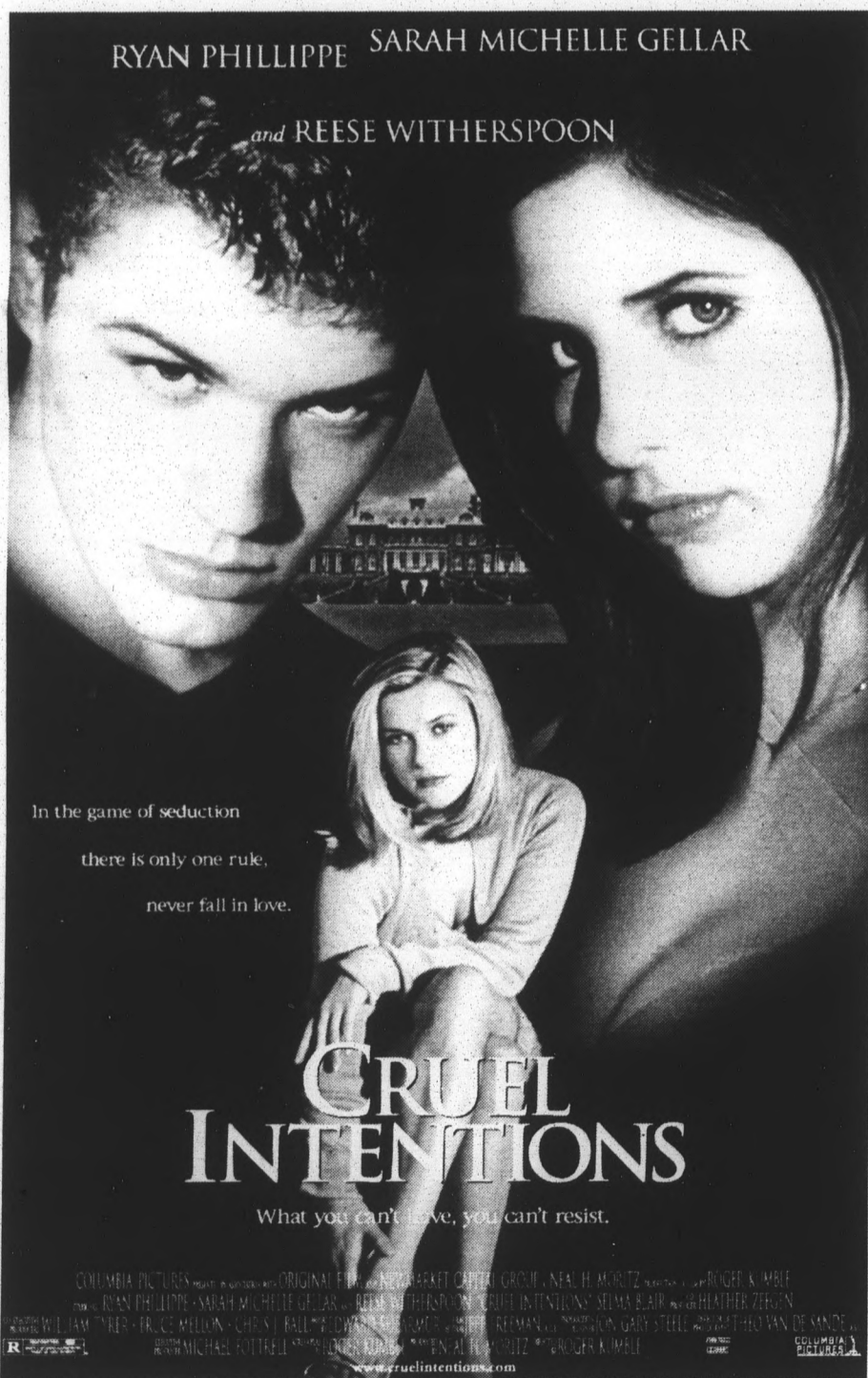
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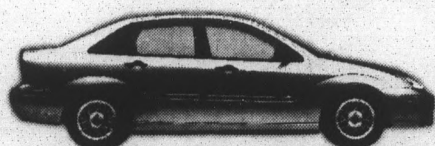
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# Fraternities target Greek alcohol abuse

BY ERLAND AAS  
STATE PRESS

Fraternities need to select aspiring members more carefully to root out alcohol misuse in college, said Robert L. Francis, executive coordinator for Greek Life at ASU.

"A lot of students are attracted to fraternities out of the wrong reasons," he said.

Some underage students see the fraternities as means to get their hands on booze, Francis said.

There are at least three ways to combat the misuse of alcohol by college students, he added. One such strategy is for the fraternities themselves to screen more carefully the people who want to join.

"I'm sure there are people who want to join primarily because of the parties," said Tyler Bellin, president of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. "I think weeding out those is the hardest job any fraternity has."

A second strategy is to better educate the students about

the use and misuse of alcohol, Francis said. The Greek community has started this process through TIPS — Training Intervention ProcedureS.

Four councils and 45 chapters had a leadership conference Saturday where they discussed alcohol issues, Francis said. "We selected 12 students to educate other students on the issues," he added. "These students will go out and do presentations where they'll educate about use and misuse of alcohol."

The 12 chosen ones will not only talk to fraternity members, but also go into bars and talk to the people who work there.

The third strategy is to put the message out that it is okay not to drink, Francis said. This message has been heard by some of the fraternities on campus. "Seven of our fraternities have chosen to be substance free," Francis said. Each of these groups are either substance free right now or in the process of becoming so, he said.

# 'Blue Room' closes early due to Kidman illness

NEW YORK (AP) — The curtain has come down early on *The Blue Room*.

Due to the lingering bronchial infection of its star, Nicole Kidman, one of Broadway's hottest tickets canceled its final eight performances, show spokesman John Barlow said Monday.

"I am truly devastated not to complete the last week of the run and deeply apologize to the people who have planned to attend those performances," Kidman said in a statement.

The play was scheduled to end its sold-out run Sunday.

Kidman missed four performances last week because of the infection. The David Hare drama opened Dec. 13 and played 82 performances. Its final performance was last Thursday.

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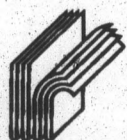
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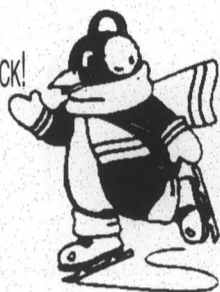
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## PoliceBeat

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### ASU police reported the following incidents Sunday:

- A man not affiliated with ASU was assaulted at 410 Adelphi Drive. The man, a disc jockey at a party there, reportedly smelled burnt marijuana and asked a party-goer not to smoke it. The party-goer then hit the DJ in the forehead with his fist and knocked him to the ground. The DJ did not require medical attention and no charges were reported.
- One student and two men not affiliated with ASU were arrested, cited and released for underage possession of alcohol at 410 Adelphi Drive.
- Four men not affiliated with ASU were arrested, cited and released for underage possession of alcohol at East 10th Street and South Mill Avenue.
- A male student was arrested, cited and released for underage possession of alcohol at 601 Alpha Drive.
- A male student was arrested, cited and released for underage possession of alcohol at 725 Adelphi Drive.
- A female student was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol at South Rural Road and East Apache Boulevard.
- A man not affiliated with ASU was arrested, cited and released for public consumption of alcohol at 929 South Mill Ave.
- A man not affiliated with ASU was arrested on an outstanding warrant from ASU Police. He was unable to post bond and was booked into the Madison Street Jail.
- A man not affiliated with ASU was arrested, cited and released for driving on a suspended license at South Mill Avenue and East Apache Boulevard.
- A man not affiliated with ASU was arrested, cited and released for speeding and driving on a suspended license at 2700 S. College Ave.
- Three students reported their bicycles stolen from various locations on campus. All bikes were reportedly secured with locks.
- A juvenilenot affiliated with ASU was arrested for criminal trespassing at the Payne Education Building.

### Tempe police reported the following incidents Monday:

- A 35-year-old Mesa man was arrested Saturday in the 3000 block of South Pennington in Mesa on charges of public sexual indecency. Officers said the man was observed in a truck Friday at Clark Park, 1730 S. Roosevelt St., in Tempe, unzipping his jeans and removing his penis. He reportedly masturbated, ejaculating onto the breast of his estranged wife. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail and later released.
  - Police arrested an 18-year-old Las Vegas man Saturday at 915 E. Apache Blvd. on charges of underage possession of alcohol and disorderly conduct. Witnesses said he threw rocks at people and parked cars in a parking lot, breaking car windows. A sobriety test revealed the man had a blood alcohol level of .155. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail.
  - A 31-year-old Mesa man was arrested Saturday at 1814 E. Apache Blvd. on charges of possession of narcotic drugs. A search revealed a partially dissolved substance, believed to be "crack" cocaine. The man was released pending analysis of the substance.
  - A 28-year-old man of unknown address was arrested Saturday near the intersection of East Sixth Street and South Mill Avenue on charges of assault and disorderly conduct. Security personnel reportedly contacted the man for provoking fights with passers-by. He then hit a security officer with his elbow and yelled vulgarities, trying to provoke passers-by. The man was booked into the Tempe City Jail and held to see a judge.
  - Police arrested an 18-year-old Tempe man Sunday at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel, 60 E. Fifth St., on charges of underage possession of alcohol and urinating in public. He was seen standing in a corner zipping up his pants, and he had a bottle of strawberry wine in his pocket. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail on the charges and warned for trespassing.
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By Robin Estrin  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Many girls mistakenly think they are overweight because they are getting the wrong idea of the perfect body from fashion magazines, a study found.

More than two-thirds of girls in grades five through 12 said magazine photos influenced their notion of the ultimate figure, according to researchers in Boston.

Forty-seven percent said they wanted to lose weight because of those pictures. But only 29 percent of the 548 girls interviewed were actually considered overweight, according to the study, published in the March issue of the journal *Pediatrics*.

"Even among the girls who don't read the magazines, very frequently, they, too, felt influenced," said Alison E. Field, an epidemiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the study's lead author. "It really does permeate society."

The girls filled out questionnaires during mandatory gym classes in an unidentified working-class suburb north of Boston. The study was conducted in 1991, just as thin, "waiflike" models were coming back into vogue.

Each girl was asked to provide her age, weight and height and was asked whether she regularly read magazines such as *Seventeen*, *Glamour*, *Jet* or the now-defunct *Sassy*. The girls answered questions about dieting habits and how they viewed their bodies — satisfied or dissatisfied.

Sixty-six percent of the girls said they wanted to lose weight. Researchers said they suspected the number would have been higher if the study focused exclusively on older teens.

About one-third of the respondents were in elementary school. Even at that age, 50 percent reported reading fashion magazines at least two to five times a month.

High-frequency magazine readers of any age were three times more likely to exercise and lose weight than infrequent readers, and three times more likely to have unrealis-

tic body expectations.

Editors at *Seventeen* and *Glamour* said Monday the results weren't surprising.

"The magazines reflect what's going on in the runways because they're fashion magazines and the models on the runways are stick-thin," said Patrice Adcroft, editor in chief at *Seventeen*.

This month's issue of *Seventeen* includes — for the first time — a plus-size model in a fashion spread. The young woman, who wears a size 14, is paired with very slender models in an article on prom dresses.

"Young girls reading magazines certainly compare their bodies to the models that they see in there and come away with sometimes unhappy feelings with the way they look," said Stephanie Dolgoff, executive editor of *Glamour*, which targets 18- to 35-year-olds.

But the women's magazines, she said, are being unfairly singled out for their influence on adolescents, as if "girls don't have the ability to discern between what's fantasy and what's reality."

Field's study used national weight standards from the 1970s to determine what qualified as overweight. For example, a 5-foot-4 16-year-old girl would be considered overweight if she weighed more than 145 pounds. The healthy weight range for a girl that age would be between 105 and 140 pounds.

For a 13-year-old 5-foot girl, the overweight benchmark was 120 pounds or higher. The median healthy weight for that age and height is 90 to 95 pounds.

On a positive note, the study found that girls who read fashion magazines were more likely to exercise rather than diet to lose weight — a signal that the publications are teaching girls about the importance of good health, Field said.

"We certainly have a problem with overweight" in America, she said. "But the answer is not to make everyone overly concerned with their weight."

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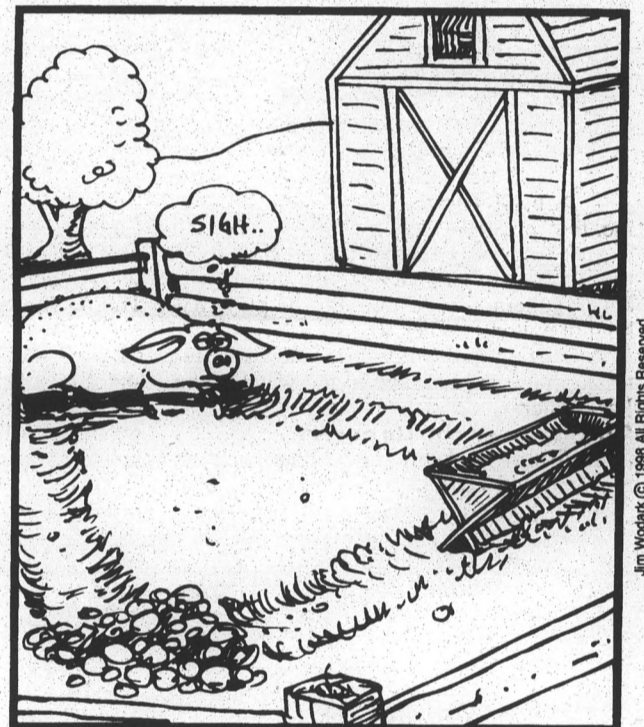
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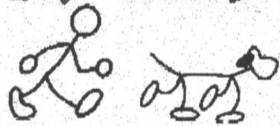


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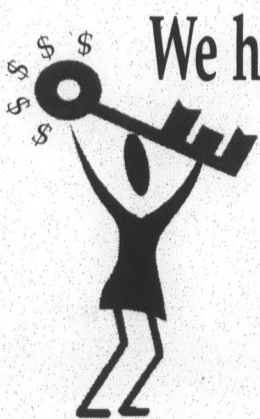
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## HANDLING THE PRESSURE

ASU co-captain Natalie Tucker has made adjustments in her game to become a top Pac-10 floor leader

By DOUG FLANAGAN  
STATE PRESS

With 20 seconds remaining in the first half of the Feb. 21 contest between the ASU and Oregon State women's basketball teams at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis, Ore., Beaver forward Felicia Ragland stepped in front of a Natalie Tucker pass intended for fellow guard Leaf Newman and took it down to the other end of the court for a layup, cutting ASU's once-formidable lead to eight.

The crowd went nuts. The momentum that the Sun Devils carried through the majority of the first half had then swung over to the Beavers' side. In the Pac-10, a team that has the mental edge going into the second half often rides the momentum wave to a victory.

The new Tucker knew this. While the old Tucker, the Tucker that experienced growing pains through a first round of conference play full of trials, tribulations and turnovers would have hung her head and headed into the locker room, the new Tucker struck back.

She responded by taking the inbounds pass, and, in the span of less than 10 seconds, racing the length of the court, seeing a slice of opening in the Beaver defense and taking it all the way for a layup of her own.

The ASU lead? Back up to 10. The Beaver faithful? Silenced. The game? Eventually won by the Sun Devils, 77-65.

Her coach? Impressed.

"It wasn't a verbal thing," ASU head coach Charli Turner Thorne said. "But to me, that's exactly what we needed. We had a great half and we needed to go (into half-time) with the momentum. She came right back at them. That's the kind of play that kind of epitomizes her."

Or to be more precise, the new, battle-tested, more experienced in the ways of the Pac-10 her.

### Cutting down the turnovers

Until last weekend's two home losses to Stanford and Cal, the Sun Devils had been experiencing a team revival, winning three of their first five conference games in the second round after starting out the Pac-10 season 2-7. Due to youth, injuries, and, largely, turnovers, the team failed to live up to the coaching staff's guardedly-optimistic lofty expectations.

As the season winds down, however, the team is showing signs of being a contending Pac-10 power for years to come, and a large reason for that has been the improved play of the backcourt.

Especially Tucker.

The point guard averaged 6.9 points per game, three rebounds, five assists and six turnovers in the first round. She has, through seven games in the second round, upped her numbers ever so slightly: 7.4 points, 3.6 rebounds, five assists and 5.7 turnovers.

Tucker attributes this turnaround to one simple element of her game that no one practice session can teach.

"I think it has a lot to do with experience," she said. "In the Pac-10, a lot of teams pressure you so much. I think it's been an adjustment for me because I hadn't played in actual games (in 1998). The teams we played in the preseason didn't seem to

pressure as quite as much as the Pac-10 teams do. I think it's basically adjusting to it."

The way Tucker has adjusted to teams constantly harassing her is evidenced in her two performances against Oregon. On Jan. 23 in Tempe, she went 0 for 5 from the field, had just two assists and turned the ball over 10 times. In the team's next meeting, Feb. 19 in Eugene, Ore., she posted 10 points, three assists and only five turnovers.

"I think that me and Kitch (Kitchen) and Leaf picking up our play has really been a difference because we've cut down on turnovers," she said. "When you (don't) have those turnovers, everything flows better."

"I think (she) needed the first round, really, as an experience," Turner Thorne said. "I can talk about how physical the Pac-10 is and the pressures that they're going to put on the point guard and the pace of the game, but until you get out there and experience it, it's tough."

"I think it goes to show you how smart she is and also what a competitor she is. She's not waiting until next year. Second round she's already made adjustments against teams that were able to pressure her the first time around."

Tucker, a sophomore, played her true freshman season at Texas A&M in 1996-97 before transferring to ASU last year and redshirting the 1997-98 season. When the Georgetown, Texas, native decided to leave College Station, she remembered the name of a coach who had initially attempted to recruit her out of high school — Turner Thorne, then the coach at NAU.

"I chose ASU basically because of Charli," she said. "She recruited me when she was at NAU, and I really loved her and the coaching staff. But at that point, I wasn't ready to go that far away from home. I really loved A&M, so I went there. But when I decided to leave A&M and I heard Charli was at ASU, I was like, wow."

She said that while sitting out a year — only practicing, not playing — would be mentally draining on some players, she was able to deal with her situation more easily due to her competitive nature.

"Sometimes it was a little hard to motivate myself last year," Tucker said. "But I tend to put a lot of pressure on myself, anyway, no matter if it's practice or a game. So I guess that year wasn't as hard on me as it might be for some people because I tend to put pressure on myself no matter what."

### Tucker's team

Entering this season, Tucker was not sure what to expect. She had gotten to know her teammates well while working out with them last year, but she wasn't sure how they would react to her when she was on the floor.

As it turned out, Tucker was almost simultaneously anointed the Sun Devils' starting point guard (ahead of seniors Michelle Tom and Rechelle Lang) and voted by the team as co-captain, along with Tom.

The latter fact surprised Tucker, but she said the nature of the position she plays dictates that she must become a leader.

"In a way, yes, I expect people to (look

up to me)," she said, "but not in the extent that they do. I wasn't really expecting to be elected captain in my first season here. I can't really point out any one thing I do that makes them look up to me, but being the point guard and the floor leader out there has a lot to do with it, because naturally you're kind of in a leadership position."

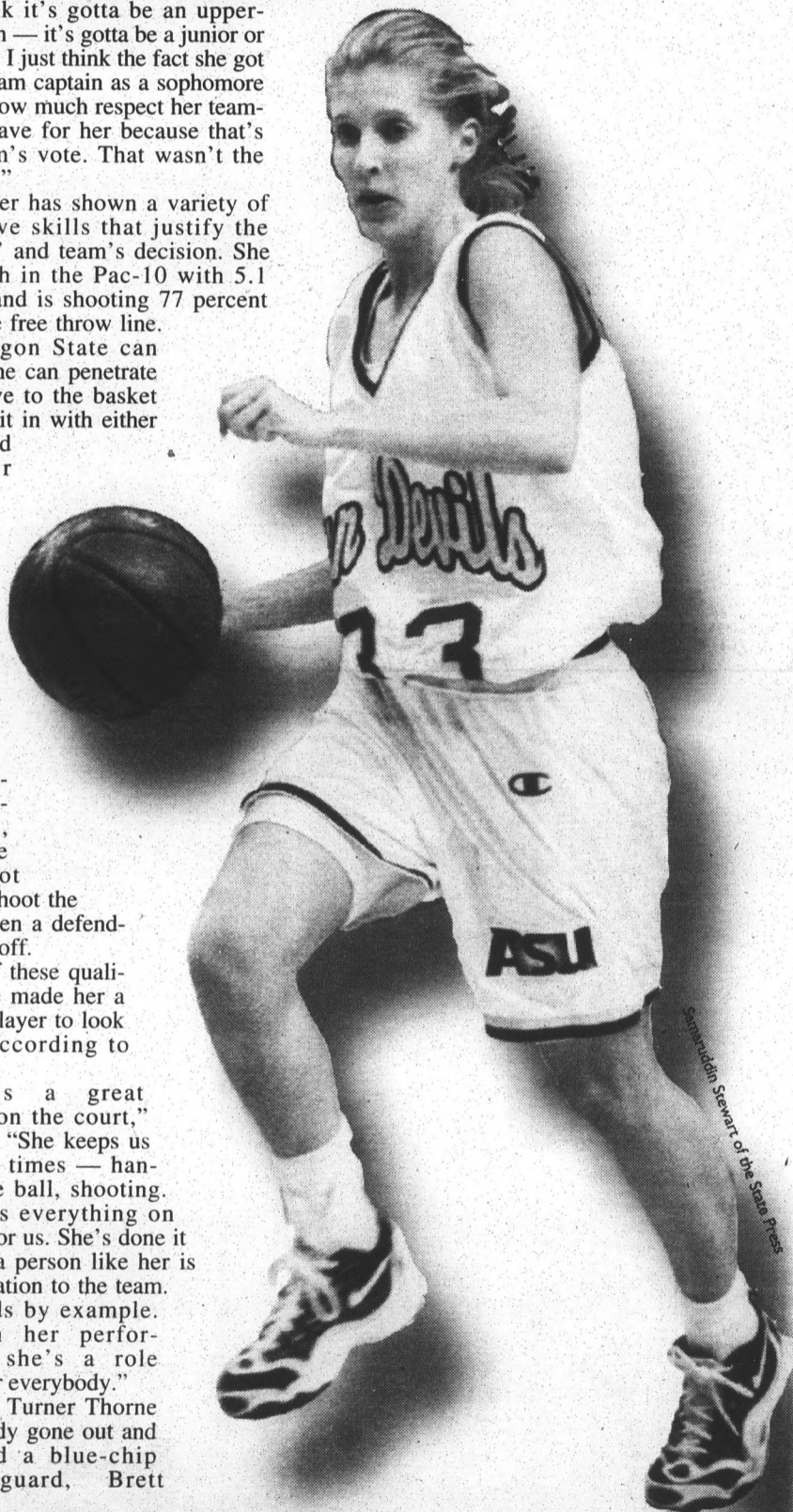
"It surprised me a little bit that the team voted her team captain because she's a sophomore," Turner Thorne said. "I thought it was a great choice and I was glad they voted her team captain. A lot of times, people think it's gotta be an upper-classman — it's gotta be a junior or a senior. I just think the fact she got voted team captain as a sophomore shows how much respect her teammates have for her because that's the team's vote. That wasn't the coaches'."

Tucker has shown a variety of offensive skills that justify the coaches' and team's decision. She is fourth in the Pac-10 with 5.1 assists and is shooting 77 percent from the free throw line.

As Oregon State can attest, she can penetrate and drive to the basket and lay it in with either hand (Tucker

Leonard of Glenview, Ill., she has no doubt that Tucker, based on this season's rapid progression, will be a focal point of the team for her remaining two years.

"She's gone out in the second round and really done a great job of being our floor leader and executing our offenses," she said. "Obviously, when you look at the fact we're so much better now than we were early on, you gotta give Nat a lot of credit for that."



## Red Hot Sun Devils



Sonkin finished second in the 1- and 3-meter diving competitions at this weekend's Pac-10 Championships in Federal Way, Wash. Sonkin also finished third in the platform diving. Last season at the Pac-10 Sonkin advanced to the finals in all three events. He finished third in the 3-meter, fourth in the 1-meter and sixth in the platform.

Allan Sonkin  
Men's diving



Larkin, a freshman sensation who was competing in his first ever Pac-10 Championship, defeated Stanford's Zach Zimmerman 7-3 to win the 133 pound weight class. Larkin and five teammates (Casey Strand, Mark Perryman, Quinn Foster, Steve Blackford and Matt Azevedo) will head to the NCAA meet at Penn State in two weeks.

Eric Larkin  
Wrestling



Perryman, a junior transfer, defeated Joey Coughran of Cal State Fullerton, 3-2, to capture the Pac-10 Championship in the 141 pound weight class Sunday at Stanford. He finished second at the Pac-10s in 1997 while wrestling for Cal Poly SLO.

Mark Perryman  
Wrestling



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