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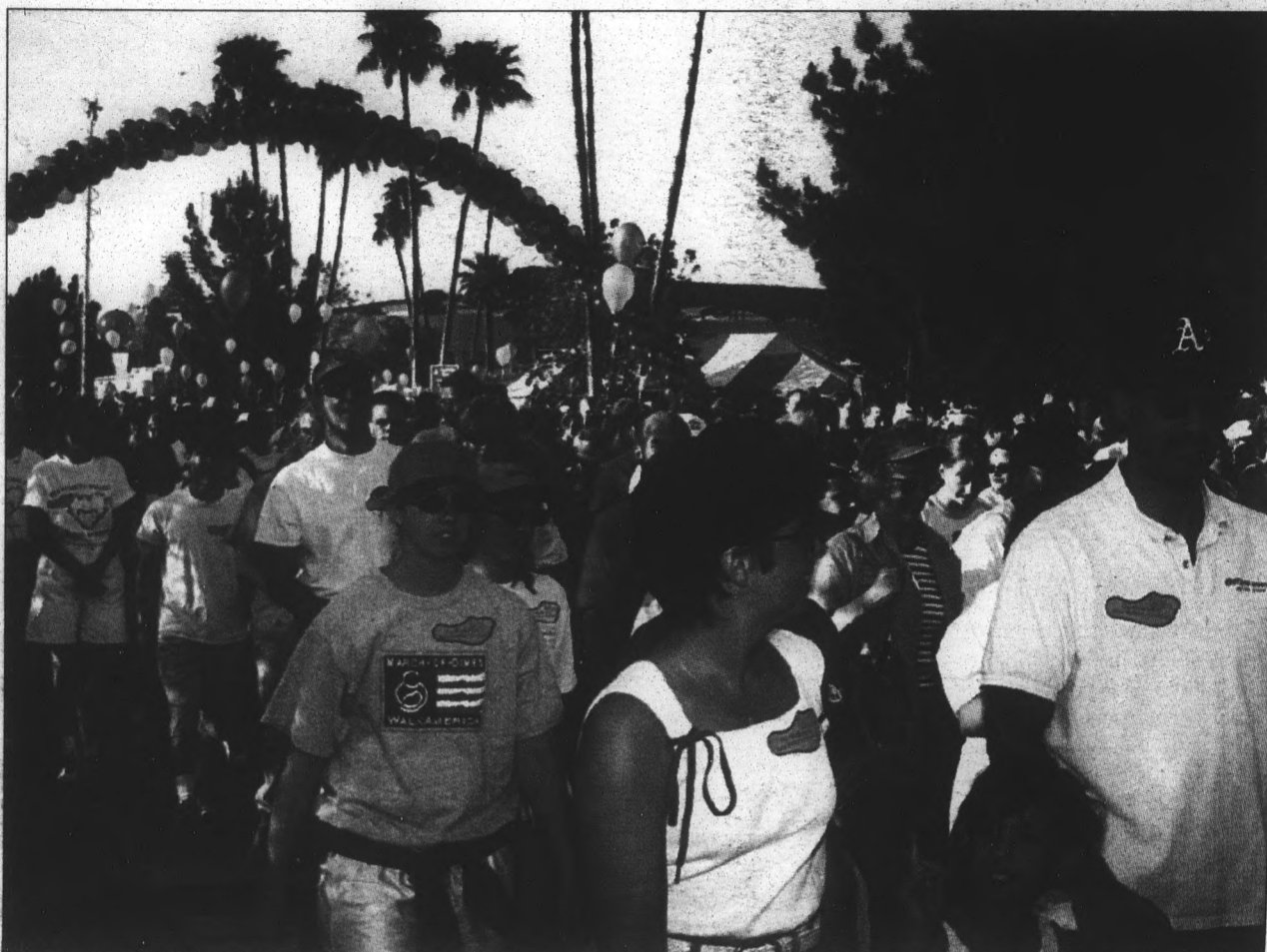
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March of Dimes walk brings ASU support



Thousands of Arizonans participated Saturday morning in the WalkAmerica March of Dimes walk in Scottsdale. The event's goal was to raise \$675,000 to prevent birth defects and infant mortality through research, education, community services and advocacy.

BY JODIE LAU
STATE PRESS

Communication sophomore Patrick Maurer got up early on Saturday morning to participate in his first WalkAmerica March of Dimes walk.

"Why am I here?" he asked. "I've always wanted to do the March of Dimes. Now was the opportunity to go out and do it."

Maurer and about 15 other ASU students arrived at the Scottsdale Civic Center in downtown Scottsdale to participate in the fund-raising march. The official start for the 7.5-mile walk was 8 a.m., but registration started at 7 a.m.

"It's actually a pretty good turnout for a team, considering it's 7 a.m. on the Saturday of spring break," Maurer added.

Although there were 75 pre-registered students, the ASU March of Dimes Collegiate Council believed it was still a good turnout.

"We had five walkers last year. Anything above that is an improvement," said Becky Steinmetz, co-chair of the ASU March of Dimes Collegiate Council and a broadcasting junior.

The University raised about \$1,500, said Kelly Yang, a member of the collegiate council and a business freshman. Although ASU fell \$8,500 short of their \$10,000 goal, Yang and Steinmetz are optimistic for next year.

"ASU has a lot more potential. The first year is always a matter of people not knowing what we are. The second year people will recognize the name and we can have clubs as a whole participate and help us reach a \$10,000 goal," Steinmetz said.

Students who raised at least \$25 received ASU team T-shirts.

"It's nice to see a mass of gold walking and demonstrating ASU support," said Laura Burgis, the council's

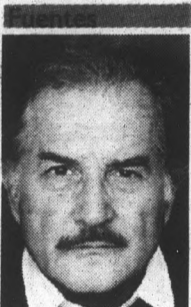
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Renowned Latin American speaker's lecture sold out

BY LIDIA E. KELLY
STATE PRESS

For the first time in the 10-year history of ASU's Centennial Lecture series, the Honors College invited back a speaker from previous years.

Carlos Fuentes, one of Latin America's most renowned and eloquent speakers, will be the guest of the annual



event held at 8 p.m. tonight at Gammage Auditorium.

Fuentes first came to ASU in 1989 and inaugurated the Centennial Lecture series organized by the Honors College.

"He is so well-respected," said Melissa Werner, Honors College event coordinator. "He is not only an excellent writer, he is also a well-known diplomat."

His first visit drew thousands of students and faculty to the 3,000-seat auditorium and tonight's free event is sold out, Werner

said.

Fuentes, born to a Mexican diplomat in Panama in 1928, was the first Mexican writer whose book, *Old Gringo*, became a best seller in the United States. The novel was adapted for a 1989 film of the same title, starring Gregory Peck and Jimmy Smits. Fuentes' writings range from spy thrillers, such as *The Hydra Head* to novels on Mexican revolution, including the acclaimed *The Death of Artemio Cruz*.

Fuentes spent his early years in the

United States, Chile and Argentina. He attended college in Mexico City and studied law at both the School of Law at the National University of Mexico and Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales in Geneva.

He also served as the Mexican ambassador to France from 1974-77 and was an active advocate for peace in Central America. He is a member of Mexico's National Commission on Human Rights. All his life, Fuentes has also been a leading spokesman for the Freedom to Write issue.

Buddy bowlers brighten game for athletes, volunteers

BY JAN-ERIK SAUE
STATE PRESS

While many ASU students spent their spring break tanning in Mexico or partying in California, four spent Saturday morning helping disabled bowlers in a Buddy Bowling program coordinated by the city of Tempe.

"I don't mind spending my Saturday mornings with these guys," said Sean Stevenson, an ASU undeclared sophomore and buddy bowler. "I hope this makes a small difference in their lives, it sure does for me. The look on their faces and the joy when they play is genuine and sincere. There are no hard feelings."

The buddies help the special athletes bowl and also get the chance to play. The participants are divided into teams and there are prizes for the winners, said Mike Hall an ASU music major and city of Tempe employee.

Stevenson, with fellow students Jennifer Baumgartner and Julie Hazar volunteer as buddies every Saturday. Baumgartner, a therapeutic recreation junior, has been a

buddy for nearly a year. "They applaud you for the effort, not the result," Baumgartner said. "Some are just as happy when a competitor gets a strike as themselves."

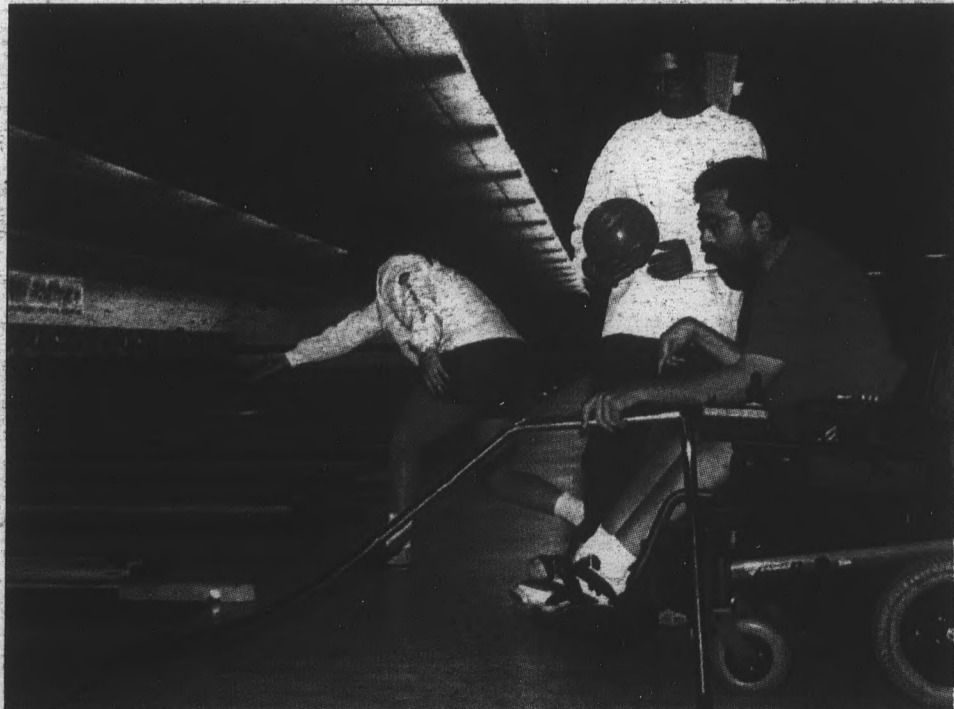
The bowling ball doesn't always hit its mark, but there are no complaints and no sore losers. The smiles and applause are just as big when nine pins are left standing as when all 10 are knocked down.

Hazar, a business freshman and regular volunteer, said she would keep coming back. "It's all laughs and hugs," Hazar said. "There are no harsh remarks if someone hits the gutter, and we have a lot of fun."

"I did it!" screamed Mark Foster as his last remaining pins fell down. The 30-year-old with Downs syndrome is a happy bowler who regularly scores above 100. Saturday Foster scored 181 — a new personal record.

"Mark loves to bowl," said Foster's mother Earline. "He looks forward to this all week. People here are so friendly and helpful."

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Sean Stevenson, an ASU undeclared sophomore and buddy bowler, assists Leonard Stump, a special athlete, at the AMF Tempe Village Bowling Center. The "Buddy Bowling Program" is coordinated by the city of Tempe and is held every Saturday until April 3.

Today

for Monday, March 22

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 Kundalini Yoga Club will offer a free Yoga class tonight at 7 p.m. in the MU, room 224. Beginners are welcome.

•The Learning Resources Center is offering free test-taking strategies for student at 3 p.m. in the MU, room 208D.

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.

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staff advisor and assistant director of Undergraduate Services. "It's wonderful that students are coming together to provide support for such a great cause."

The March of Dimes goal for Phoenix was \$675,000. The goal for all the school groups participating in the walk was \$100,000.

The official donation amount and number of walkers will not be available until Wednesday, but council staff advisor Melissa McCracken said she is confident that Phoenix will surpass its goal.

"There are way more people out here early, especially the school

walkers. Usually they come out a little bit later, but they're all out here and ready to go," said McCracken, who is also the fundraising director for the March of Dimes Arizona Chapter.

The march also lured in several first-time walkers.

Communication junior Jason Borges said the walk wasn't what he expected.

"I'm really surprised that it's so festive. I'm really glad I did it," said Borges, who raised \$50. "I encourage other ASU students to do it in future years."

Buddy

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Some bowlers needed a little extra help to bowl and the buddies helped them load the ball on the ramp. George Cocchiarella, a student at Mesa Community College, averages about 100 and bowled 76 Saturday.

"I've yet to see a volunteer who isn't nice," said Cocchiarella's father, Sam. "It's

a lot of smiles and happiness, and a nice offer for the kids. George looks forward to this all week."

The volunteers help make the program work, said Donna Stancil, program coordinator. The buddies work as team captains, collect money and help the special athletes

bowl. "It would be hard to make it work without the buddies," Stancil said.

Tempe Parks and Recreation Division sponsors the Saturday morning bowling program at the AMF Tempe Village Bowling Center at 4407 S. Rural Road. For more information, call 350-5200.

Republican proposes 'pro-choice' plank

BY MARC HUMBERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York Gov. George Pataki came under fire Sunday from two contenders for the Republican presidential nomination over his call to remove the anti-abortion plank from the GOP's national platform.

The self-described "pro-choice" Pataki, just back from a two-day visit to New Hampshire, the traditional site of the nation's first presidential primary, is eyeing the race himself.

Conservative commentator Pat Buchanan, appearing on ABC's This Week program, said removing the anti-abortion plank from the platform would "start a civil war" within the GOP.

Meanwhile, Steve Forbes, appearing on NBC's Meet the Press,

said Pataki's support for abortion rights would disqualify him from being on a Forbes-led ticket. Last year, the millionaire publisher had said Pataki should be on every GOP candidate's short-list of potential running mates.

Buchanan said he did not know if he would mount a third party challenge if the GOP convention took Pataki's advice and eliminated the anti-abortion plank.

Appearing separately on ABC, Pataki defended his call to ditch the anti-abortion platform, a message he espoused during the party's 1996 convention, but which has now drawn attention because of his personal interest in the presidential race.

"We should focus on what divides us from Democrats and not what divides us as Republicans," Pataki said.

SPORTS

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Memorial Union Activities Board

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MEMORIAL UNION ACTIVITIES BOARD

Look what's going on this week!

- MONDAY:** Socials Committee Meeting at 12:10 on the 3rd floor of the MU.
Coffeehouse and Poetry Series Meeting at 1:00 on the 3rd floor of MU
- TUESDAY:** Women's History Month Opinions Forum at 12:15 in the MU Programming Lounge.
Film Committee Meeting at 1:00 on the 3rd floor of the MU.
Gallery Committee Meeting at 1:40 on the 3rd floor of the MU.
Recreation Committee Meeting at 2:30 on the 3rd floor of the MU.
- WEDNESDAY:** "The Matrix" Network Event Theater Sneak Preview at 7:00 in the MU Cinema
- THURSDAY:** Barren Mind Improv. At 12:15 in the MU Programming Lounge.
Opinions Forum Committee Meeting at 2:00 on the 3rd floor of the MU
College Bowl Committee Meeting at 3:00 on the 3rd floor of MU.
- FRIDAY:** Farce Side Comedy Hour at 12:40 in the MU Programming Lounge.
- SATURDAY:** 1999 ASU College Bowl Trash Trivia Tournament from 12-4 on 2nd floor of the MU

Sign up a TEAM OF FOUR people to compete in the 1999 ASU COLLEGE BOWL TRASH TRIVIA TOURNAMENT. Answer questions about movies, music, TV and sports for your chance to WIN \$100!
Sign up in the MUAB offices at our front desk by Friday March 26!

The MU recreation center has changed its name! Now the same place you love to play video arcade games, play pool and bowl is called SPARKY'S DEN. Stop by to see what other great changes have taken place!
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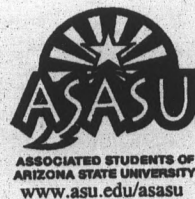
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VICE PRESIDENT'S CANDIDATE FORUM
Wednesday at 11:30 in front of the MU, on the north side



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America West may be ripe for merger

PHOENIX (AP) — The \$80 million contract struck between America West Airlines and its flight attendants could make the nation's ninth-largest airline ripe for a merger.

With a possible strike looming, America West announced last month it was ending merger talks with United Airlines and other carriers. Officials said there were too many conditions attached and a buyout might not be blessed by federal regulators.

Shortly after midnight EST Friday, when the 2,300 flight attendants were free to walk off the job, both sides announced the tentative, five-year agreement that improves the attendants' travel expenses, salaries, and work rules.

The stock market is likely to cheer the settlement news on Monday. If the stock gets a bump, it might be from investors betting on renewed interest in America West from United or other suitors, The Arizona Republic reported Sunday.

Julius Maldutis, airline analyst with CIBC Oppenheimer in New York, expects more bids. "Once a labor contract with the flight attendants is signed, we fully expect UAL Corp. to make a counter offer for America West," he wrote in a March 9 report, the newspaper said.

Holly Hegeman, who chronicles the airline industry on the Internet and originally broke the story of United's interest in America West, also expects an offer now that the flight attendant troubles have been settled.

"We expect to see another offer from United Airlines for the folks in Phoenix, as well as a possible AWA/TWA deal that may come together as well," she wrote after the settlement was announced.

But America West Chairman Bill Franke has said America West plans to remain independent.

The flight attendants' contract, he told the newspaper, "assures that we can continue the airline's strategic growth without interruption and our employees can focus on providing quality customer service."

Meanwhile, flight attendants and America West officials met Sunday in Washington — where the final round of negotiations took place — to resolve the wording of a tentative agreement that averted a strike which could have stranded 100,000 travelers. Union officials say contract details would not be available until Monday.

Deanna Clarkson, spokeswoman for the America West council of the Association of Flight Attendants, said Sunday that the contract is valued at more than \$80 million. That's a compromise between America West's \$68.7 million offer and the \$85.3 million sought by the union.

One area where America West apparently prevailed is in travel expenses, or per diem, Clarkson said.

The union demanded \$1.80 per hour, matching what pilots receive. America West has been paying the equivalent of 89 cents per hour in per diem and would agree to increase it only to \$1.30 per hour for the first 30 months, \$1.50 for 30 months and \$1.75 at the end of the contract.

The tentative agreement rewards flight attendants for their sacrifices made to help America West survive bankruptcy and reorganization in the early 1990s, AFA President Bill McGlashen told The Republic.

It especially boosts salaries for longtime flight attendants, some of whom haven't had a pay increase in four years, he said.

AFA union members must ratify the contract. A mail-in vote is expected to be completed in about a month, McGlashen said.



Samaruddin Stewart of the State Press

Hundreds of America West employees and supporters held a vigil outside the Tempe headquarters Friday night awaiting the deadline for a contract decision. Shortly after the deadline passed and amid a possible strike, a tentative, five-year agreement was announced with the flight attendants.

Former patients sue psychiatric clinic for fraud

TUCSON (AP) — Former patients of Tucson Psychiatric Institute are accusing the defunct hospital of falsely imprisoning them for the insurance money.

In a Pima County Superior Court lawsuit, 66 ex-patients allege fraud and are seeking compensation from Tenet Healthcare Inc. of Santa Barbara, Calif., the Tucson Daily Star reported Sunday.

The company, under the name Psychiatric Institutes of America Inc., a subsidiary of National Medical Enterprises Inc., owned and operated Tucson Psychiatric Institute from 1983 to 1994.

"It targeted mainly adolescents and told their parents the kids were suicidal, or whatever, to get them admitted under false pretenses," said Paul Friedman, the plaintiffs' attorney.

"But when they reached the end of their insurance benefits, they'd be magically cured and discharged."

The lawsuits seek unspecified damages from Tenet, a for-profit, 18-state hospital chain with 131 medical hospitals and 23 specialty hospitals.

Tenet owns the 106-bed Tucson General Hospital and Westcenter, a 40-bed drug and alcohol treatment facility. In Phoenix, Tenet owns four hospitals with 582 beds and the 70-bed St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center.

Lance Ignon, Tenet's director of media relations, said the company has settled similar suits in the past.

But Tenet now intends to fight back because many of the claims are a decade old or older, and "in the vast majority, physicians provided proper treatment," Ignon said.

Legal challenges of AIMS test almost inevitable, experts say

BY MICHELLE RUSHLO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Joe O'Reilly hears it all the time — at public meetings, on the phone: "If my kid doesn't get his diploma, I'm going to sue you."

The director of assessment and special projects at Mesa Unified School District has been holding public meetings and sending letters home, trying to make parents aware of what will be expected of students if they want to graduate from high school once the AIMS test takes hold.

And while many parents and students are apprehensive, some are downright hostile.

"Invariably somebody threatens to sue," said O'Reilly. "I'm sure when someone is denied a diploma, there will be lawsuits."

Starting with the class of 2002 (today's freshmen), Arizona high school students who want to graduate will be forced to pass the AIMS test, which will assess their skills in math, reading, and writing.

District and state officials acknowledge that with failures, lawsuits are probable, if not inevitable.

"We certainly hope there won't be, but we're certainly not going to be surprised if there are," said Patricia Likens, spokeswoman for the Arizona Department of Education.

In states where such high-stakes tests have been used, lawsuits have

frequently followed. Some have challenged the veracity of the tests, while others have accused educators of fail-

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Joe O'Reilly, director of assessment and special projects at Mesa Unified School District

ing to prepare students for the exams.

Gary Natriello, a professor of sociology and education at Columbia University, said that as states across the country begin implementing similar graduation tests, a new crop of lawsuits is likely.

"Once you connect test results to a diploma, you connect them to a whole bunch of other things, like job and educational opportunities," he said. "The assumption is that a lot of poor kids and a lot of minorities won't pass. But of course, a number of suburbs kids will fail and they may have more resources to bring lawsuits."

Tom Pickrell, the director of legal services for the Arizona School

Boards Association, said he's not aware of any successful lawsuits alleging educational malpractice, but a federal appeals court has ruled school officials are obligated to show the test material was presented in the classroom.

In 1981, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a Florida literacy test was valid as long as it was a fair test of material presented to the students.

Pickrell said although the ruling doesn't directly apply to Arizona, districts and state officials need to make sure the curriculums and state requirements line up with the standards.

For example, the state Board of Education currently requires only two years of math to graduate, but because the AIMS test will cover algebra, geometry, and data analysis, it's likely that students will actually need three years of math in order to pass the test.

"The evaluation needs to be done from the top down," Pickrell said.

But Likens of the Education Department said districts have always been free to make tougher graduation requirements than the state minimum and that they may need to do that to prepare students for the AIMS test.

O'Reilly said his district is doing just that.

Editorial

Social Security numbers digitize our identities

We have discovered another argument for stopping the use of Social Security numbers as student identification numbers: plain old fashioned common courtesy.

The Sunday edition of *The New York Times* reported that the ASU Parents Association, through a unfortunate computer glitch, sent out form letters to a few prospective students' parents in which the student's name was replaced by their Social Security number.

The form letter, reprinted in full in the Times, is embarrassingly effusive — like most form letters — but it actually reads: "Congratulations on 987-65-4321's admission to Arizona State University!"

We have always suspected that we are little more than numbers on this campus, but really, this is ridiculous.

Yes, ASU is a big school and yes, it is probably impossible to efficiently process that many students without substituting names with numbers — but one must ask how that sort of thing was done before the advent of the computer-driven information age.

The whole process probably took a lot longer, it was probably more expensive and more than a little wasteful.

But then again, at least Joe Prospective College Student had an identity that was a little less digital and a little more human.

The whole scenario gives a very bad impression of ASU in general.

The parent's sarcastic response — "as we affectionately refer to him around the house — 987," in speaking of his child — included a scathing criticism of an institution so mired in the mere size of its student population it has yet to master the art of balancing a certain sensitivity — like, say an actual name — with an appropriate efficiency.

We think it's a valid argument. Think of your last lecture class. You check your posted grade, what are you? A number. And have you seen what happens at graduation? The sizes of graduating classes makes personal recognition impossible. Again, we are just numbers.

Obviously there is only so much that can be done to curb such a problem in a school with a student population larger than some cities — we can't just drop half the student population so that the other half gets a little more TLC. And we admit that there is definitely something attractive in the anonymity that such size sometimes provides.

We only hope that the next time we get something in the mail its addressed to a person.

Last we checked we all had names.



Tempe gets unexpected share of spring break lunacy, crime

The last margarita has been consumed and spring break is finally over.

As I came back from the drunken little city of Rocky Point, Mexico, I noticed a few things had changed since I last left campus.

In Mexico, absurd incidents and bizarre events occur all the time, but upon arriving home, I noticed a different ASU.

Tempe has gone into chaos. It all started when I pulled into a gas station to fill my tank. Gasoline prices, which before I left were about 85 cents, had risen to almost one dollar.

When I got home, a letter from the phone company informed me that beginning April 1, 1999, I would now have to dial one of three area codes prior to calling locally.

After I turned on the television, I noticed an underdog team from Gonzaga still alive in the NCAA men's basketball tournament. They had reached the elite eight and were playing at America West Arena before losing a

Brant Galloway columnist



chance to join the final four.

A local paper featured a restaurant switching its old computers in anticipation of Y2K, and a mid-western farmer who made thousands trading stocks over the Internet.

But perhaps the most bizarre and unfortunate event occurred late Friday night on Mill Avenue when a gunman walked out of a van and opened fire on three Tempe police officers.

The ensuing gunfight resulted in the death of the gunman and a critically wounded officer. Another officer was shot in the chest, but his vest saved him.

Because the gunman was killed, police were unable to gain any

explanation for the sudden attack. In *The Arizona Republic*, members of the gunman's family called the senseless act an answer to an assisted suicide. I hope this theory is true, because otherwise, the gunman's actions would be considered nothing but straight lunacy.

It is these types of unusual crimes that scare me the most. The Mill Avenue incident was a cold act with no meaning or motive behind it. This type of lunacy, given enough weapons and power, is similar to the catastrophes caused by Adolph Hitler and Saddam Hussein.

It is very likely that if many ASU students had not been away on spring break, they might have been wandering around Mill at the same time. Someone might have even gotten shot.

Spring break in Mexico was the wild and deranged break many ASU students desperately needed, but maybe we chose the wrong vacation.

It's obvious that life was much more bizarre in Tempe.

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Clinton has no shame in press appearance

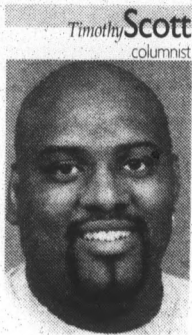
With Bill Clinton's infamous legacy as the second U.S. president ever impeached, you would think he might show some humility when appearing before members of the media for the first time since the Senate trial. Yet, during his March 18 appearance at a dinner with the Radio and Television Correspondents Association in Washington, Clinton made it all too clear that shame is not a word in his vocabulary.

The Senate acquitted Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice just five weeks ago. His appearance at the correspondents' dinner fell one day before his first official press conference in nearly a year. Ever the savvy politician, Clinton seized this opportunity to warm up his audience before the main event, using his patented brand of self-deprecating shtick.

Acting more like a stand-up comedian than the leader of the free world, Clinton opened his remarks by thanking the group for inviting him to have dinner with 2,000 members of the Washington press corps.

"I accepted," said Clinton. "If this isn't contrition, I don't know what is."

The president then proceeded to stage a self-parody right out of *Saturday Night Live*. An actor walked onto the stage dressed like a foreign dignitary, wearing a dark, military uniform with a bright red sash across his chest. The actor was a comedic prop, a way for Clinton to lam-



Timothy Scott
columnist

poon the coincidental presence of a foreign leader anytime he was questioned about Monica Lewinsky. This coincidence became Clinton's buffer, preventing the press from having the nerve to ask too many embarrassing questions.

After setting up this mock press conference, Clinton said he prepared his own answers to imaginary press conference questions. Instead of asking the questions, Clinton said he would just state the answers.

He took some harmless shots at members of the media and his own political rhetoric, then shifted his "answers" toward the topic of newsmakers that have recently spoken out against him.

"No, I didn't watch it," said Clinton. Then, after laughter and applause, he added, "No, I haven't read it."

Either the punch line was a reference to Lewinsky, or it was a reference to the tell-all book by former White House aide, George Stephanopoulos and the recent television interview of alleged rape victim, Juanita Broaddrick. In either case, it wasn't that funny.

The glib performance was a telling example of Clinton's arrogance, considering he just learned he could keep his job

barely a month ago.

The president has a right to feel betrayed by those who have cashed in on the controversy. Still, doesn't he realize these jokes only make him seem cold, calculating and insincere? Apparently, the answer is no. He doesn't.

Of course, there's still the best line of the night, when Clinton made a jab at the Republican House managers.

"You know, the House managers were really unhappy with the Senate verdict," Clinton said. "In fact, they're appealing it to the judges in the Holyfield-Lewis fight."

Now, say what you want about Ken Starr's tactics, Linda Tripp's agenda

or Monica Lewinsky's judgment, but to hear our president make light of this national tragedy only emphasizes the fact that Clinton just doesn't get it. He basks in the afterglow of his victory, never showing a hint of genuine remorse for his own philandering misconduct or his own willfully misleading public statements.

For months, the media's been using Clinton's high approval rating as proof that Americans aren't concerned about the pres-

ident's private activities. Supposedly, as long as the president continues stabilizing the economy, reducing crime, unemployment and the threat of terrorism, then what he does behind closed doors is his business.

Such permissiveness on our part isn't a sign of the nation's enlightenment. It's a sign of political apathy and basic denial. Like the proverbial emperor wearing his new clothes, our willing indifference keeps the president blissfully unaware of just how naked he really is. No one wants to admit the truth, not even the press. They just laugh along with his thoughtless jokes, no matter how big a fool he makes of himself.

With two years left in his administration, God knows who'll jump out of the woodwork next. Juanita Broaddrick is the scandal of the month, but more names are inevitable.

With the Russian government in a state upheaval, reports of Chinese espionage and military action expected in Kosovo any day now, America needs the full attention of its commander in chief. We can't afford to have the president constantly distracted by piling criminal allegations, no matter how credible they may be.

Unfortunately, we don't have a choice. Until someone else has the opportunity to step in and bring some integrity back to the White House, Clinton's acquittal forces all of us to live with him for a while.

I guess, now we know how Hillary feels. **Timothy Scott is a sophomore studying journalism and can be reached at tscott@imap4.asu.edu.**

Letters to the Editor

BIStake

I would like to thank you first of all for deeming David Kurtz's story worthy of a front page story (March 12). I would also like to thank the reporter, Andrea J. Balsky, for her patience, for covering the story was not easy. I am disappointed, however, that the following information in the article was not accurate:

David Kurtz is not a business information systems major, but a bachelor of interdisciplinary studies major. So are the other two students quoted in the article, Jessica Matteson and David Klein.

I am not a lecturer in the business school, but in the BIS program, which is housed officially in the Graduate School.

The misinformation is indicative of the general misunderstanding about the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program at Arizona State University. The misinformation is also indicative that the reporter did not make it clear to me that she did not understand either the nature of the class she was visiting nor the major.

I would like to point out that reporting such inaccuracies can have serious implications and consequences to the reputation of the program, the *State Press* and the University in general.

I believe that the errors in the article provide an excellent opportunity for the *State Press* to devote an article about how there is great misunderstanding about what BIS stands for at ASU. The article could be accompanied with a photographer asking students on campus their opinions about what BIS means and excerpts of their

responses.

At the very least, some acknowledgment of the inaccuracies are in order.

Tanya Augsborg
Ph.D lecturer
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

I was delighted you chose to acknowledge the 90th birthday of our student, David Kurtz, with a front-page story. I would have been more pleased had his major and the appointment of my colleague, Tanya Augsborg, been correctly identified on the four occasions when the degree is mentioned.

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David Kurtz's degree will be the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies. Dr. Augsborg is a faculty member in this program, not in the College of Business.

Michael Cochise Young
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Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

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Readers' Poll

What is your opinion?

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee recently held a hearing regarding the independent counsel law (PL103-207), set to expire on June 30, unless renewed. Proponents claim that the law, initially created after Nixon dismissed the special prosecutor investigating Watergate, is needed to avoid conflicts of interest between the attorney general and the president. Critics argue the law gives the independent counsel too much power.

Should the law be renewed?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Don't know; don't care

To vote, visit our website at <http://news.vpsa.asu.edu/spress/spress.html>. Answers will be published in next Wednesday's issue of the *State Press*.

Mid-terms lead to increase in ASU counseling services

BY JAN-ERIK SAUE
STATE PRESS

In the middle of mid-terms and with mounting academic pressure, ASU's Counseling and Consultation services is experiencing an increased number of pleas for help from stressed students.

"We are at full capacity all semester," said Steve Golston, senior psychologist at Counseling and Consultation. "But at this time of year we have a larger number of students coming to us with academic problems."

Each counselor sees about seven to eight students each day.

Golston said research shows a link between psychological state of mind and the ability to handle academic problems.

"The academic problems is the final drop causing them to come to us," he said.

The permanent staff of 13 licensed psychologists and counselors, along with 10 doctoral students and interns, work closely with Student Health, which has also noticed an increase of students with academic-related problems, Golston said.

"Unfortunately we have a waiting list of about two weeks for students who wish to schedule regular personal consultations," Golston said. "We could use more counselors; right now our staff covers 45,000 students. That's not enough."

First-time visitors can get in for an assessment session within a day, he said.

If it is an urgent problem, or the counseling office doesn't offer the appropriate services, students can get assistance in seeking help elsewhere, either from doctoral students at on- or off-campus institu-

tions.

"There is no ASU student we say no to," Golston said.

In the most extreme circumstances, Golston said his office can help students drop their classes.

"If there's no other choice, we can help students document reasons for dropping a class," Golston said. "However, we try to prevent that from happening. Our goal is to assist students in doing their best."

Mid-terms and final exams are part of a college education, but for some students the pressure to perform is more than they can handle.

"I had to drop one class to keep up my grades," said Lawrence Bates, a social sciences junior. "The pressure accumulates towards the end of the semester and with 18 credits, I just couldn't keep up."

Bates, an honor student, struggled with keeping his grade point average above the required 3.5 for his scholarship.

"I come in once a week and it's a great help for me," said a 22-year-old female student who declined to give her name.

"For a while, I considered dropping out of school and couldn't get on top of my work. My counselor helped me through the hard time, and now I'm glad I stuck with it. I still have some issues to work on, but academically, I'm doing better."

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ASU police reported the following incidents Friday and Saturday:

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 - A man not affiliated with ASU was arrested, cited and released on charges of driving on a suspended license at 600 E. Sixth St.
 - A male student reported two bicycles stolen from Hayden Library, where they were secured with locks.
 - A student reported that someone entered her car while it was parked in Structure 4 and stole a stereo and CDs.
 - A student reported that someone removed the license plate from his car while it was parked in Structure 5.
 - A student reported someone damaged his car while it was parked in Structure 5.
 - A student reported someone damaged his car while it was parked in Structure 6.
 - A student reported someone entered her car while it was parked in Structure 6 and removed a case full of CDs.
 - A student reported someone removed her cellular phone from the Wells Fargo Arena.
- Tempe police reported the following incidents Sunday:
- Police arrested a 33-year-old Mesa man Tuesday on charges of driving on a suspended license and on outstanding Mesa warrants for knowingly displaying a suspended license and driving without a license plate. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail and held to see a judge.
 - A 21-year-old Glendale woman was arrested Wednesday at 6 E. Seventh St. on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Officers reportedly saw her sitting in a vehicle behind a bar and smoking marijuana. She was booked into the Tempe City Jail and released.
 - Police arrested a 35-year-old Tempe man

on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia after executing a search warrant Wednesday in the 5400 block of South Hazelton Lane. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail.

- A 32-year-old Tempe man was arrested Wednesday at 2011 E. Apache Blvd. on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and providing false information to police. Officers found a glass tube with residue, believed to be a "crack" pipe, in his possession. The man said he only lied to police because he thought there was a warrant out for his arrest. He was booked into the Tempe City Jail and held to see a judge.
- Two Chandler men were carjacked while in their 1988 Chevrolet pickup truck late Saturday night. They told police they were parked at the Hayden Flour Mills Division of the Bay State Milling Company, 199 South Mill Avenue. Police are looking for two Hispanic men who were driving a brown 1980s four-door Oldsmobile. One of the men, described as 18 years old, 5'10" and 140 pounds, reportedly displayed a black semi-automatic pistol. The other man is described as 20-25 years old, 5'10", of medium build and wearing a dark flannel jacket.
- A Minnesota woman was taken to the Maricopa Medical Center in serious condition early Sunday morning after a car accident that occurred in the 1200 block of West Washington Street. A Chandler woman and a Minnesota woman were taken to a Scottsdale hospital and were in stable condition. Two men, one from Tempe and the other Phoenix, were not injured. Police said their vehicle was traveling westbound on Washington at a "high rate of speed" when it failed to negotiate a curve, hit the curb and overturned, coming to a stop against a tree. Police do not believe alcohol was involved.

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'Shakespeare' wins best picture; Spielberg takes directing Oscar

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In a night of surprises and upsets, the romantic comedy "Shakespeare in Love" won seven Academy Awards on Sunday, including best picture and best actress for Gwyneth Paltrow. Steven Spielberg's bloody World War II epic "Saving Private Ryan" won the prize for directing and four other Oscars.

Roberto Benigni, as an Italian Jew shielding his son from the horrors of the Holocaust in "Life is Beautiful," stunned the audience by becoming the first star of a foreign film to win as best actor. The tragi-comic film, which Benigni also wrote and directed, won additional Academy Awards for foreign film and dramatic score.

"This is a terrible mistake because I used up all my English," he said, as he leapt to the stage for the second time.

The split between best picture and director marked the first time since 1989 the prizes had gone to different movies.

That year, "Driving Miss Daisy" won as best picture, while Oliver Stone was named best director for "Born on the Fourth of July."

Paltrow, never before nominated, was honored for her role as the object of a young Bard's affections.

"I don't feel very deserving of this in your presence," she said, sobbing, as she named her fellow nominees.

Judi Dench, who played the imperious but fair-minded Queen Elizabeth I in "Shakespeare in Love," and James Coburn, the alcoholic, abusive father in "Affliction," won best supporting Oscars.

"Saving Private Ryan" also took prizes for cinematography, editing, sound and sound effects editing.

"Am I allowed to say I really wanted this?" Spielberg joked as he accepted his second directing Oscar. His first was for "Schindler's List" in 1993.



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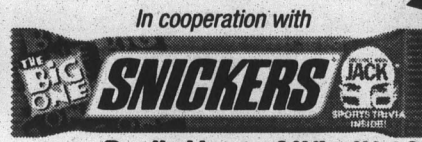
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Round-the-world balloonists land in Egyptian deserts

By ENRIC MARTI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUT, Egypt — Less than a day after conquering one of the great challenges in aviation, the two men who became the first to circle the world nonstop in a hot-air balloon landed safely Sunday outside of the Western Desert oasis town of Mut.

Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones touched down about 45 miles north of an airbase in Mut, Egypt, 300 miles southwest of Cairo. The balloonists chose to continue their flight past the finish line in the hope of landing near the pyramids, but unfavorable winds kept them south of their goal.

And then they waited — for nearly eight hours — atop the steep plateau before an Egyptian army helicopter picked them up.

Stepping off the helicopter at the airport outside Mut, the two men linked hands and raised them in the air.

Piccard, stubble showing on his slightly sunburned face, said everything was "absolutely wonderful."

"It was 21 days in the balloon. ... It was beautiful," said Piccard, who fought back tears as he spoke. "It is a big pleasure to have landed in Egypt. My wife was born in Egypt."

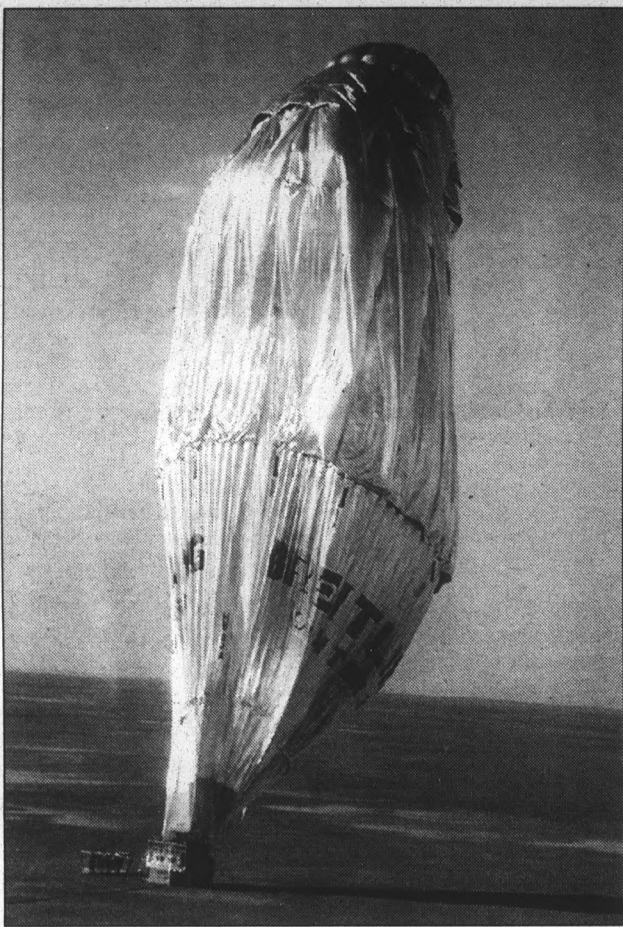
Jones said strong winds made for a perfect landing but then began blowing the balloon along the ground.

"The winds tipped it over, and we had to run around the balloon with our knives to make holes to keep from being dragged across the desert," he said.

The two adventurers covered a total 29,056 miles — about 2,500 miles beyond the round-the-world mark — in a journey of 19 days, 21 hours and 55 minutes, their control center said.

Before it finally touched down on soft sand, the balloon made two unsuccessful attempts to land. On a scale of one to 10, the final landing was a 10, Noble said.

Don Cameron, whose company in Bristol, England, manufactured the balloon, said the landing was done "very



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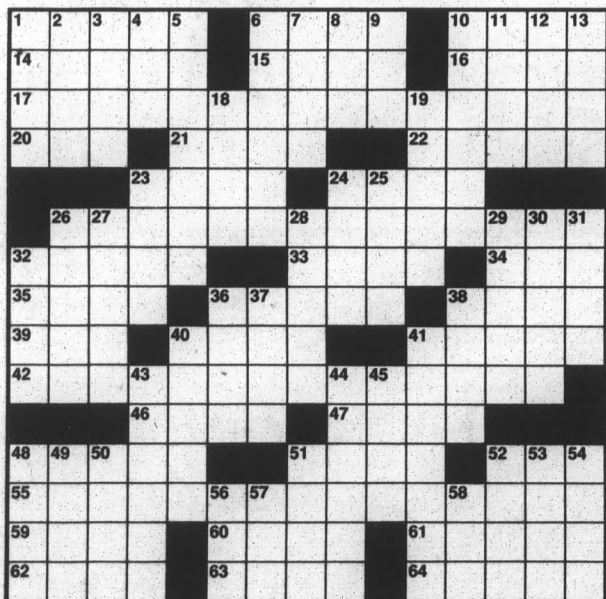
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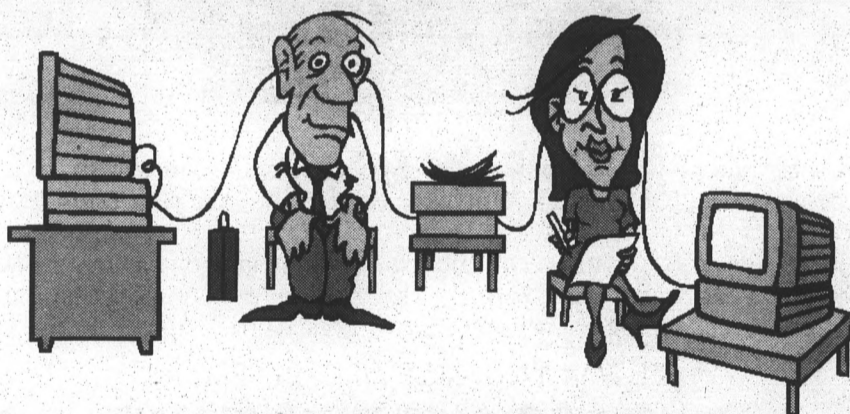
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Police killing of immigrant spurs political crisis

BY MICHAEL BLOOD
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NEW YORK — The police killing of an unarmed African immigrant has set off a political crisis which threatens to tarnish Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who has largely built his reputation on taming New York's mean streets.

Amadou Diallo was struck by 19 of 41 bullets fired by four white officers as he stood in the vestibule of a Bronx rowhouse on a cold February night.

Diallo, a skinny 22-year-old street peddler, lived a brief, anonymous life in the city. But his death has been seized upon as a symbol for allegations about police all too eager to raise a nightstick or gun — particularly against minorities.

The case also reflects tension over police attitudes and tactics nationally. Earlier this month, President Clinton said he was worried that recent charges of police misconduct could undermine the fight against crime.

Questionable shootings by police have taken the lives of blacks in Pittsburgh and Riverside, Calif. And in New Jersey, state troopers have come under fire for conducting traffic stops based on a driver's race — so-called racial profiling.

In New York, the Diallo case touches on some of the city's most prickly issues — police "stop and frisk" search-

es that some charge are unconstitutional, a shortage of minorities on the police force, and uneasy relations between City Hall and minorities.

A grand jury is looking into the shooting, and the U.S. attorney in Manhattan has broadened a probe of police tactics to include the elite street crimes unit whose members shot Diallo on Feb. 4.

The plaza outside police headquarters has become a forum for carefully choreographed demonstrations urging the arrest of the four officers, who remain on desk duty. Nearly 200 people have been led away in handcuffs with TV cameras rolling, including former Mayor David Dinkins and the president of the NAACP, Kweisi Mfume.

There are also demands for the ouster of the police commissioner.

"This was the death of an innocent human being, who didn't have a gun. The people of the city of New York, not just minorities, are outraged," says former Mayor Edward I. Koch, who plans to join protesters today and expects to be arrested.

Giuliani, a Republican and former federal prosecutor, built his reputation on New York's declining crime rates. As he considers a run for U.S. Senate in 2000 the political stakes for him are significant.

His approval ratings in polls tumbled following the shooting.

In January 1994, when Giuliani took over a city traumatized by race riots, he promised an era of racial healing. But he has made few inroads with black community leaders, and eight of ten blacks voted against him in his 1997 reelection.

Beyond Giuliani, Diallo's case is seen within the minority community as part of a pattern of abuses.

Critics point to the alleged torture in 1997 of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima, who prosecutors say was beaten and sodomized with a wooden handle by officers in Brooklyn.

Now, the voices of outrage are no longer just familiar detractors of the mayor like black minister Rev. Al Sharpton.

"It has become disturbingly clear that many of our communities distrust and indeed fear the police," said Suzanne Denbo Jaffe, president of the New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

The mayor's supporters dismiss charges of prejudice in the administration and say Giuliani has acted from principle in taking no action until the grand jury decides whether the police should be charged.

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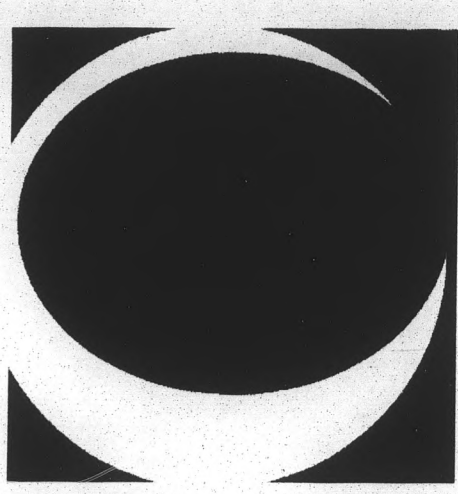
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Ex-hostage suing Iran; US may be obstacle too

By ARLENE LEVINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ohio — Terry Anderson is set to sue Iran for \$100 million over the more than six years the former Associated Press correspondent was held hostage, shackled and blindfolded, in Lebanon. The lawsuit accuses Iran of having sponsored his captors.

The lawsuit to be filed today is also likely to become a challenge to the U.S. government. The Clinton administration has thwarted plaintiffs in similar lawsuits from collecting millions of dollars awarded by U.S. courts, even though the damage claims are against countries the State Department labels as sponsors of terrorism.

In October, the president issued a blanket waiver of a requirement that federal agencies help obtain that money.

"Much of our argument is likely to be with the U.S. government, rather than the Iranian government," Anderson said in an interview at his home about 10 miles outside Athens, where he teaches journalism at Ohio University.

"The law says that the U.S. government is supposed to help us in pressing our claim," said Anderson, 51. Confident of winning a judgment against Iran, he said "the biggest obstacle to us receiving any money is the White House."

The lawsuit, to be filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, also names as plaintiffs Anderson's wife, Madeleine Bassil, 49, and their daughter, Sulome, who seek redress for emotional distress and their long separation from Anderson. Sulome, 13, was born three months after her father, then AP chief Middle East correspondent, was taken captive in Beirut on March 16, 1985, as he returned from a morning tennis game.

Held longer than any other American in Lebanon, he was freed 2,454 days later, on Dec. 4, 1991. The family is seeking \$100 million in compensatory damages and unspecified punitive damages.

Named as defendants are the Islamic Republic of Iran and its Ministry of Information and Security.

The lawsuit says Anderson's captors were members of Hezbollah, or Party of



Amy Sancetta of the Associated Press

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God, "a politico-paramilitary terrorist organization operating in Lebanon." It says Iran is the party's sponsor, "providing it with funding, direction and training for its terrorist activities in Lebanon."

It says that as a hostage Anderson was fed a poor diet of bread, cheese and rice; was beaten, taunted and humiliated; was regularly threatened with death and falsely

promised release; heard his fellow captives beaten and one die; grew so depressed he beat his head against a wall until he bled.

Iran's U.N. ambassador, Seyed Mohammad Hadi Nejad Hosseinian, denied Friday that Iran had supported the hostage-takers and said U.S. courts have no jurisdiction over foreign countries.

Coast Guard trying to prevent oil spill from reaching shoreline

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Coast Guard workers laid additional oil spill booms Sunday to try to prevent a spill from a sunken oil tanker in Manila Bay from an important tourist district, a Philippine official said.

The tanker Sea Brothers I, carrying nearly 110,000 gallons of oil, crashed into the breakwater in the bay, capsized and sank on Friday, spilling most of its cargo, Coast Guard Lt. Rommel Olarte said.

Most of the seven crew members were injured in the accident, but none seriously, the Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard initially reported that the slick of

83,200 gallons of oil covered about 79 acres of the bay. It later reported the oil slick covered a much smaller area.

Olarte said additional boom lines were being laid to prevent the oil from being carried by the tide to Manila's shoreline, about a mile away from the slick. Nearby is a tourist district where a popular park, the U.S. Embassy and a row of restaurants and hotels, including the prestigious Manila Hotel, are located.

The slick left ugly black smudges on one side of the concrete breakwater and on the hulls of barges and boats anchored there.

"It will give off a foul smell and leave stains that are very hard to remove along a portion of Manila's shoreline," Olarte said.

The tanker had loaded the fuel from the Pilipinas Shell depot in Manila's Pandacan district and was on its way to supply a cargo ship anchored in the bay when the accident happened, he said.

Olarte said an investigation is underway, adding that the company which operated the oil tanker will be required to shoulder the cost of the cleanup.

He said it would take about two weeks to clean the bay.

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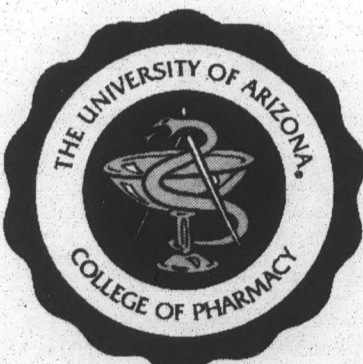
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BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (AP) — Witnesses to a deadly train crash have given possibly conflicting statements about whether a steel-laden truck was on the tracks before warning signals and crossing gates activated, a spokesman for a federal safety panel said Sunday.

Also Sunday, townsfolk gathered at a Bourbonnais church to remember the victims of the crash and to honor those who helped in the rescue effort.

"In the friendly village of Bourbonnais, people that they may never have even met loved them, are praying for them and are bearing with them in our hearts their sorrow and their loss," said the Rev. Dan Boone of the College Church of the Nazarene.

Mayor Grover Brooks said nearby communities helped deal with the crash.

"The compassion and the love and the care was expressed time and time again," Brooks said.

National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Jamie Finch said the last investigating team — the one interviewing witnesses — will leave Bourbonnais in a couple of days.

"We have not been able to completely reconcile the statements that are possibly conflicting," Finch said, referring to three witnesses' accounts.

He would not comment on what the

possible conflicts were but said transcripts of the interviews would be sent to NTSB headquarters in Washington to be analyzed and compared to physical evidence from the scene.

Eleven people were killed and more than 100 injured when the Amtrak train crashed into a truck last week. Ten passengers remained hospitalized Sunday, one in critical condition, hospital officials said.

The truck driver, John R. Stokes, 58, has told investigators he did not see the southbound City of New Orleans train as he approached the tracks.

Authorities also want to talk to the train's engineer, who was released from the hospital Saturday.

Amtrak's chairman, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, said last week that the engineer said the truck driver tried to zigzag his tractor-trailer through the crossing gates after they had come down.

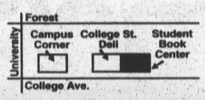

Stokes has not been charged with a crime. Prosecutor Michael Kick has said a criminal investigation is under way.

On Saturday, a neighbor came forward to defend Stokes. "He's also a victim," said Rich Litynski. "He's in a walking coma. He just stares at the TV and keeps flipping the channels."

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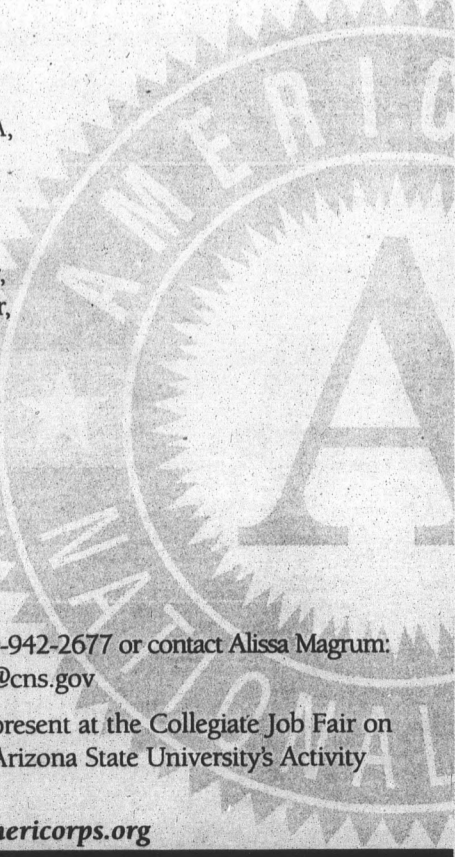
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UConn coach Jim Calhoun waves to the fans as he leaves the floor after his team defeated Gonzaga 67-62 in the NCAA West Region championship game on Saturday at America West Arena. The Huskies will face Ohio State in the Final Four.

UConn holds off Gonzaga, advances to 1st Final Four

BY NICK PIECORO
STATE PRESS

As much as he may deny it, Jim Calhoun's relief was evident on Saturday at America West Arena. It could be seen when he passionately hugged UConn players and assistants on the court, moments after his team's 67-62 win over Gonzaga. You could hear it in his tone of voice afterward. And when Calhoun started crying in the locker room, you knew that he was thankful to be in the Final Four.

For the fourth time in the 1990s, Calhoun's UConn team had reached the Elite Eight, but until Saturday, when his Huskies captured the West Region Championship, he had never reached the Final Four.

The win finally gets off his back a two-ton monkey, a mix of irate and championship-demanding fans, tough tournament luck and loads of talented players that just couldn't come up with the big win. Calhoun, in his 13th year at the helm, wouldn't lead you to believe his load has been lightened.

"I'm tagging along as coach," he said. "Connecticut is going to the Final Four."

But it's more than that, and his players know it. That's part of the reason they doused him with water after the game. They understand why Calhoun, who calls himself a "control freak," demands so much from them.

And they realize how important he is to the mix. "Coach is a tough person sometimes," Huskies forward Kevin Freeman said. "It's moments like these that make you understand why he's such a great coach."

The Huskies (32-2) will face Ohio State on Saturday in St. Petersburg, Fla., with the winner playing for the national championship against the victor of the Duke/Michigan State contest.

It's all new territory from now on for Calhoun, who fell victim in past Elite Eight games to a Christian Laettner buzzer-beater in 1990, eventual champions in UCLA in 1995 and a North Carolina team playing what amounted to a home game in 1998.

All season, UConn has been considered a run-and-gun

team that wins its games in highlight reel fashion. Led by two-time Big East Player of the Year Richard Hamilton and portly but productive point guard Khalid El-Amin, the Huskies have been an offensive juggernaut.

But going against a dangerously relaxed Gonzaga team with a nothing-to-lose attitude and deadly three-point efficiency, the Huskies had to rely on a suffocating defense, one that's been there all year but hasn't been talked about much.

UConn, behind Hamilton and senior guard Ricky Moore, shut down the Bulldogs' perimeter game, which was nothing short of stellar in the first three games of the tournament. Gonzaga (28-7) made 32 of 63 three-point attempts through the first three rounds.

"Our goal was to hold them to under 30 percent (from three-point range)," Calhoun said. "That was the whole key to the game."

Mission accomplished, and then some. The Bulldogs shot 23.8 percent from long range and only 35.1 percent overall. Gonzaga riflemen Richie Frahm and Matt Santangelo, the team's two most dangerous three-point threats, were held to a combined 3 for 20 from the field and 1 for 11 behind the

arc.

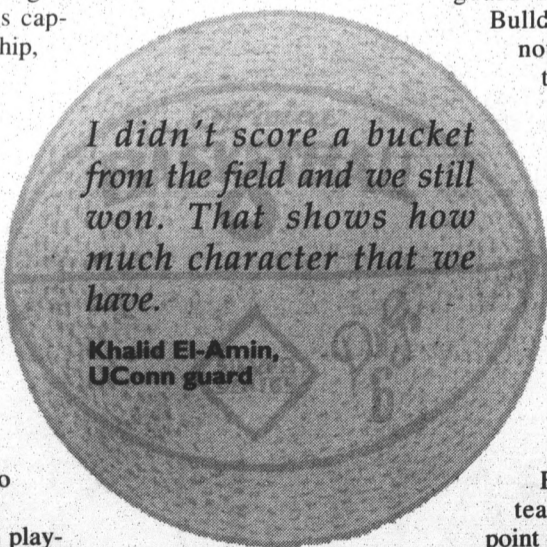
"This team isn't just a three-point shooting freak show," Gonzaga head coach Dan Monson said. "These kids find other ways to win basketball games."

The Zags looked to their inside players and to guard Quentin Hall, who finished with a team-high 18 points. Casey Calvary and Jeremy Eaton combined for 20 points, most coming from in the paint.

The Bulldogs were fortunate that El-Amin didn't play one of his better games, although Hall, who was on him most of the time, put it in perspective.

"We did a tremendous job on him. It wasn't just me," he said. "But they won. It doesn't matter."

El-Amin, an integral part of the Husky attack, sat all but four minutes of the first half with two fouls. He admitted that "threw me off." Although he was playing, the second



Midnight strikes for Cinderella Bulldogs

BY NICK PIECORO
STATE PRESS

Even after beating Florida on Thursday, Gonzaga head coach Dan Monson still had to lobby for his Bulldog bunch, trying to explain to the media that they weren't a fluke and that the Cinderella tag, everyone's favorite tournament analogy, shouldn't be hung on his team.

"Cinderella only happens for a round or two, not this deep into the schedule," he said after the Florida game. "We've got good players, good balance and we belong."

Although they lost, 67-62 to UConn on Saturday, Gonzaga (located in Spokane, Wash.) proved another group of doubters wrong. Not among that group was the Huskies, who knew they'd be in for a tough challenge if they were to beat the Bulldogs. But how tough of a challenge would it be?

"We knew they were going to come in and give us a good game," UConn guard Ricky Moore said. "We didn't know they were that good."

"If they were in the Big East, they'd finish in the top four or five," UConn's Jake Voskuhl said.

He's not joking. Neither was Stanford head coach Mike Montgomery, who's team was upended by Gonzaga in the second round. When asked if the Bulldogs were a legitimate Sweet 16 team, he replied, "I don't think there's any question."

OK, so they did belong. And they did put up some good fights. But still, it's a little crazy when the tournament's down to the Elite Eight, and Gonzaga is still standing with the likes of Duke, Kentucky and UConn.

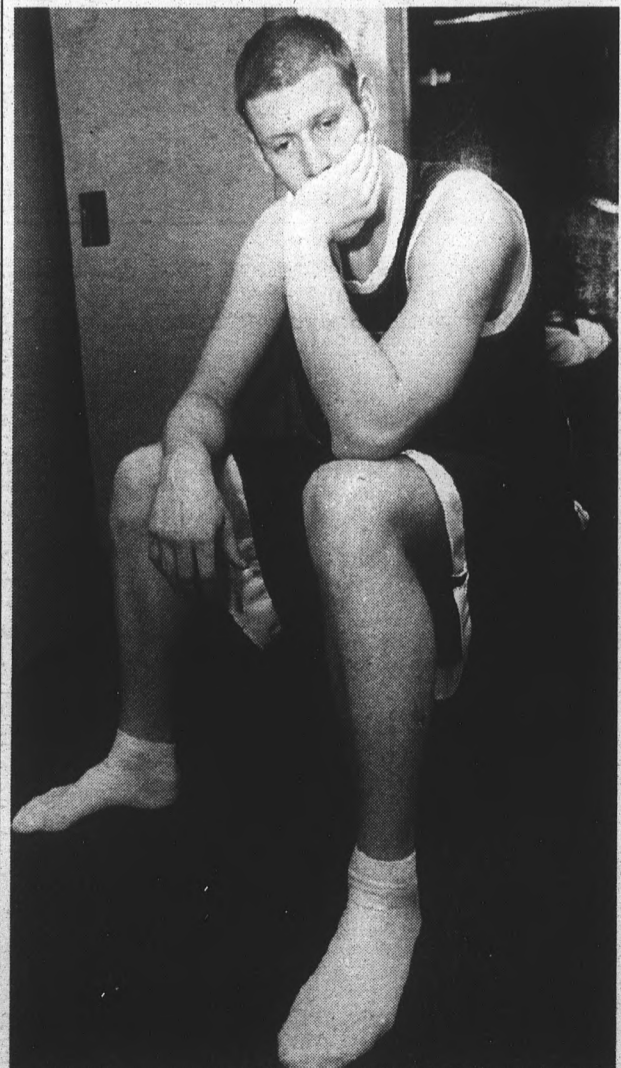
"In a couple of days, we will realize where we are," Gonzaga center Jeremy Eaton said. "We were among the top eight teams in college basketball."

That should help Monson and Co. in the recruiting battle. This Gonzaga team is comprised almost completely of players from Washington, with a few exceptions. Guard Matt Santangelo is from neighboring Oregon. Quentin Hall is from the Bahamas. But everyone else calls the Evergreen State home.

Monson realizes the importance of his team's run in the grand scheme of things.

"Just the recognition the past couple of weeks. People learning how to pronounce Gonzaga, people knowing where the school's at," Monson said.

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Keveork Djansezian of the Associated Press

Midnight finally came for Axel Dench and the rest of the Cinderella Gonzaga squad, which lost to UConn on Saturday in the West Region Final.

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Larkin, Blackford both place 4th in NCAA tourney

BY SAM GANCZARUK
STATE PRESS

The ASU wrestling team came out of the weekend's NCAA Tournament with mixed emotions. Two of the six Sun Devils that qualified for nationals placed.

Freshman Erik Larkin, in the 133-pound weight class, started the tournament by majoring Nate Parker of Penn State 12-3 and defeating Dane Valdez of Oklahoma 8-4. The championship quarterfinals brought on Eric Juergens of Iowa, and Larkin defeated him 5-3. Larkin's first defeat came in the championship semifinals, where Cody Sanderson of Iowa State won 4-2.

That defeat put Larkin in the consolation wrestlebacks, where he faced Eric Keller of Northern Iowa. Larkin defeated him 5-3 to earn a shot at a third place finish. The third place match was a tough one against Juergens, who Larkin had defeated in the quarterfinals. Juergens, a third-place finisher at 118 a year ago, defeated Larkin 10-4 to earned third.

Larkin finished fourth in the tournament, becoming the first freshman to earn All-American honors since two-time NCAA champion Markus Mollica did so in 1993. Larkin finished the season 30-5 and won the Pac-10 championship in his weight class.

Steve Blackford ended his season by finishing fourth and earning All-American honors in the 165-pound weight class. He pinned Kris Bishop of James Madison at 4:35 of the first session and earned a major decision over Richard Taylor of West



Samaruddin Stewart of the State Press
Freshman Erik Larkin concluded his impressive rookie season in the 133-pound weight class by taking fourth place in this weekend's NCAA Tournament. He advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating Nate Parker of Penn State and Dane Valdez of Oklahoma.

Virginia 10-1.

Blackford then faced top-seeded and undefeated Joe Heskett of Iowa State. The match went to a tiebreaker at 2-2. Neither wrestler scored in the first two-minute overtime period. Blackford chose the top position in the second 30-second overtime. He rode Heskett for 30 seconds to clinch the win and his first All-American honor.

Head coach Lee Roy Smith and Blackford feel that he can ride anybody, so it was a no-brainer to let Blackford ride the overtime period.

"Steve is experienced when he's on the bottom, but his percentage is higher on top and it paid off," Smith said. "He had one minute of riding time, so why not carry that into overtime? His first instinct was to choose top, and he looked over at us (coaches) for reinforcement."

Blackford then lost to Rodney Jones of Oklahoma 7-6 in the championship semifinals. Blackford then wrestled in the consolation wrestlebacks and defeated Joey Killar of Harvard 7-4. The third-place match for Blackford was again against Heskett.

Blackford was unable to defeat him this time, losing 7-2.

Lone senior Casey Strand, wrestling in the 165-pound weight class, had a rough final tournament. He won his first match 6-3 over Steve Alf of Wisconsin. He was then upset in the second session by Ross Thatcher of Penn State, 6-4.

Smith said Strand fell victim to a type of home-court advantage.

"There are a lot of Pennsylvania kids here — either from Pennsylvania or competing for a Pennsylvania college — that are wrestling well," Smith said. "They are pulling off the close wins, and you would expect that when NCAAs are here."

Strand was unable to earn his third All-American honor, but won two more matches before bowing out of the tournament by losing to John Van Doren of Lehigh, 7-0.

Matt Azevedo, in the 125-pound division, was 2-2 in the tournament, finishing the year with a 28-14 record. Both of his wins came by pinning his opponents — Brett Thompson of Kent was pinned at the 1:18 mark and Dominic Caruso of Northwestern at 6:33.

Mark Perryman also went 2-2 in his matches and ended the season with a 22-8 record. He defeated Francky Francois of Delaware State 6-2 and Paris Ruiz of Fresno State 7-5. Quinn Foster lost his only two matches in the 149-pound class to end with a 23-12 record. He was defeated by Cole Sanderson of Iowa State 21-6 and Cedric Haymon of Cal Poly 5-4.

Gymnasts score big but fall short at Pac-10 Championships

BY CHRIS CARLOCK
STATE PRESS

The ASU gymnastics team put up its second highest score of the season at the Pac-10 Championships in Corvallis, Ore. on Saturday. Unfortunately, UCLA and Oregon State both dwarfed ASU's score in finishing first and second, respectively.

The Sun Devils finished third with a score of 196.025, behind the Bruins (197.775) and the Beavers (197.4). ASU has still never won the Pac-10 Championship.

"We want to peak at nationals," junior Elizabeth McNabb said. "This gives us something else to try for."

Fanning



A Beaver posted the highest score in each of the four events, including a perfect 10 on the uneven parallel bars by Danae Phillips and another 10 on the floor exercise by Lara Degenhardt. But the Bruins, led by Heidi Moneymaker's all-around score of 39.675, were the most consistent in their placings and ended up being crowned champions.

As for the Sun Devils, a first place finish just wasn't meant to be.

"We had a really good meet," McNabb said. "Our goal was to hit all of our routines and not count a fall, and we did that."

ASU compiled more than just respectable scores in the vault (49.0), bars (49.0) and the floor (49.4).

Kelly Cristensen and Amy Shelton led the Sun Devils in the vault, tying for sixth with identical 9.875 scores. A big

goal for the Sun Devils was to land a 49.0 in the vault and they did just that. Elizabeth Reid led the way on the bars with a fourth place 9.9 while Wendy Ellsberry tallied a 9.875. McNabb scored a 9.95 on the floor, but only finished second because of Degenhardt's 10.0. Kirsten Fanning's career-high 9.9 was good enough for 11th place.

The Achilles' heel for the Sun Devils continues to be the balance beam as ASU posted another less-than-stellar score. Reid's 9.85 was ASU's top score. Ellsberry posted a 9.75 and Lea Carver landed a 9.725.

The seventh-ranked Sun Devils will travel to Tucson on Friday to take on the Wildcats, who finished fourth at the Pac-10 Championships, in their final dual meet of the season. ASU will then have two weeks to prepare for the NCAA Regional.

Golfers take 6th in Las Vegas, head to Oregon for Duck Invite

BY CLINT CURRIE
STATE PRESS

The Sun Devil men's golf team was in Las Vegas last weekend, where it finished in sixth place at the *Golf Digest* Invitational after a final round of 288.

ASU began a little rocky with a first round of 303, but followed up with a sec-

ond-round 287 behind a pair of 70s by Jonas Runnquist and Jin Park. Behind Runnquist and Park was Greg Padilla, who pitched in a 71 in the second round.

Despite the strong second and third round, ASU still finished 23 strokes behind host UNLV, which won the tournament.

Runnquist's trip to Vegas turned out to

be his best ever tournament for ASU. Runnquist led the Sun Devils, finishing in 14th place with rounds of 77-70-70, a total of 217 (1-over par). Behind him was Padilla, who tied for 21st place with a 3-over score of 219 (76-71-72).

Park tied for 32nd place after rounds of 77-70-74 (221), Jeff Quinney tied for 42nd

place after rounds of 73-77-74 (224) and Matt Jones tied for 45th place with rounds of 77-76-72 (225).

The team is in Eugene, Ore., today and Tuesday for the Oregon Duck Invitational. ASU, ranked No. 9 in the MasterCard Collegiate Rankings, is the top ranked team in the field of 15 teams.

Men's tennis squad drops 2 matches

BY ROBERT DEAL
STATE PRESS

The No. 13 Sun Devil men's tennis team suffered two disappointing conference losses against No. 13 USC and No. 1 UCLA last weekend in southern California.

The losses ended ASU's winning streak at seven, taking the team's overall record to 8-3.

It was deja vu for USC as it once again managed to defeat the Sun Devil 4-3 on March 13. The match started in the Sun Devils' favor as they managed to emerge victorious in all three doubles matches.

The Sun Devils singles wins came from freshman Matt Klinger and 80th-ranked junior Alex Osterrieth.

On the No. 3 court, Osterrieth extended his overall record to 14-3 by defeating 64th-ranked Roman Kukal in three sets, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

On the No. 5 court, Klinger also managed to earn a point for ASU, beating Nicholas Rainey in three sets 3-6, 6-3, 7-6. With the win, Klinger also extended his

personal record to an impressive 14-2.

In shifts on the Sun Devil roster, senior Jeff Williams was moved up to the No. 1 spot, where he lost a long three set match to USC's No. 1 player, Patrick Gottesleben, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.

On the second court, ASU's 44th-ranked senior Gustavo Marcaccio was upset by the Trojans' 83rd-ranked Andrew Park 6-4, 6-4 in the only match to be decided in two sets.

On court No. 4, USC's Gregg Hill managed to defeat Ed Carter 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. To finish the day, ASU senior Tim Hammond was finally defeated in the third set tiebreaker on the sixth court by Scott Willinski 7-5, 3-6, 7-6.

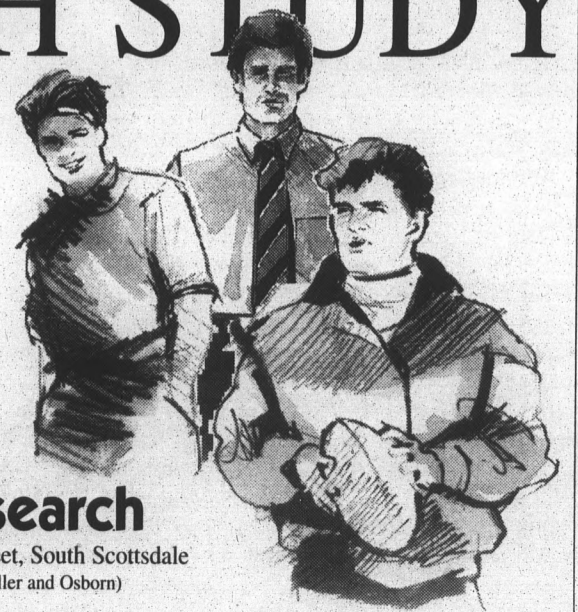
The day before, the Sun Devils faced top-ranked UCLA, whose only loss came via ASU on Jan. 30. History did not repeat itself, however, as the Bruins defeated the Sun Devils 7-2.

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ASU pounds inferior Eagles, confident for Pac-10 play

BY NICK PIECORO
STATE PRESS

The Sun Devils should now be feeling a little better about themselves.

Having beaten Boston College in a four-games-in-three-days series — three of which weren't even close — the Sun Devils are a little more confident heading into the bulk of the conference schedule.

"It's important that the kids get some confidence," ASU coach Pat Murphy said after his team's 21-6 win on Sunday. "We haven't been bad this year, but we really haven't broke loose and really played great. Hopefully, that's forthcoming."

Murphy must have meant No. 20 ASU (24-10) hasn't broken loose against the best of opponents, which Boston College (6-6) most definitely was not. ASU outscored the Eagles 75-15 over the weekend (a doubleheader was played Saturday).

"It wasn't the stiffest of competition this weekend," third baseman Andrew Beinbrink said. "But sometimes these games are the toughest to play."

The never-complacent Murphy still isn't sure if his team is any closer to playing its best baseball.

"It's hard to tell when you play competition that isn't that good," he said. "Boston College will beat some people and do some good things, but we are a long way from being where we want to be."

Coming into the weekend, the Sun Devils were 1-4 in one-run games. Friday night's 6-5 win may be a step in the right direction as far as being able to pull out nip-and-tuck ballgames.

"We needed to start winning some tight games," Beinbrink said. "Even though it wasn't a conference game, those tight games are important to win because you can figure out what your team is made of."

"Is it important that we won a close one at home? Yes. But we've still got a long way to go," Murphy said.

There were other positives that came out of the series for ASU:

- Sophomore Robby Milner pitched well Friday night, going 2 1/3 innings giving up only one hit and striking out four.

- Infielder Jeff Phelps and catcher Trent Pratt started swinging the bat confidently.

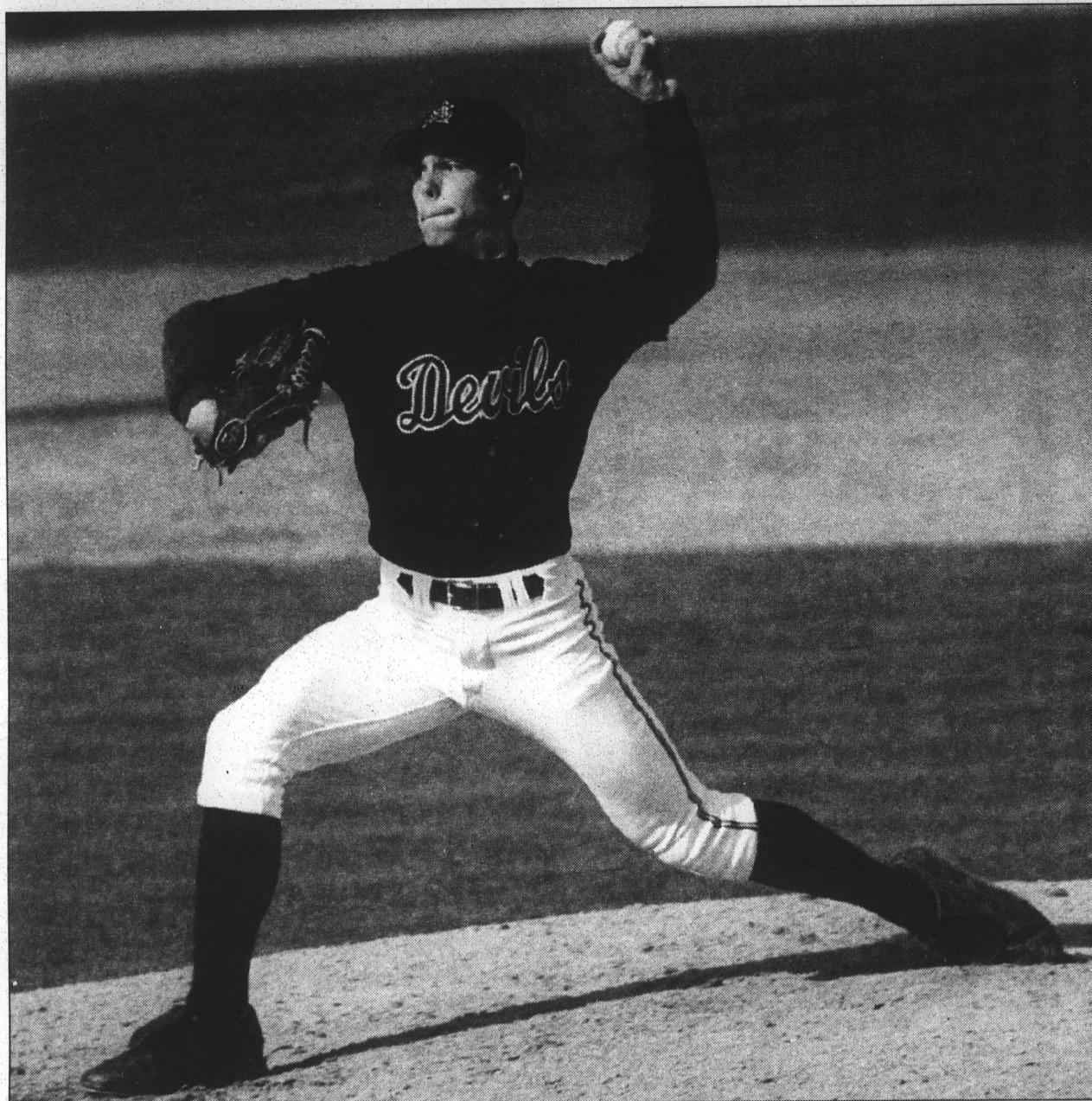
"I'm getting some rhythm in my swing and getting my confidence back," said Phelps,

who had three hits Sunday and four hits in Saturday's second game. "That

type of mindset is when I start swinging the bat like I can."

"I'm trying to stay on top of the ball a little more," Pratt said.

"I was popping it up a lot. So this week we worked on staying on top of



Freshman southpaw Jon Switzer went 3 2/3 innings on Sunday against Boston College, allowing four runs and six hits. Samaruddin Stewart of the State Press

it and just trying to hit ground balls, basically. Luckily, those turned into a couple of line drives."

•The pitching staff did a fine job without key ingredient Chad Pennington, who's out with a groin injury. Chuck Crumpton pitched seven innings in Saturday's first game, giving up only one earned run, and Drew Friedberg pitched eight scoreless in the second game.

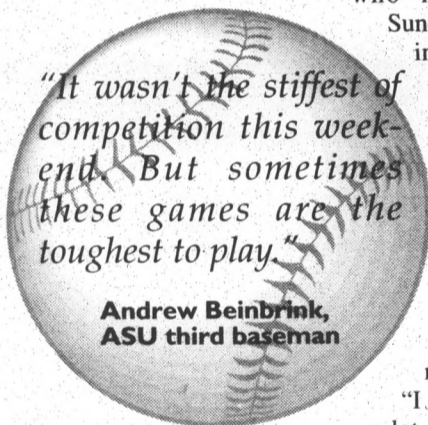
Senior sidarmer Charlie Williamson, a transfer from Northwestern who's become the real go-to guy in the bullpen, pitched another good game Sunday. He threw 4 1/3 innings, giving up no runs on three hits and striking out six. He won his second game of the year in relief of freshman Jon Switzer.

"He just worked ahead and kept the ball down," said Pratt, who caught Williamson on Sunday. "That's what it's all about — throwing the strikes and not getting behind."

• And Beinbrink added to his list of ASU accolades with possibly his most impressive achievement. The senior is now ASU's career leader in RBI with 251, having surpassed Clay Westlake, a mid-70s Sun Devils first baseman, who had 250 RBI in his career. Beinbrink knocked in eight in the first game on Saturday and one in the second game.

"All the years I've been here, I've just had guys in front of me that get on base," Beinbrink said. "I really mean that. It might sound like I'm just telling you another line, but I really mean that. If those guys aren't getting on base for me with less than two outs, I can't do my job. I pretty much owe it to the guys who have been hitting in front of me for the past two years."

Before playing Cal in a weekend series starting Friday, ASU will face Grand Canyon at Packard Stadium at 7 p.m. Tuesday.



Andrew Beinbrink, ASU third baseman

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March 24 - March 30

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9:30 PM	MUSIC VIDEOS	DEVILS ON THE DEUCE	MUSIC VIDEOS	DEVILS ON THE DEUCE	MUSIC VIDEOS	MUSIC VIDEOS	HINDSIGHT 20/20-DEVILS ON THE DEUCE
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White, MacDonald lead women to victory at ASU Invite

By JOE MANTONE
STATE PRESS

The combination of a respiratory infection and asthma crippled Sun Devil senior Joronda White's breathing during the indoor track season.

But White helped the Sun Devils (137 points) defeat Oklahoma (128) and Air Force (70) at Saturday's ASU Invitational at Sun Angel Stadium by winning the 400-meters (54.70).

"It's good to not be feeling the pain anymore," White said. "It's kind of hard to run 400 meters when you can't breathe."

Not only does White suffer from conditions that restrict her breathing, but she also battles tendinitis in her knee.

"I've always had the problem with my knee," White said. "But I landed on it wrong when I was jumping hurdles in the fall, and it became extremely inflamed."

The knee injury forced White to miss about six weeks of training.

"I did a lot of work in the pool," White said. "I couldn't run if I wanted to."

The lack of training reflected in her performance and health problems. White did not qualify for the 1999 NCAA Indoor Championship meet after earning All-American honors during the 1998 indoor season in the 400.

"It was really frustrating for her," ASU sprint coach Darryl Anderson said. "She is not 100 percent, but she is definitely getting better."

Sophomore Kelly MacDonald is also performing better on the track. She placed first in the 3000 with a time of 9:57.52 Saturday.

"She's making improvements daily," distance coach Walt Drenth said. "In the last year, she has physically changed dramatically in terms of strength and speed. I see her having a great spring."

MacDonald and the rest of the women's team won eight of the nine running events.

"Air Force wasn't too competitive, but Oklahoma is a pretty decent team," MacDonald said. "In every race, ASU was right up front."

Senior Dawnyell Linder was right up front twice. She finished first in the 100 (11.59) and the 200 (9:57.52).

Freshman Candida Coulson won in the 400 hurdles (1:02.15) and both the 400 and the 1,600 relay teams won with times of 45.62 and 3:41.66, respectively.

On the distance side, ASU senior Priscilla Hein won the mile (4:12.28). Hein earned All-American honors in the mile during the indoor season.

"She was one of the better milers in the country this year," Drenth said. "I expect her to continue that when we go outside."

The Sun Devils expect to keep winning this season, too. "We've been competitive in the nation indoors, and we were running against top teams in the nation," MacDonald said. "Last year we wanted to be competitive in the Pac-10. This year we want to be competitive in the nation."

The Sun Devils have a chance to prove themselves against quality opponents on Friday and Saturday at the Baldy Castillo Invitational in Tempe.

"There will be better competition here next week," MacDonald said. "It's open meet, but I know UofA, Michigan and Dartmouth are coming."

The men's team will be looking for its first wins of the season this weekend. The Sun Devils (120) finished behind Air Force (136.5) and the Sooners (130.5) on Saturday.

"With redshirting our freshmen distance runners, we're going to be somewhat vulnerable," head coach

Greg Kraft said. "We have some holes to fill on our team."

The high jump and the pole vault are two of the holes, Kraft said. In the triple jump, junior jumper Dwight Phillips also aggravated a foot injury.

"He said he was okay, but you don't want to risk losing him for the season," Kraft said. "With all those things you're kind of starting in a hole."

Although the Sun Devils did not win, the men's 400 and (39.49) 1,600 (3:05.49) relay teams provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships. Sophomore Tony Berrian also provisionally qualified and finished second in the 400.

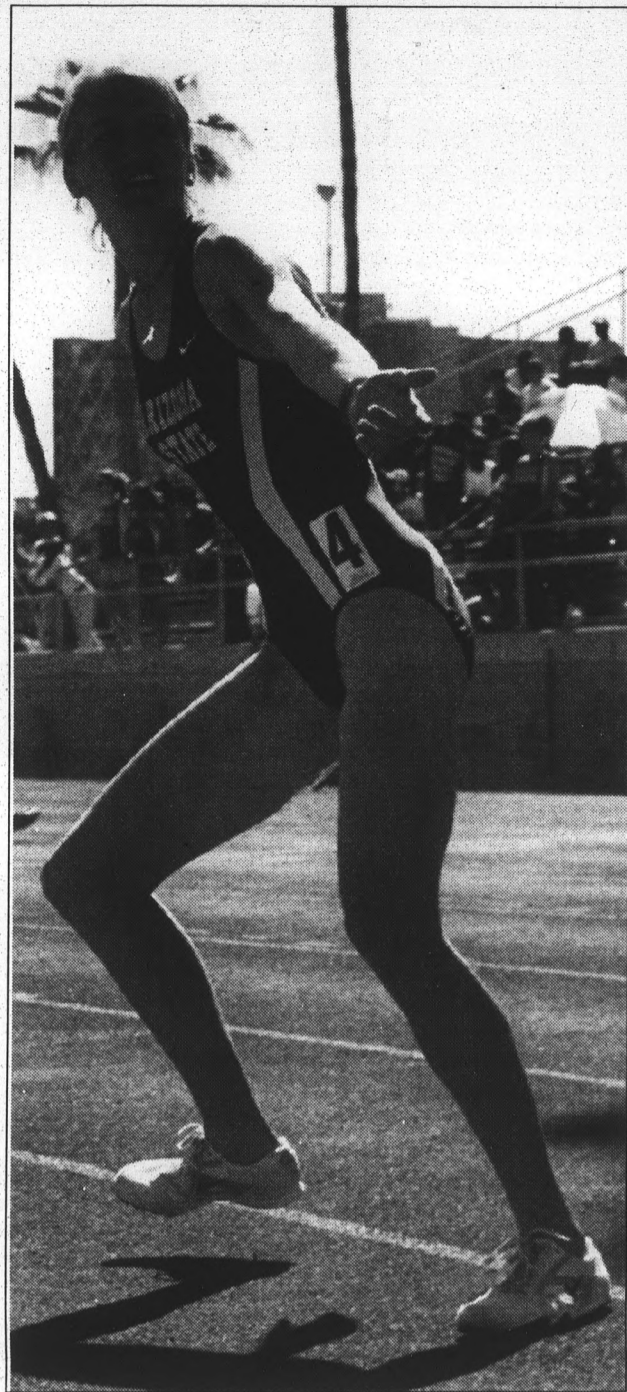
The only individual winners were sophomore Brandon Strong in the 1500 (3:56.71), sophomore Delrik Lindsey in the 110 hurdles (14.14) and Phillips in the long jump (24 feet 11.75 inches).

"Obviously you want to win every meet you keep score at," Drenth said. "But we're just going to keep trying to get better. The idea is to be as good as you can be in May when get into conference meet."

"I'm pleased with the direction and competitiveness. I told them that times really are not important. What is important is how we compete and try to win."

“We've been competitive in the nation indoors, and we were running against top teams in the nation. Last year we wanted to be competitive in the Pac-10. This year we want to be competitive in the nation.”

Kelly MacDonald,
ASU distance runner



Soley Hartel of the State Press

Sophomore Kelly MacDonald has shown rapid improvement at the start of the outdoor season, as evidenced by her winning time of 9:57.52 in the 3,000-meters at the ASU Invitational on Saturday. The Sun Devil women took the meet by scoring 137 points, defeating Oklahoma (128) and Air Force (70).

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Sun Devils knock off defending champs, win KIA Klassic

No. 6 Sun Devils extract revenge against 3rd-ranked Fresno State

BY CHRIS CARLOCK
STATE PRESS

The ASU softball team can officially call itself one of the top teams in the nation.

If their No. 6 national ranking wasn't enough, the Sun Devils (29-5) defeated defending national champion and third-ranked Fresno State before downing 11th-ranked Texas to win the KIA Klassic Softball Title in Fullerton, California yesterday.

"This is the third time (this season) we've lost a game and been able to avenge it," head coach Linda Wells said. "Michigan beat us earlier in the season, and we beat them later in pool play, we lost to Utah and we beat them later, and earlier in the season we lost to Fresno State 4-0. We were ready to play and prepared to play them because the last time we saw them, we felt like we didn't have great game. Obviously, winning this tournament is a great step for us."

In the semifinals against Fresno State, ASU jumped out to an early lead thanks to a two-run single by Kirsten Voak. Erica Beach would later score on an error in the third to give the Sun Devils a lead they would not relinquish. Voak (16-3) went the distance, allowing two runs on three hits while striking out seven in the 3-2 win. The Bulldogs had defeated the Sun Devils earlier in the season, 4-0.

In the championship game, Chris Gill launched a three-run home run in the first inning. Beach (12-2) and Voak combined for the win and save, respectively, in the 3-2 victory over the Longhorns.

The Sun Devils started out the tournament on Thursday

with a 10-2 win over Liberty. Gill, Beach and Missy Hixon each drove in two runs while Nichole Thompson collected four hits and scored twice. Beach picked up her 10th win of the season.

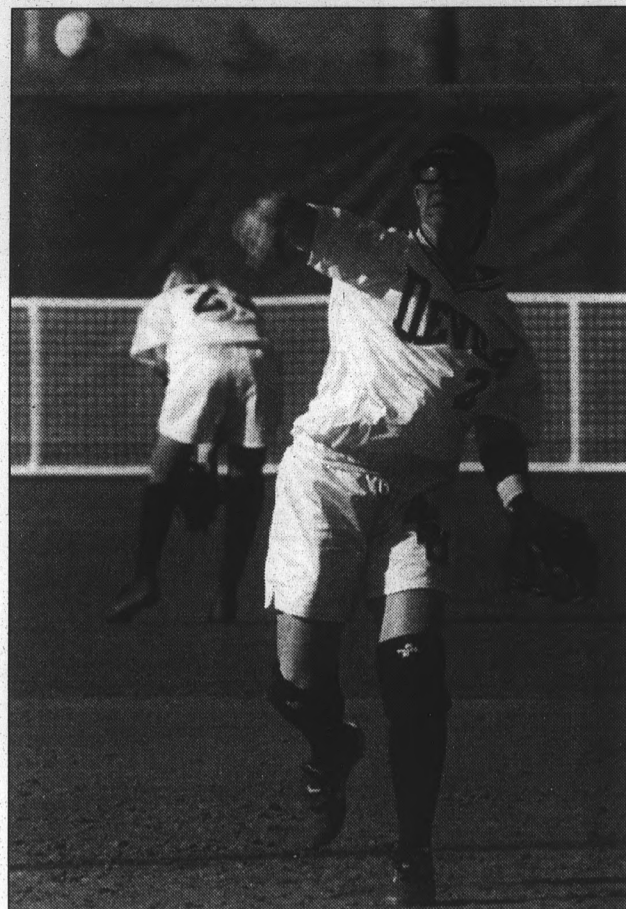
ASU followed that with a 5-0 shutout of Utah. Voak, who was named National Player of the Week after firing back-to-back no hitters in National Invitational Tournament last weekend, allowed only five hits while striking out 10 batters. The Sun Devils avenged a 2-1 loss to the Utes in San Jose a week earlier. Beach got the Sun Devils on the board with a two-run homer in the first inning, which proved to be all ASU would need.

On Friday, ASU won its 25th game of the season, a 5-1 victory over the host Cal State Fullerton. The Sun Devils pounded out 10 hits with Hixon and Gill each going 3 for 4. Gill also drove in two runs. Voak picked up her 14th win of the season.

On Saturday, ASU stayed undefeated in the tournament with a 5-0 win over Florida. Hixon continued her torrid pace going 3 for 4 and scoring twice. Beach picked up the win and helped her cause at the plate with a 2 for 3 performance that included an RBI. Voak pitched the final two innings for her second save of the season.

Voak posted a perfect 4-0 record in the tournament to go along with her two saves. She allowed only four runs while striking out 38 batters in 32 innings.

ASU went 7-0 in the tournament and will next begin Pac-10 action when Oregon State and Oregon come to Tempe this weekend.



Samaruddin Stewart of the State Press
Freshman Missy Hixon contributed to the Sun Devils' tournament victory in Fullerton, Calif., this weekend by stringing together consecutive 3 for 4 games.

Women's tennis team shocks No. 6 Texas, defeats USC, UCLA

BY ROBERT DEAL
STATE PRESS

In an appropriate ending to a successful spring break, the No. 13 Sun Devil women's tennis team pulled out a shocking upset, defeating the No. 6 Texas Longhorns for the first time in eight years 5-1 Sunday at the Whiteman Tennis Center.

Despite the lopsided score, the match was not a blowout. ASU was up 3-1 with matches still in progress tied in the third sets on the third and fourth courts.

Following a win in the second set, sophomore Karin Palme came back from a 3-1 deficit in the third to defeat 75th-ranked Janet Walker 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, giving the Sun Devils the needed fifth point to decide the dual.

"It was a good win for (Palme)," ASU head coach Sheila McInerney said. "She's

struggled a bit lately. This should help her get back into it again."

On the No. 4 court, Sun Devil junior Kerry Giardino also came from behind in her third set to defeat 68th-ranked Kim Gates in the tiebreaker, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6.

"It was very close," McInerney said. "We were up 3-1 and it looked like it might be 3-3 going into the doubles. Ten minutes later, we had won the match 5-1. It's exciting."

Also adding to the ASU victory was freshman Allison Bradshaw, who extended her dual record to 8-4 by beating Michelle Faucher in straight sets 6-3, 7-5. Faucher was moved up to the Longhorns' top spot after their regular No. 1 player, 23rd-ranked Sandy Sureephong, suffered an ankle injury.

On the No. 2 court, senior Katy Propstra also extended her dual record to 8-4 by defeating senior Laura Berendt 7-6, 6-1.

With a team-leading dual record of 9-2, ASU sophomore Faye DeVera continued to dominate on the lower courts, defeating 82nd-ranked Rebekah Forney in straight sets, 6-0, 7-6.

The only loss for the Sun Devils came on the No. 6 court, where Joanne Masongsong was able to overtake senior Alison Nash 6-4, 6-2.

After the Sun Devils earned all five needed points for the dual victory in singles competition, Texas elected not to play the doubles games.

ASU went into the competition Sunday after a good showing last weekend against UCLA and USC. The team followed a 6-3

loss to No. 10 UCLA with a 5-4 upset over No. 10 USC.

On the No. 1 court, Bradshaw, ranked at No. 64 in the country, came up with a surprising straight-set upset over 26th-ranked Ditta Huber, 6-4, 6-1.

The match was won, however, on the doubles courts, where the Sun Devils were able to win two out of three matches to take the dual.

The overall score was tied at 4-4 when the 24th-ranked team of Bradshaw and Propstra finally defeated the 18th-ranked USC team of Huber and Kara Warentin in a tiebreaker, 9-8.

"(Bradshaw) and (Propstra) came through big," McInerney said. "We just played with a little bit more emotion, and it proved successful in the end."

ASU women swimmers don't reach goal, finish 29th at NCAA meet

BY JOE MANTONE
STATE PRESS

A new coach brought new and higher expectations for the ASU women's swimming and diving team.

Under first-year head coach Michael Chasson, the Sun Devils wanted to finish in the top 15 at last weekend's NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga. But the Sun Devils finished 23rd. (Georgia won the meet.)

"We're not in the top-10 or the top-15, but we're moving up," freshman Sarah Baham said. "This year our goal was the top-15. But going into the NCAA we just wanted to

score more points than last year, and we did do that."

ASU finished 29th at the 1998 NCAA. Freshman Riley Mants' performance of the reasons for the improvement.

Mants swam a personal best and finished fourth in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:12.47).

"I got a best time by a couple of tenths, but I would have liked to swim a lot faster," Mants said. "But it's okay. It was my first NCAA."

Going into the competition, Mants ranked 18th in the 100 breaststroke, but she finished 11th at nationals. She also swam her best time in the 200 individual medley.

"I was ranked about 46 in the 200 IM," Mants said. "But I moved up in all my races."

"In the relays we only had one team score. If we had more score we would have done better. We did swim well."

Freshman Trish Malaresta placed 13th in platform diving (319.10), and junior captain Casey Murphy finished 15th in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Murphy also swam on the 16th place 800-yard free relay team (7:24.05) with junior Carolyn Adel, senior Tiffany Houser and Baham.

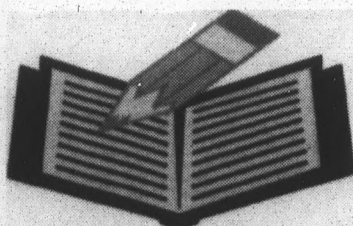
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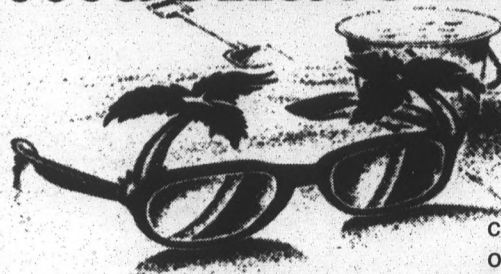


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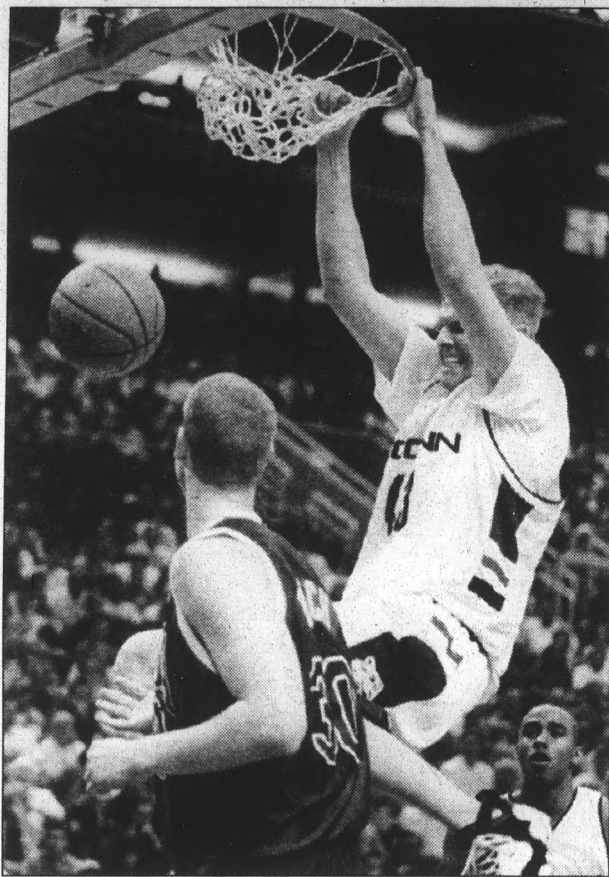
"I didn't score a bucket from the field and we still won," El-Amin said. "That shows how much character that we have."

Most importantly for UConn, Moore was able to step up his offensive game to make up for El-Amin's scoring absence. According to Calhoun, since the middle of his sophomore year, Moore, who finished with 12 points, has considered defense to be his main job. But the offense has always been there — it just hasn't been needed with guys like El-Amin and Hamilton around.

"A lot of people are surprised that I have the offensive skills that I have," Moore said.

Rebounding also played a large part in the win. Freeman was able to pull down 15 rebounds, 10 on the offensive end (both career highs), and the Huskies outrebounded Gonzaga 47-33 overall.

"They crashed extremely hard on us," Gonzaga center Jeremy Eaton said. "There were a couple of times where we got our hands on balls but didn't reel them in like we should. When you get outrebounded, that's easy to point to as to why you lost the game."



Michael Conroy of the Associated Press
Connecticut's Jake Voskuhl (43) throws down a dunk in the Huskies' 67-62 win over Gonzaga on Saturday.

Midnight

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Will Gonzaga make it back into the national spotlight anytime soon? Who knows. The Bulldogs do lose a few key players, including Hall and Eaton. But Santangelo and sharp-shooter Richie Frahm remain.

"I told them after the game you've only got one thing to feel sorry about and that is you don't get to play together again," Monson said.

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"We were hoping to do better," Baham said. "But we were happy with 16th."

Baham said she was also not satisfied with her individual performance.

"I'm happy with where the team finished," Baham said. "But I swam better unshaved and untapered."

Baham finished 23rd in the 200 butterfly. "My coach said I was finishing well. I guess I got kind of tired and kept my stroke short," Baham said. "I really do not know why I didn't swim that well. I just had a bad meet."

Although Baham said she had a bad meet, the season could have been much worse for the Sun Devils.

In January after the dismissal of 14-year head coach Tim Hill, Chasson — then the ASU's men coach — took over the women's team.

"Our team went through a lot. It's hard to change coaches during the year," Mants said. "But I don't think it really had that big of an effect on us."

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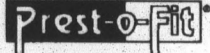
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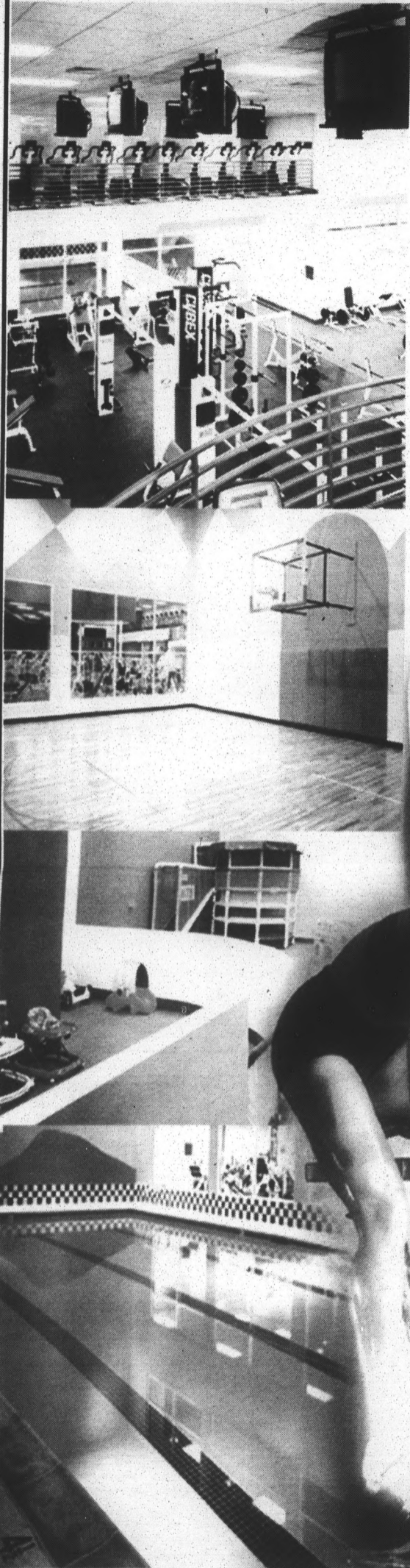
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