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## A 'first-class' first class for West



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ASU West presents its first-ever freshman class. Located on 47th Avenue and Thunderbird Road, this campus caters to the needs of its smaller, intimate group of incoming college students. Following the class picture, these students are given much counseling and advisory to make their first year beneficial.

## ASU west campus welcomes 1st-ever group of freshmen

BY CHRISTOPHER DREXEL  
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ASU West opens its doors to freshmen for the first time today as a four-year university.

Since opening in 1984, west campus carried only upper division courses for juniors, seniors and graduate students and was one of the few remaining upper division campuses in the nation.

After a great deal of administering surveys and research, including visits from the mayors of Glendale and Peoria, ASU West decided to add lower division courses.

The west campus had 5,278 students enrolled in spring 2001 and is projected to have 15,000 students by 2015.

The primary reason for the move was to accommodate students who live in the surrounding area and wanted a four-year university experience but were not able or willing to move to the main campus in Tempe.

## MU remodeling creates more space

BY SANDY ALMENDAREZ  
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The Memorial Union will face major remodeling at the end of this year to create space to accommodate ASU's growing population.

Currently, the MU is capable of holding 6,000 people, which is the same amount of freshmen ASU attracts in one year.

The remodeled MU will have new food vendors. Additional tables will be added outside so students can enjoy the fresh air while they eat.

An enhancement will be made to the Union Gallery to make a more accessible art café, which will offer more flexible times rather than an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule. The gallery will still feature student artwork as well as a Starbucks Coffee.

The project is scheduled to finish by fall 2002. However, Starbucks Coffee is now being served at Gourmet Grounds

Campus officials also wanted to give West Valley residents a chance to attend ASU without having to spend up to an hour or more on the freeway each day.

Psychology freshman Jocelle McCord said the commute was the main reason he chose the west campus.

"I would have liked to go to main campus, but it was too far," he said. "I didn't want to drive to Tempe. But, West is a nice campus."

Last year, after a presentation of research-based material to ASU President Lattie Coor's cabinet, a recommendation was made to the Arizona Board of Regents. The board voted unanimously to allow west campus to offer lower division curriculum beginning this fall.

ASU West Provost Elaine Maimon, who had an integral part in the change, said she is excited about providing more options for West Valley students.

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## Freshman dies in hit and run

BY KRISTIN KOCH

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An ASU freshman was killed in a hit-and-run accident Saturday morning at the intersection of Apache Boulevard and McAllister Avenue.

Jessica Woodin, 18, and sophomore Nicholas Pitts, 19, were crossing against a red light to the north side of Apache Boulevard at about 2 a.m. when Woodin was struck. Tempe police Sgt. Randy Fougner said.

Fougner said Pitts had made it safely to the other side. When Woodin was attempting to cross, a black 2001 Ford Mustang Bullit GT traveling westbound struck her, throwing her approximately 250 feet.

"The impact caused severe damage to her, and she was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident," Fougner said.

Fougner said the Mustang was traveling at least 55 mph. The Mustang was found abandoned at 10th Street east of Mitchell Drive four hours after the accident. As of Sunday, Tempe police have not been able to contact the owner.

Fougner said the car had not been reported stolen, and there was no alcohol found in the vehicle.

ASU spokesman Keith Jennings sympathized for the family.

"It was an unfortunate accident and hopefully they will find the driver," Jennings said. "We feel very bad for them (the family) and anything the University can do to help the family we will try to do."

Woodin had moved from Red Bend, N.J., into the Sahuaro residence hall on Friday.

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## Construction problems delay ICA completion

BY SANDY ALMENDAREZ

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Construction delays in the Intercollegiate Athletics building on the south end of Sun Devils Stadium will leave the visiting team's locker room unfinished for the first game of the season.

"Our team will have to use the north locker room, and we are not quite sure where we will house the other team," assistant athletic director Tom Sadler said while sitting in his temporary office on University Drive.

The first Sun Devils game is Sept. 8 against San Diego State.

The ICA building is a facility for the athletics department

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Marissa Schibilla/State Press

Eddie Lopez, an undecided sophomore, prepares for the fall semester by checking out one of the new renovations taking place in the Memorial Union. This station, located in the southeast corner of the basement, allows students to use computers to access the Internet and listen to music, along with many other features.

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# TODAY

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. We do not take requests over the phone, via e-mail or fax. Forms may be picked up in the basement of the Matthews Center, where they should be filled out completely and legibly.

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.

All requests are subject to editing for content, space and clarity.

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• The **Kundalini Yoga Club** will be having a free yoga class at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union, Room 224.

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<b>Tuesday</b> Thunderstorms High 99 Low 75	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy High 99 Low 73	<b>Thursday</b> Sunny High 100 Low 70	<b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy High 103 Low 80

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## ICA to be finished in September

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that holds offices, the team shop and meeting rooms.

The project consists of renovating the entire existing structure as well as a three-story addition to the south side. The date of completion of the lower level moved from Aug. 24 to mid-September because of "unforeseen conditions that happen in construction," Sadler said.

The postponements have not affected the \$1.9 million budget.

"Everyone has been really patient and (people affected by the construction) realize that, in the end, it will be

## WEST greets 1st frosh class

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"Our goal is for each student to find the campus that's best for them. We are a smaller campus with a different feel, and we are happy to add ASU West as a choice for freshmen," she said. "We are going to bring together all the resources of this campus for our students to be successful all the way to graduation."

The inaugural freshman class is about 250 students in size with more than 33 percent being of ethnic minority. Many of the freshmen live within 10 minutes of campus.

Thirty-seven percent of the group qualified for the National Merit Scholarship, meaning they were in the top 5 to 10 percent of their high school classes, prompting many faculty members to call the new freshmen "a 'first-class' first class."

a better situation," Sadler said.

On the lower level, the weight room will triple in size and receive new equipment. The plans also call for repositioning the team's locker room to create more space.

The rest of the building is scheduled to be finished by spring 2002. A Hall of Fame complete with a skylight will be the center attraction. It will also include a computer lab, advisement and tutoring.

Ticket sales will run out of Wells Fargo Arena until the office can be moved to the ground level of the ICA building. Tickets can also be purchased at [www.sundevelis.com](http://www.sundevelis.com).

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Along with becoming a full four-year campus, a laundry list of opportunities opened to students. Nearly every freshman is participating in a "Learning Community," in which 20 to 40 students have two to three academic classes with one another along with an assigned librarian, computer technician, adviser and an upper division student mentor.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities for four years directly out of high school.

"I chose ASU West because it was close to home, and I could make a lot of new friends," education freshman Anna Eike said. "It is a more personal atmosphere, and you get to run into the same people more frequently."

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## MU redesigns for growing population

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another couple of weeks, the computers are available for students to use starting today.

Nanonation representative Steve Houlton said the computers will be beneficial to ASU students.

"We can change anything on the fly. For instance if ASU wanted to link to the 'Sports Illustrated' home page instead of college sports, we

can do it really quickly," he said.

These machines have been seen in bars and nightclubs around the country, but ASU claims the title of the first university to stock them. There will be no charge for students who want to operate them, and there is no time limit.

"If there is a line and one student has been on for a half an hour, I'm hoping he or she will be courteous,"

Sojak said.

To keep anyone who is interested in the MU development informed, there is a Web site coming soon. It will link from the Memorial Union Web page and give history, goals, answers to frequently asked questions, photo updates, floor plans and a time line of the construction.

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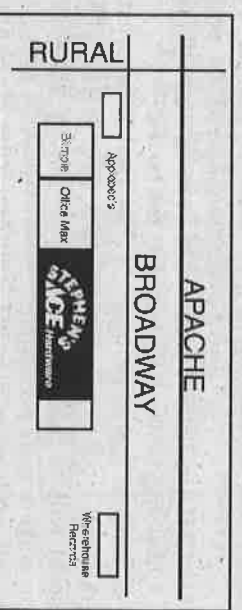
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