

## Groundbreaking

As you can see, ASU West is fortunate to have staunch support from the community for its existence and continued growth.

The groundbreaking today is to mark the beginning of the construction of the new ASU West campus. The work will begin with the infrastructure, bringing in utility lines for water, electricity, telephone, gas, and sewer to the site and putting a utility tunnel in place to serve the completed campus. In addition, entrances to the campus and major landscaping will be completed. In late fall, construction of one of the first buildings, the library, is scheduled to begin. It will be the centerpiece of the campus and will be constructed in phases. The first phase, 80,000 square feet will be open for use in 1988. Concurrent with the construction of the library will be the construction of a central plant. This will be followed by our first classroom building, and the ASU West campus is expected to grow steadily toward completion of the first phase in the 1990s and have facilities to serve a headcount of 10 - 12,000 students.

As we plan for the physical facilities, we have also looked to the more important but less tangible aspects that help to make a university. One of those aspects is tradition.

Here at ASU West we are in the fortunate position of building on ASU traditions and starting some of our own. The ringing of a bell symbolizes something about both the permanent and transient nature of our existence. Over the centuries, bells have pealed out joyously in celebration, somberly in remembrance, hastily in summons, or urgently in warning. Our bell will be tolled to signify the permanence of the academic life we propose to create in this place. As it rings into the next century, it will symbolize the foresight of the state legislators, President Nelson, and the Regents in establishing ASU West.

The founding of this new campus heralds a commitment of Arizona State University to provide access for all the inhabitants of Maricopa County to higher educational opportunities. While the groundbreaking ceremony symbolizes the intent to provide adequately for the physical and shelter needs of students, so the bell ringing symbolizes the University's commitment to the provision of quality academic programs and the academic life. Its ringing at this time yearly will remind the community of our commitment to the students of the future as represented here by students of Sweetwater Elementary School.

The ASU West bell is also significant because it is the first major gift given to the new campus. At this time,

I would like to thank the donors of the ASU West bell, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Boole and the Arizona Historical Society. It is our first major gift, and I am grateful.

It is appropriate that the person responsible for the inaugural ringing will be State Senator Anne Lindeman who has been a mainstay in the development of ASU West. Aiding Senator Lindeman will be two children from the Sweetwater Elementary School, Angela Kobiak and Andy Graham, and they will be escorted by the Dean of Faculty for ASU West, Dr. Dell Felder.

Following the ringing of the bell, we will break ground. —  
Joining President Nelson in the groundbreaking are Representative Sterling Ridge and Senator Lela Alston. Senator Alston has worked closely with the University to make this day a reality.

In a few moments Senator Lindeman and Dr. Felder will lead us into the courtyard for the ringing of the bell. I would ask the audience to assist us by allowing those sitting on the platform to exit first and then join us for ringing the bell and groundbreaking.

LINDEMAN, CHILDREN, FELDER, AND PLATFORM EXIT. DON CAMPBELL TO TAKE THE MICROPHONE AND DIRECT CROWD IF NECESSARY.

At the bell ....

Bell is rung.

Shovels and helmets passed out.

MCSHEFFREY: Any of you who wish to help with the excavation are now encouraged to come forward. Thank you for helping to celebrate the ASU West Groundbreaking.