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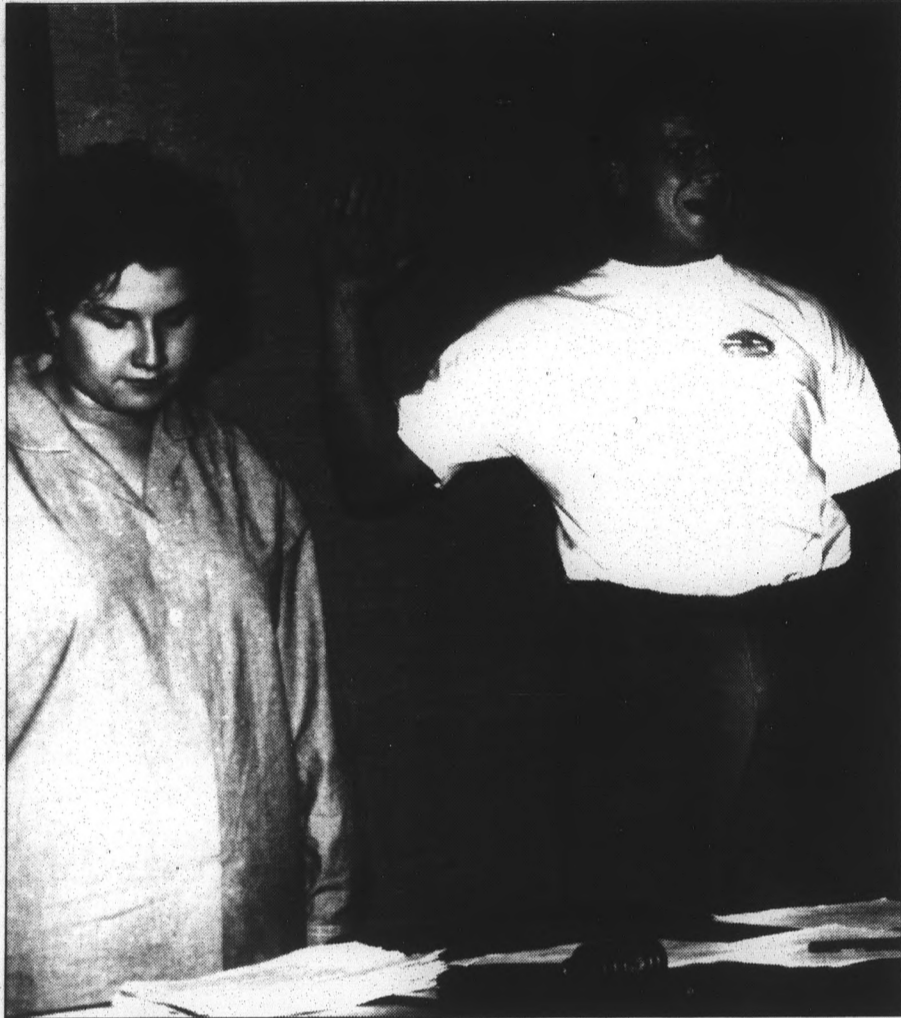
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Swearing in



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Associated Students of ASU Executive Vice President Christian Hageseth (right) demonstrates the oath of office to newly elected Senators at a swearing-in ceremony Tuesday. Assisting Hageseth is ASASU Executive Vice President-elect Jessica Klinger.

Senator withdraws scalping measure

Instead promises code of ethics

By CHAD REDWING
State Press

Associated Students of ASU Sen. Sanford Stokes withdrew a bill Tuesday to make scalping tickets reserved by the organization grounds for impeachment, and instead promised that a full code of ethics would be created for adoption next year.

Stokes, from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, originally drafted a bill in an effort to

combat ticket abuse within the organization after ASASU Executive Vice President Christian Hageseth's intention to sell 48 U2 tickets reserved for ASASU members.

But at the last Senate meeting of the academic year, Stokes said that there is a need for a complete code of ethics to monitor the actions of ASASU members instead of simply a bill dealing with ticket scalping.

"I have talked to a few people, such as my co-partner (Engineering and Applied Sciences) Sen. (Clay) Haden, and decided that what we need now is a full code of ethics," said Stokes.

He said the full code of ethics will be

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Internationals at ASU strive for recognition

By SONDRA ROBERTO
State Press

A slightly altered plan to provide ASU international students with their own governing department within ASASU resurfaced Tuesday night during the final Senate meeting of the semester, more than a year after it was initially proposed.

"International students are the only students not officially recognized by

ASASU," said Public Programs Sen. Heather Collins while explaining Senate Bill 55 to the Senate.

Senate Bill 55, introduced by College of Business Sen. Alex Bouzari, would add to ASASU a department of International Students Affairs to address specific needs of international students and provide funding for their programs.

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Professors chip in to make orphans computer literate

By JACKIE RUTYNA
State Press

Two ASU professors have joined to recycle used computer equipment so a group of El Salvadoran orphans will have the opportunity to become computer literate.

Denis Sorenson, a program coordinator in ASU's Center for Latin American Studies, and ASU economics professor Jose Mendez are hoping to take computer equipment to the orphanage by the end of the summer.

"Dr. Mendez visits El Salvador four times a year to prepare reports on the El Salvador Project," Sorenson said. "On one of his trips he was invited out to tour the orphanage."

"He just felt he could put together something to help those kids."

Mendez, who is visiting El Salvador now, was born there and is familiar with the language and the culture.

He directs the El Salvador Project, a program that loans money to cooperatives and agrarian reform groups to improve the gross national product of the country.

"El Salvador is getting more and more sophisticated all the time because of what personal computers have done to the world," Sorenson said. "We thought it would help those kids a lot more if we could help them with computer literacy, using some of the used computers people would be willing to donate."

About 100 children, ranging in age from 2 to 18, live at the Dr. Gustavo Magana Mendez Orphanage, located in Ahuachapan, about 60 miles west of San Salvador.

Sorenson said the children are given some training

while they live at the orphanage, but there is very little money and materials available.

"They have some opportunity to learn shoe making and carpentry and things like that," he said.

Sorenson said if they are able to get computers donated, there are volunteers in the community who could teach the children to use them.

J.B. Smith, a music professor, donated an Apple IIE computer.

"It was obsolete," Smith said. "I wouldn't get any of the return I put in it originally if I tried to sell it, so it had been earmarked for donation for a while."

Materials for a library and musical instruments are also being collected to send to the orphanage.

"We are looking for anything in Spanish -textbooks, poetry or periodicals," Sorenson said. "We are also looking for musical instruments like trombones, trumpets or guitars."

Sorenson and Mendez are also collecting any language materials that would teach a foreign language to Spanish speakers.

So far, they have collected three computers. They hope to get an international carrier to deliver the donations on one of their regular runs.

Jack Rendon, a mail services employee, donated a word processor to the orphanage.

"I have had it about three or four years and it was outdated," Rendon said. "For years El Salvador has trained people to be carpenters or cooks. Maybe this will give them a little headway to learn how to work the



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Denis Sorenson, program coordinator for ASU's Center for Latin American Studies, is collecting used computers, books and musical instruments to give to an orphanage in El Salvador.

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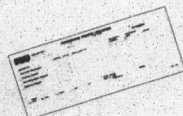
Rendon said he does not mean to make carpentry or cooking seem like inferior professions, but he hopes the children at the orphanage can expand their ambitions if they know something about computers.



Staying SLIM:

A representative from Gov. Fife Symington's SLIM project says more money can be saved by reorganizing the University administration.

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Ticket pile up:

Students with unpaid parking tickets could face having their University privileges suspended, ASU officials say.

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Softball action:

The ASU softball team plays UofA tonight at 6 at the Sun Devil Club Stadium.

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Today's weather: Sunny and a little warmer with a few high clouds. High in the lower 90s.

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Program seeks to SLIM costs, cut inefficiency

By CHRIS DRISCOLL
State Press

While many defenders of ASU's budget say it's been pared to the bone, a representative from Gov. Fife Symington's project SLIM claims that more money could be saved by reorganizing University administration.

"I think that the whole concept of what we're doing (with SLIM) needs to be done elsewhere," said David St. John, project executive of SLIM (Statewide Long-term Improved Management).

St. John said he didn't think the Project SLIM model would be applied to the state university system or to K-12 until after it had been implemented at the 12 state agencies included in the initial project study.

He said implementation at the first 12 agencies will provide proof that the SLIM concepts work and are achievable.

Symington has promised that Project SLIM will reduce government inefficiencies, reduce bureaucracy, and actively involve state employees in the process.

"With the preliminary recommendations from Project SLIM, we are looking at potential savings of more than \$125

million annually — if they are implemented," Symington said.

The governor expects savings of as much as \$500 million in four or five years.

George Leckie, Project SLIM's chief operating officer, said the concept the program is based on — total quality management — targets state employees in the process of making Arizona government run more efficiently.

Employees will be trained to identify problems before they arise rather than after, he said.

Leckie said eventually the Project SLIM concepts will be applied to the universities and other state agencies.

"I think the principles of total quality management — which is taught in parts of the University — are very applicable (to University management)," he said.

The essence of TQM, he said, is to empower the employees who are in the best position to know how they can do their jobs more effectively.

He said that most of Project SLIM can be implemented by Symington without legislation.

St. John said Project SLIM aims to reorganize government administration to remove unnecessary layers of management and make better use of automation.

The project also aims to avoid layoffs as a method of force reduction in the government.

He said they will transfer and retrain rather than lay off. Arizona now hires about 5,000 people a year and there are currently 1,000 vacancies. They have an attrition rate of about 11 percent. He said transfers of employees in eliminated jobs into those jobs will allow them to avoid layoffs.

St. John said he thinks the same personnel policies are an example of portions of SLIM that could help ASU.

ASU Spokesman George Cathcart said the University already has a program to hire laid-off employees in comparable positions. So far 19 have been hired of the 100 laid off.

Susan Malaga, assistant vice president of Business Affairs, is in charge of a pilot project at ASU to apply TQM techniques to 12 areas of the University including human resources, libraries, and academic advising.

She said she thinks big savings can result but that it will be a long process. She points out that saving jobs in the manner St. John suggests is wonderful in theory but is realistically more difficult that he suggests it will be.

Today

The Today section is a daily calendar of events printed on a space-available basis as a service to the ASU community. Campus clubs and organizations can submit written entries to the State Press, located in the basement of Matthews Center, Room 15. Entries are subject to editing for content, space and clarity, and will not be taken over the phone. Deadline for the entries is 1 p.m. the previous business day.

Meetings

- Alcoholics Anonymous: closed meeting, noon, Newman Center on College Avenue and University Drive.
- Narcotics Anonymous: open meeting, 5:30 p.m., Community Christian Church, 1701 S. College Ave.
- SEAC: Earth Day march down Mill Avenue, candlelight

ceremony, planting of trees at Tempe Beach Park, 6 p.m., meet at Mill Avenue & University Drive.

•Alpha Lambda Delta: elections of new officers, 4:30 p.m., MU La Paz Room 223.

•Eckankar Society: "Recycled Soul: The Gift of Life," all welcome, noon, MU Room 216.

•African-American Student Coalition: recognition awards voting, 7:30 p.m., MU La Paz Room.

•MUAB Marketing Committee: last meeting of semester, 3 p.m., MU Kaibab Room 208.

•Adult Children of Alcoholics: 12-step self-help group with speaker, noon, MU Kaibab Room 208E.

•IEEE, Technology Chapter: election of chapter officers, pizza served, 11:30 a.m., TC 317.

•M.E.Ch.A.: meeting, elections for next year, all welcome, 3:30 p.m., LL A18.

•MUAB Culture & Arts Committee: coffeehouse finale featuring clarinet quartet & ASU steel drum band, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., MU Programming Lounge, lower level.

•Lesbian & Gay Academic Union: meeting, 7:30 p.m., MU Mohave Room 222.

•Alpha Mu Gamma: meeting, 3 p.m., MU Havasupai Room.

•European Discussion Club: study in Europe & the United States — what's best? All welcome, 5:30 p.m., MU Kaibab Room.

•Phi Alpha Delta: officer elections & initiation, 3 p.m., MU Pinal Room.

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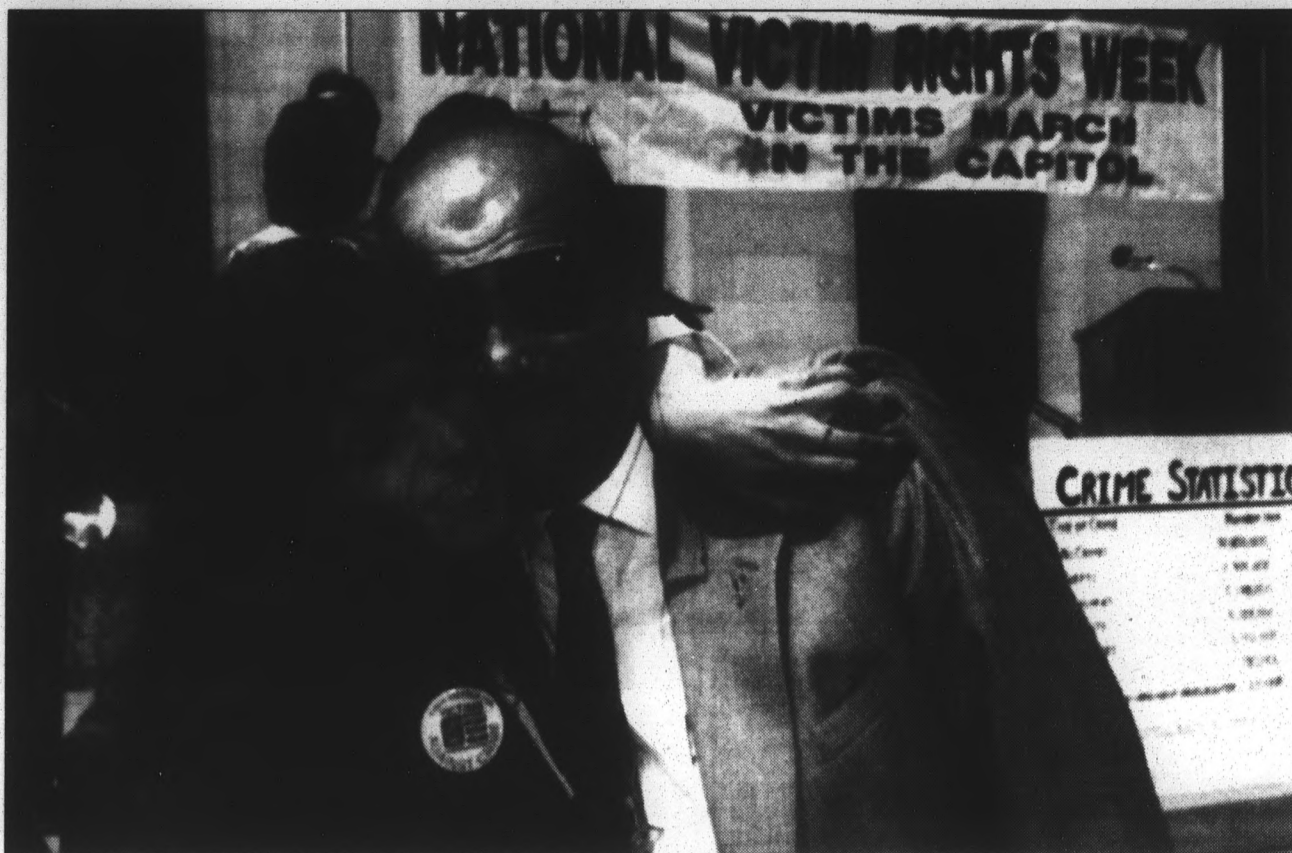
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Steven Baker, the father of one of the two boys slain by Robert Alto Harris, gets a hug from Nina Solarno, whose sister was murdered in 1978

Perot tops Texas election poll list

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a long drive to Election Day, but in an April show of strength, not-yet-candidate Ross Perot sits atop the latest presidential poll in his home state of Texas.



Perot

It's dangerous to put too much stock in polls a full six months before the election, particularly one gauging the support of an unannounced and untested potential candidate such as billionaire Perot.

Still, the survey results are a slap at adopted Texan George Bush and another sign that Democrat Bill Clinton, who ran a distant third, is having trouble attracting the independent voters who swing presidential elections.

The survey also provides fresh evidence of the potent protest vote lurking in the electorate and a striking show of strength for Perot in the state with the third-most electoral votes.

The Texas Poll, released for publication Tuesday, showed Perot supported by 35 percent, Bush by 30 percent, with 20 percent for Texas neighbor Clinton, the Arkansas governor and likely Democratic nominee.

Bush aides cast the numbers as the product of a media honeymoon for Perot that won't last if he enters the race as an independent, as now appears likely. Clinton aides joined the Bush camp in predicting that closer scrutiny of Perot's business dealings and views would undercut his early favorable reviews.

"He better get ready for criticism," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, who predicted Bush "will do very well in Texas ... we expect to win."

"It's not something we've given a whole lot of thought to at this point although we're certainly going to begin to give it more as it looks more like he is going to be in the contest," Clinton campaign manager David Wilhelm said of a Perot candidacy.

Perot, asked about the poll results on CBS-TV's "This Morning," show, said, "I'm honored the people of Texas feel that way. It gives me a great sense of responsibility."

In an interview later, Perot dismissed the poll as "another blip on the screen" and said, "I don't pay any attention to polls."

He described his potential candidacy as "a campaign in reverse. I am not sending a message to the people. This is a grass-roots campaign coming from the people. It is in their hands."

GOP pollster Bill McInturff called the new Texas survey "an attention grabber." The telephone poll of 674 registered voters was conducted April 9-18, an unusually long sampling period that coincided with a wave or largely favorable media attention for Perot, particularly in Texas.

Murderer Harris executed

Supreme Court lifts stay; execution California's first in 25 years

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — Double murderer Robert Alton Harris was put to death in the gas chamber Tuesday after the U.S. Supreme Court lifted a dramatic last-minute stay that had blocked California's first execution in 25 years.

"You can be a king or a street sweeper, but everybody dances with the Grim Reaper," Harris said in a final statement, released after he was executed for the 1978 murders of two San Diego 16-year-old boys.

Harris, 39, died quietly at dawn after an extraordinary night of cross-country judicial duels between the U.S. Supreme Court and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Following the filing of four stays by the 9th Circuit on Monday, frustrated justices in Washington voted 7-2 to order the appeals court not to issue any more stays without permission.

The dissenters — Justices John Paul Stevens and Harry A. Blackmun — focused on the issue of the gas chamber as cruel and unusual punishment.

The last stay came after Harris was strapped to the death seat.

Witnesses spent an uncomfortable 12 minutes watching Harris as he waited to die, smiling and nodding

in the brightly lighted green chamber.

A telephone rang with a reprieve about a minute before the execution was to start, said prison spokesman Lt. Vernell Crittendon.

About two hours later, Harris was back in the metal chair, looking more sober. Still, he winked and nodded. At one point, he looked at San Diego Police Det. Steven Baker, father of victim Michael Baker.

"He mouthed the words 'I'm sorry,'" Baker said later. On the day of the killings, it was Baker who arrested Harris for bank robbery without knowing his son was dead and Harris the killer. Outside San Quentin's gates Tuesday, Baker said he nodded back to Harris — but only as acknowledgement.

"He was probably sorry at the time, but that's 14 years too late," Baker said.

The gas was released at about 6:05 a.m., and shortly afterward Harris' head jerked from left to right before falling slowly to his chest. He appeared to be unconscious about 6:12 a.m., and was pronounced dead at 6:21 a.m.

In the witness chamber, Baker and his ex-wife, Sharron Mankins, showed little emotion as they watched their son's killer die. Those watching on Harris' behalf hugged each other as he went into his death throes.

In San Diego, Michael's stepsister Laura Mankins was relieved.

"This brings finality to these heinous crimes," she said. "For me it ends this whole tragic 13 1/2 years."

Afghan leadership ready to surrender power to rebels

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Bowing to rebel power, the crippled Afghan leadership agreed Tuesday to turn over the government to a guerrilla-run council but appealed for moderate factions to take charge.

Muslim guerrilla factions continued their rancorous power-sharing discussions, and hopes appeared dim for a quick end to the 14-year-old civil war.

Just outside Kabul, forces under radical rebel leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar battled more than six hours with government forces before being driven back and away from the capital, the only major city no longer in rebel hands.

In Pakistan, headquarters of the resistance, rebels failed to agree on a leader of a new 20-member governing council to take control of the government. Hekmatyar refused to accept the leadership of moderate rebel chief Ahmed Shah Masood, whose forces ring Kabul.

Earlier, Afghan sources said a compromise candidate, Mohammed Nabi Mohammadi, the leader of a small group, had been proposed to head the interim council in Kabul.

More than 2 million people have been killed and 5 million driven from the homes during the conflict, the last

battlefield of the Cold War.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali arrived in India on Tuesday and was traveling to Pakistan on Friday, apparently to speak with rebel commanders.

Boutros-Ghali said in New Delhi his objective was to maintain the political independence of Afghanistan "to defend territorial integrity (and) to promote national reconciliation."

His special envoy, Benon Sevan, was to join him in Pakistan. Sevan currently is in Afghanistan trying to win the safe exit of ousted President Najibullah.

Acting President Abdul Rahim Hatif conceded that the mujahedeen, the Islamic holy warriors, call the shots to form an interim governing council.

"As far as the future of the recent government ... this is a matter completely belonging to the mujahedeen themselves," said Hatif, a non-communist who took over after the ouster of President Najibullah last week.

But a source in Hatif's government said Najibullah's successors were trying to ensure their safety by encouraging moderate rebels to prevent Hekmatyar from dominating the mujahedeen council. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.



Associated Press photo
Afghan armoured soldiers eat their lunch beside their tank Tuesday on a highway where rival factions of Mujahedeen have been fighting near the capital Kabul.

Najibullah's departure from power has laid bare years of ethnic and personal rivalries among rebels who fought the Soviet-backed government since the late 1970s.

Gunfire and mortar rounds could be heard south of the city throughout the night. At least two of Masood's men were killed in an ambush by Hekmatyar's fighters.

Students' voice

to the editor
Letters

Prevention protects ASU

Dear Editor:

I have a few comments to share in regard to the front-page story that appeared in the *State Press* of Friday April 17.

The story was about a visually impaired student, Cheryl Meadors, and her seeing-eye dog Barkley, who was attacked by another dog on campus.

First of all, in my opinion being blind would be terrifying enough, and then in addition to endure the hustle and bustle of campus traffic would probably push me over the edge!

I am certainly on Ms. Meadors side with this issue. I want to clearly state how disappointed I am in the irresponsible, bureaucratic, blow-off comment that William Wright (ASU police spokesman) is responsible for!

His quote, "Since it has not been a problem in the past or accounted for any number at all of complaints, it is not something where we actually send a squad out to go track down the dogs not on a leash." Mr. Wright's statement proves without a doubt ASU's unwillingness to accommodate and give safe passage to the visually impaired.

It is my belief that Mr. Wright and the bureaucrats of ASU should learn a lesson fire departments and EMS learned long ago. Prevention equals protection.

John Gallaher
Junior, Fine Arts

Laws apply on campus

Dear Editor:

In the dog policy article that the *State Press* ran last Friday William Bess, ASU director of public safety, was quoted as saying that Tempe dog leash laws do not apply to campus. How can this be? I have always been under the impression that the laws of the land apply on campus as well as off campus.

I live in on-campus housing and it has always been stressed to me that I am not exempt from the laws of the city of Tempe, or the laws of the state of Arizona. Another thing Mr. Bess said that confused me was that since the owner of the attacking dog was not a student, according to Arizona Board of Regents policy, he did not have to have a leash shorter than six feet.

To me this suggests two things: 1) that there is an ASU dog leash policy that says dog owners must have their dogs on leashes shorter than six feet, and 2) that if you are not a student at ASU the policies of the school don't apply to you.

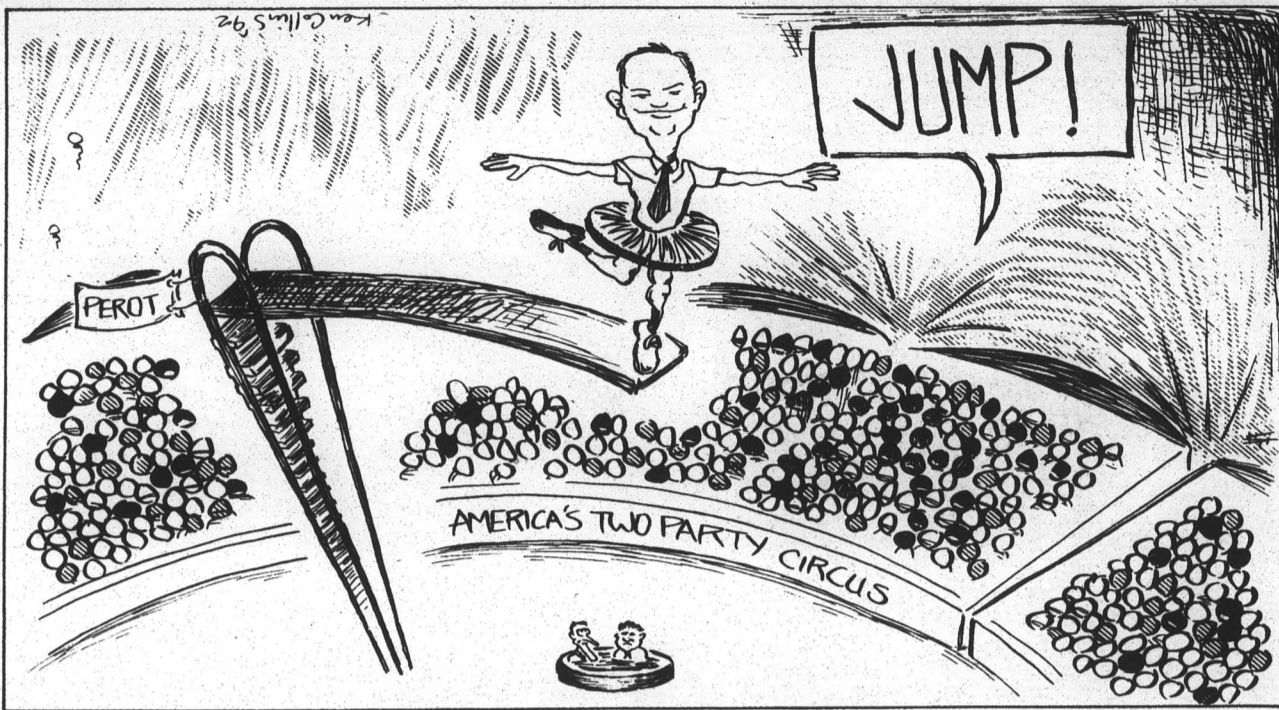
I don't think that's right.

I feel the policies of our school should apply to anyone who comes on the premises. To William Wright, spokesman for ASU police, I recommend that if he doesn't know the specifics of ASU's dog leash policy that he find out.

To David Bowman, program coordinator for visually impaired students, I ask, why wait until students with guide dogs keep having problems accessing campus to do something about it?

My philosophy is to deal with it now and nip it in the bud. The problem is serious; the solution is simple.

Paul Hernandez
Junior, Chemistry



Kick dogs off campus

Dear Editor:

I have been following the story about Cheryl Meadors and "Barkley" for the past several days and I am shocked, to say the least. What happened to Barkley and Cheryl should never have been permitted to occur.

The way the University is handling the situation is appalling. It seems as though the University is waiting for the whole incident to just "blow over" so there will be no reason to rectify the problem (and it is a problem).

There is no reason why a student who is dependent on a dog's pair of eyes instead of her own should be hindered while walking on campus. I do not believe a leash law revision is going to remedy the problem because it was already stated by the ASU police spokesman, William Wright, that the police would not send anyone out to reprimand the violator. He also stated that they act only on complaints. Well, now he has one. How many is he waiting for? Where there are only seven to 10 people on campus who rely on working dogs, don't you think that one complaint is enough?

I believe that the only way to solve the problem is to ban all dogs on campus if they are not working dogs. There is no reason a dog should be here. The dogs are not allowed into the buildings therefore they are tied up outside, further inhibiting the students with working dogs from entering. This is an educational campus, not a park. If you want to walk your dog, take it to Kiwanis!

Jennifer Simone-Malcor
Senior, Chemistry

Hageseth responds

Dear Editor:

I understand your pathetic attempts to provide students with newsworthy and insightful commentary, to compliment our pursuit of knowledge, are at times challenging.

Specifically, when duty should compel you to provide objective journalism, and you allow "yellow journalism" to symbolize the *State Press*. Quality journalism requires a passive insightfulness, not slander and innuendo.

Your comments regarding me are indeed personal attacks (calling me an "idiot"). You have gone too far,

Michelle.

I learn from my mistakes — I hope you can learn from yours.

Christian Hageseth
Executive Vice President, ASASU

Article points to prejudice

Dear Editor:

It was disturbing to read William Wright's pompous and single minded letter in which he called "In Love and Gay" and the participating in the article "out of touch with the real and paramount problems facing gays and lesbians today."

Mr. Wright seems to have missed the point of the article. Neither the author nor the interviewees intended to undermine or ignore the very serious issues of hate crimes, Arizona sodomy laws or the hypocritical existence of ROTC on a campus that professes not to allow discrimination based on sexual orientation, to name only a few problems.

In fact, if Mr. Wright knew any of the interviewees, he would find that most of them are actively opposing these injustices. As a homosexual, Mr. Wright should realize that it is very difficult, especially for uncloseted gays and lesbians, to be "out of touch" with the problems of discrimination that face them throughout their lives.

The purpose of "In Love and Gay" was not meant to be a summary of all the major problems facing gays and lesbians today, problems that most people are already aware of and that are too great to be contained in a single article, nor was it meant as an attempt to convey the opinions of the interviewees "as the concerns of all gays and lesbians."

Instead, it was designed to point out small, sometimes subtle effects of prejudice on a gay person's life every day and to show people that gay love and gay people are really not at all different from non-gay love and people. This is in fact the first and foremost crucial step in overcoming all of the "paramount" problems facing lesbians and gays.

This article was aimed at the root of discrimination. I believe it accomplished its purpose very effectively, and I applaud Patricia Mah's efforts in writing it.

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Police Report

ASU police reported the following incidents Tuesday:

- A skylight window in Armstrong Hall received \$400 worth of damage.

- A parking lot attendant was struck by a vehicle in Lot 13. The vehicle then left the area.

- Two students, a man not affiliated with the University and a juvenile were warned against rollerblading on Forest Mall. They were told that the next time they were stopped, their rollerblades would be impounded.

Tempe police reported the following incidents Tuesday:

- A 22-year-old man and a 21-year-old man, both Tempe residents, were arrested and charged with assault after the night monitor at Desert Palm Apartments, 1216 E. Vista Del Cerro Drive, told police the two punched him in the face.

- Ella Blair, 35, a Glendale resident, was arrested and charged with child abuse, a Class 2 felony, after two women told police they saw her strike her 5-year-old son in the mouth with her fist, knocking out his left front tooth and causing him to fall on the sidewalk. While he was on the ground, the

witnesses said the mother kicked him in the back.

- A 1986 Chevrolet pickup was stopped for a noise ordinance violation in the 600 block of South Mill Avenue. The officer involved reported that he saw a .22-caliber revolver hidden in the waistband of the passenger. The passenger, a 21-year-old Yuma resident, was arrested for concealing a weapon.


- The manager of the Vine Tavern, 801 E. Apache Blvd., was cited for exceeding the building's maximum occupancy. Police called a fire department captain to the bar to witness the violation. The patrons were

evacuated and counted, and police found 375 patrons in the 250-occupancy bar.

- A 24-year-old Tempe man was arrested and charged with stealing his roommate's gold necklace and selling it at a Scottsdale pawn shop for \$35.

- A 28-year-old Phoenix man and a 20-year-old Phoenix man were arrested and charged with public sexual indecency at Moeur Park, 715 N. Mill Ave. The 20-year-old said he heard about the park at a "gay bar."

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Unpaid tickets bring sanctions

By RICHARD RUELAS
State Press

Although paying old parking tickets may be the last thing on students' minds as the end of the semester nears, ASU officials warn that the neglect could have dire consequences.

Sgt. Bill Wright, spokesman for the ASU Department of Public Safety, said if citations remain unpaid, students could risk having all of their University privileges suspended, which include registration, access to transcripts and library check-out.

The suspension holds even after graduation, Wright said. "It's nothing to sneeze at just because you're graduating," he said, adding that many graduates need their transcripts after leaving. "Even when a person graduates from ASU, they're still gonna need things down the road."

Wright said that "it's not the semester that counts so much as the time the citation is issued."

After a citation is issued, it is entered into the ASU DPS computer system. Although an attempt is made to enter the citations on the day they are received, Wright said that due to system renovations, it may take up to 30 days.

Once the computer has the ticket in memory, a bill for the citation is sent out.

Thirty-one days after that, a late charge of \$10 is added, and University privileges — "essentially everything that requires an ID number" — are suspended, Wright said.

"So, early in the spring semester, if you got into some shenanigans, it might affect you for the fall," he said.

After the 61st day, a second \$10 penalty is added, and after the 91st, the matter is turned over to Delinquent Receivables, where a collection agency and legal action might be used to get the money.

"It'd take a sizeable bill for the University to undertake

legal action," Wright said.

Usually, imposing University sanctions takes care of the problem, Wright said.

Tickets can be cleared through payment or, if a student feels the citation was given unfairly, through appeals. Appeals must be made within 14 days of receiving the citation.

Linda Riegel, assistant director of Parking and Transit Services, said the rate of unpaid tickets is very low.

Part of that is attributed to the decreasing number of citations being written. In 1990, 20,000 citations were written. Last year, 7,000 were handed out.

Riegel said the most frequent citations are penalties for not having a proper decal and overtime parking at a meter.

Wright said: "You can't ignore these things and expect them to go away because they don't. The computer has an excellent memory."

Sgt. Al Taylor, spokesman for the Tempe police, said there is no special effort made to snare students before they leave their delinquent tickets behind.

"We'll boot the same anyway," he said.

A car can be booted — secured in place with an orange lock around the wheel — after one unpaid ticket.

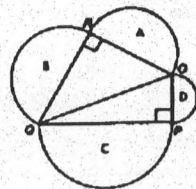
Cars with outstanding Tempe parking tickets of more than seven days are entered into a computer. Each day the computer generates a list of all the license plates, and parking officers attempt to locate them for boots.

Cheryl Vocke, a Tempe traffic court clerk, said if a student gets out of town, "there's not a whole lot (officers) can do."

But, since the list is on a computer, a student's plate can come up during the next semester, she said.

Releasing the boot costs \$48, plus a mandatory \$8 late fee, on top of the cost of the original parking tickets.

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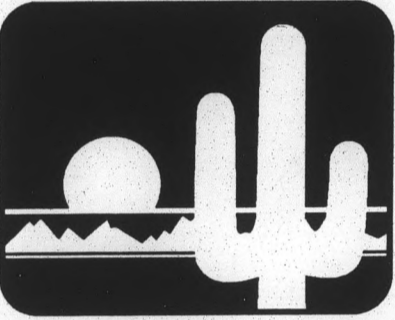
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ASU critics split on Perot

By BLAKE HERZOG
State Press



Perot

With a recent poll revealing that H. Ross Perot garners more support among Texas voters than either George Bush or Bill Clinton, many observers are taking a closer look at the billionaire presidential candidate.

Jack Crittenden, an assistant professor of political science, said he thinks Perot will be on the November ballot. Perot has said he will run for the presidency if he can get onto the ballot in all 50 states.

"He appears to have a lot of grassroots support — people are willing to go out to get signatures to put him on the ballot," Crittenden said. "I don't think there's any question that he'll be on the ballot in 50 states."

Crittenden said he feels Perot's "can-do" image was helping the Texan get in the door.

"He's made his own fortune, he has been involved in the educational system in Texas, he 'rescued' some of his own employees in Iran, and looks like a man who can make things happen," Crittenden said.

Some ASU political observers feel that Perot has been vague when taking a stand on the issues.

"I don't really know that much about the guy, nor does anyone else," said ASU political science Professor David Berman.

Bill Tierney, a sophomore business management major who is the state chairman of Campus Republicans, agreed.

"As far as I can tell, he's an economic conservative and a social liberal, but what's interesting is that he's started to change that," Tierney said.

Lonnie Johnson, Young Democrats president and a junior political science major, said he is concerned by the support Perot has received.

"It's scary that people will line up so much behind him when they don't even know exactly what he's all about," Johnson said.

Tierney said he feels Perot has waffled on some issues.

"He started off strongly pro-choice," Tierney said. "Now he's qualifying that, and he's suggesting a lot of alternatives as far as abortion goes."

"I almost think he's going to reverse his position on that."

Several ASU experts said they doubt Perot can win the White House, but added that he could influence the outcome of the election by drawing support from the major-party candidates.

Richard Herrera, an assistant professor of political science, said Perot could draw support from the two major parties.

"He could affect the outcome by winning, although that would be highly unlikely, but he could take votes away from candidates in key states," he said.

Berman offered a sample scenario.

"(Perot) can influence the outcome," he said. "I'm not sure how he's going to do that, but the conventional wisdom is that he'll hurt Bush more than he'll hurt Clinton, and he'll hurt Bush in the South and in the Sun Belt states, particularly."

"It could be that he'll take enough votes away from Bush to throw the election into Congress."

But Berman added that "my real feeling is that he will lose support as time goes on."

Regardless of the outcome, Johnson warned that Perot should be taken seriously.

"(He has) a \$100 million of his own money to spend, and he's got an appealing message of cleaning up Washington," Johnson said.

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Tempe nixes bungee jump appeal

By D.J. BURROUGH
State Press

Like an untethered jumper leaping from a crane, a local bar owner's appeal to the city council to allow bungee jumping in his parking lot has plunged to its death.

"I thought it was something that would attract a lot of attention to our business," said Dana Dutton, owner of Rocky's bar at 1212 E. Apache Blvd. "I also thought it would give people an opportunity to do something in a close location. It is something that people can store in their minds that they will just never forget."

On Thursday, Dutton's appeal to the city council failed. His appeal garnered only three votes from the six council members present, one short of the majority needed to overturn the city staff's denial of the permit.

Councilman Don Cassano, who voted against the appeal, said he was worried about the city's liability in approving such an eye-catching event.

"I have no problem with what they want to do," he said of the bungee jumping. "I can see some guy like me driving down there saying, 'What the heck is going on,' looking up as I plow into somebody that is running across the street."

Dutton said business has been slow at the bar he opened two months ago on the northeast corner of Apache Boulevard and Terrace Road. Having people leap off a crane over a parking lot with an elastic cord attached to them was the best idea for attracting more customers, Dutton said.

"It is kind of our last effort to stay in business," he said. "It has been pretty quiet. It has been really tough getting going."

Had the council approved the appeal, Dutton planned to have bungee jumping from a crane in his parking lot Saturday, April 18, from noon to midnight. He expected about 300 people to attend the event.

"It would attract a lot of attention to Apache," he said. "There are a lot of closed businesses down here."

Dutton said he felt that businesses on Apache Boulevard have not gotten the same amount of support from the council as businesses on Mill Avenue.

The original request for a permit was denied by the city staff mainly because of anticipated traffic problems, said Tempe's Deputy City Manager Gary Brown.

"Being so close to the road, it is just too tempting for people to watch that rather than the road, and collide," he said.

The jump site's late operating hours were also considered to be a problem by the city staff, Brown said.

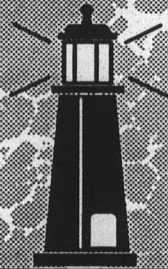
"You could have all sorts of people who are not quite sober driving by," he said.

Security personnel would be on the site to help with traffic flow and signs would have been erected along both cross streets cautioning drivers to be alert, Dutton said.

Dutton said he was planning to file another request this week for a permit from the city to allow for bungee jumping on May 18.

"We are open to any suggestions they have on how we could better control it," he said. "If that is the difference between doing the event or not, of course we would do it. As much as everybody else we want this to be a safe event too."

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Romley chastised for comments on AzScam trial

PHOENIX (AP) — A judge chastised Maricopa County Attorney Richard Romley Tuesday for his public comments on the AzScam political-corruption trial and warned him not to talk about it in the future.

"I don't want to see you in here again. Otherwise bring your toothbrush," Judge Michael Ryan told Romley at the conclusion of a brief hearing in Superior Court.

The hearing followed the first full day of the trial of former state Sen. Carolyn Walker and Ronald Tapp, the first defendants to go to trial as a result of the yearlong AzScam investigation.

Romley admitted talking about the trial at a political meeting last week.

He said he told about 35 to 40 people at the meeting that Ms. Walker's attorney, Murray Miller, had approached his office and offered to have his client plead guilty to two felony counts if bribery charges against her were dropped.

Ms. Walker and Tapp, a former bail bondsman and lobbyist, face multiple felony charges, including bribery, fraud, conspiracy and racketeering.

"I understand that you are running for office and that you have certain First Amendment rights," Judge Michael Ryan told Romley. "But these defendants have a right to a fair trial."

Ryan told Romley that his public comments on the case were in direct violation of ethics rules that specifically prohibit public discussion of possible guilty pleas.

"Plea negotiations are always a very sensitive topic, especially in a case like this," Ryan said.

Romley promised to abide by the court rule in the future, although he said it puts him in a difficult position as a public official who has a duty to inform his constituents.

"It's a very difficult role, especially when my constituents hold me accountable for cases like this," the county attorney said.

Ryan took no action against Romley, saying the case apparently had not been prejudiced because the jurors all said they had not seen or heard anything about his comments.

Earlier, a jury panel of 10 women and seven men, including five alternates, was sworn in and chief prosecutor James Keppel, a deputy county attorney, began delivering his opening arguments.

"This case is about breach of the public trust by public officials," Keppel told the jury. "It is about bribery of public officials. It is about lying under oath by public officials."

Keppel said in most cases jurors have to rely on the ability of witnesses to recall past events. But in this case, "you're in a better position, you're going to see it first hand because 90 percent of it is on tape," he said.

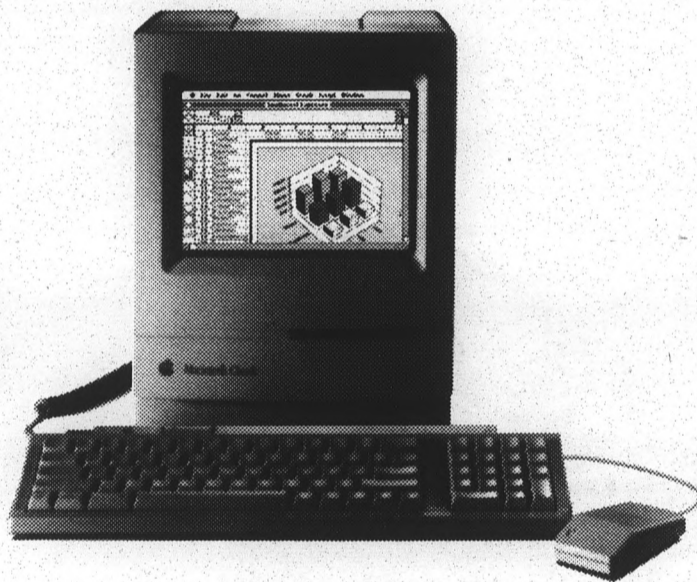
The prosecution is expected to base its case on hours of secretly videotaped meetings between the defendants and Joseph Stedino, the undercover police operative who posed during the AzScam operation as a crooked lobbyist offering bribes to lawmakers and others in exchange for their promises to support legalized gambling in Arizona.

Keppel said Ms. Walker took more than \$5,000 from Stedino during their very first meeting.

"During the course of the next several weeks, Carolyn Walker makes a number of visits to Stedino's office and she takes money out," he said. "And she doesn't report the money."

In exchange for the more than \$25,000 she eventually received from Stedino, Ms. Walker promised to introduce a legalized gambling bill, to shepherd in through committee and to recruit other supporters, Keppel said.

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BankAmerica gives plan to sell 49 banks

PHOENIX (AP) — BankAmerica Corp. on Tuesday announced an agreement to sell 49 Arizona branches to an investment group which will set up a new bank. The move clears the last major hurdle to BankAmerica's merger with Security Pacific Corp.

Under an agreement signed Sunday, Independent Bancorp of Arizona will operate the 49 branches as a yet-to-be-named bank based in Phoenix. The sale is expected to close in late summer, spokesmen said.

Organizers of the investor group include former U.S. Postmaster General Anthony M. Frank and another former California banker, Richard W. Decker Jr. Investors who won't take a direct management role include former Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth and an undisclosed state pension fund, Decker and Frank said at a news conference.

To satisfy antitrust concerns related to the merger, BankAmerica had agreed with the U.S. Justice Department to sell 211 branches with \$8.8 billion in deposits in five states, including the 49 branches in Arizona.

With the Arizona divestiture, "we're free to merge," BankAmerica spokesman Peter Magnani said from San Francisco. The merger is to take effect Wednesday.

The divestiture will leave Bank of America Arizona with 169 branches and \$8.5 billion in deposits, making it second largest in the state in deposits behind Valley National Bank, Magnani said.

Valley National — the state's largest bank and its last remaining independent — agreed last week to be bought by Banc One Corp. of Columbus, Ohio.

In addition to the branches, Independent Bancorp said it also will get \$2.1 billion of deposits and \$1.23 billion of loans from BankAmerica. Terms were not disclosed.

Decker said the new bank will be the state's fifth largest in terms of deposits.

The 49 branches include 28 in the Phoenix area and nine in Tucson, with the remainder in Green Valley, Sierra Vista, Yuma, Douglas, Casa Grande, Prescott, Cottonwood, Flagstaff, Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City.

Of the 49 branches, 30 are operated by Bank of America, 10 by Security Pacific and nine by Caliber Bank of Arizona, a state-chartered bank owned by BankAmerica.

Frank, who served as postmaster from 1988 until earlier this year, said he probably will be chairman of the new bank. Decker said he will be president and chief executive.

Frank and Decker said the new bank would:

- Have \$200 million in capital, all from within the United States and most now arranged.

- Offer employment to all the 380-400 employees of the 49 branches and gradually hire an additional 350-400 employees for headquarters and support jobs.

- Focus on non-construction lending to small and medium-sized companies and on mortgage and consumer loans to individuals.

"We want to lend in the state. We want to focus in the local communities," Decker said.

The sale is subject to regulatory approval. State Banking Superintendent Harold Feeney met Tuesday with Frank and Decker but said later he didn't know what specific approval was needed because his department had yet to receive a formal application.

Rob Caray, chief assistant state attorney general, said a divestiture agreement negotiated between BankAmerica and the state requires the Attorney General's Office to endorse the sale as long as it won't harm competition.



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Engineers earn top chapter

By JACKIE RUTYNA
State Press

A year of sharpening people skills instead of technical skills has paid off for a group of industrial engineering students.

The ASU chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers was named the outstanding student chapter in the United States.

"We had to prepare what is called a chapter development report to highlight all the activities, events and functions the chapter puts on through the year," said John Vekich, the club's president.

Each of the 120 chapters in the country is awarded points for activities ranging from touring industrial plants to publishing a student newsletter. Points are given for special projects done beyond what the development report requires.

"That's where we got a lot of our points this year," Vekich said. "We did an Adopt-a-Troop where we sent letters to troops in the Persian Gulf War, we had a bike raffle to raise money to bring speakers to campus, and we sent a delegation of students to visit a university in Mexico."

Vekich said Philip Wolfe, the chair of the industrial and management systems engineering department, had been a strong influence in the club winning the national award.

"I can't take any credit," Vekich said. "They have just done an excellent job, coming from virtually nowhere in three years to the top student chapter in the country."

Wolfe said that a lot of the course work required for industrial engineers is technical rather than interpersonal.

"A lot of these students go on to become managers so they need to understand how important those skills are," Wolfe

said. "Students need to learn more than technical skills." Wolfe said the chapter has existed at ASU for as long as there has been an industrial engineering department, since 1959.

Vekich, who will travel to Chicago in May to accept the award, said about 100 industrial engineering majors are in the organization.

"We meet once a week to discuss chapter development," Vekich said. "We have speakers come to speak to our group and this gives us a chance to learn about different companies and make job contacts."

Vekich said industrial engineering encompasses the technology and automation aspects of engineering such as the involvement of computers in manufacturing and computer simulation, and the designing of computer work stations.

"There are a lot of different areas to specialize in," Vekich said. "Industrial engineering is sometimes called 'people engineering.'"

Toni Trexler, president-elect of next year's chapter, is already planning to win the award next year.

"Now that we have won first place, it is definitely my duty to see that we don't lose it," Trexler said.

She plans to create a peer advisement program in which an upperclassman student is paired with an undergraduate in a buddy system for academic and moral support.

"A lot of new students don't even know what engineering is, let alone know about which classes they should take," Trexler said. "They are just overwhelmed with the curriculum."



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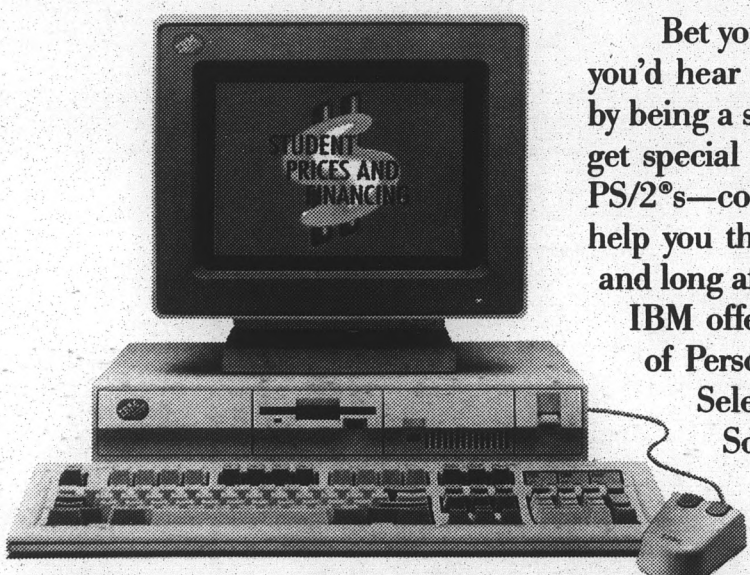
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Tempe chief's actions ruled OK

By **RICHARD RUELAS**
State Press

The Phoenix Police Department has found no violations of policy in its investigation of a Jan. 7 incident at the home of the Tempe police chief in which he used police to settle a fight between his son and his wife.

Chief David Brown said he is "quite happy about them resolving the investigations" into the police detainment of his son Robert after the dispute.

Phoenix Internal Affairs, in its review, found that "Chief Brown acted appropriately as a citizen in asking for police help with a domestic disturbance, and the police acted appropriately in responding."

Brown had his 18-year-old son taken into custody by a sergeant and placed in a holding cell without a complaint, arrest or incident report being filed.

"Supposedly, a sergeant was supposed to fill out a field information card," Brown said, adding that he did not tell anyone not to fill out proper paperwork.

On March 20, Maricopa County Attorney Richard Romley's office issued the results of its investigation, which found that

Brown acted within his legal authority when he had his son arrested.

Brown said he does not believe the image of the Tempe Police Department will be negatively affected by the incident.

"The fact that we went outside for the investigation shows we wanted to get to the bottom of it," he said, adding "it should reinforce the image."

Both the county attorney and the Phoenix police investigations were requested by Tempe City Manager Terry Zerkle with Brown's approval.

Robert Brown spent about two hours in police custody, 20 minutes of which was inside a cell.

He is still facing felony theft charges for allegedly stealing his father's service revolver from his desk.

The gun, which was recovered in Mexico earlier this month, had been missing from Brown's desk since December.

Tempe police detectives believe it changed hands eight times and was stolen once after it was initially sold for \$100 by Robert Brown.

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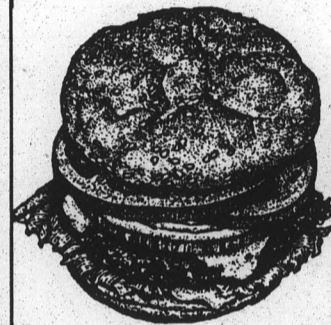
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Students to blame for rise in pet population

By VICKI CULVER
State Press

Maricopa County's pet overpopulation problem is the highest in the nation and students are contributing heavily to it, Valley animal experts said.

"Students are a very critical part of the problem," said Josephine Levy, a member of Concerned Arizonans for Animal Rights and Ethics. "It's very common for students to neglect to spay or neuter their animals and also to abandon their animals."

Each year in Maricopa County, 80,000 animals are euthanized in humane shelters.

Marge Wright, director of education for the Arizona Humane Society, said students do not consider the responsibility of adopting an animal, and ultimately give them up when the time comes to leave school.

Wright said that while many students bring their pets to the shelter, some abandon them on the streets or leave them at their apartment complexes.

"They think someone else will take them in and feed them and, of course, they are usually not spayed and neutered," she said.

Abandoned animals are more likely to die slow, painful deaths by starvation or dehydration or to get hit by cars than to find homes to take them in, Wright said.

Abandoned animals add to the soaring animal overpopulation problem in the United States. Every year in the nation, approximately 17 million animals are euthanized.

The start of summer is a particularly bad part of the season, Wright said, adding that last June the Arizona Humane Society received 200 to 300 animals per day. To help curb the problem, the Humane Society of the United States is calling April "Prevent a Litter" month.

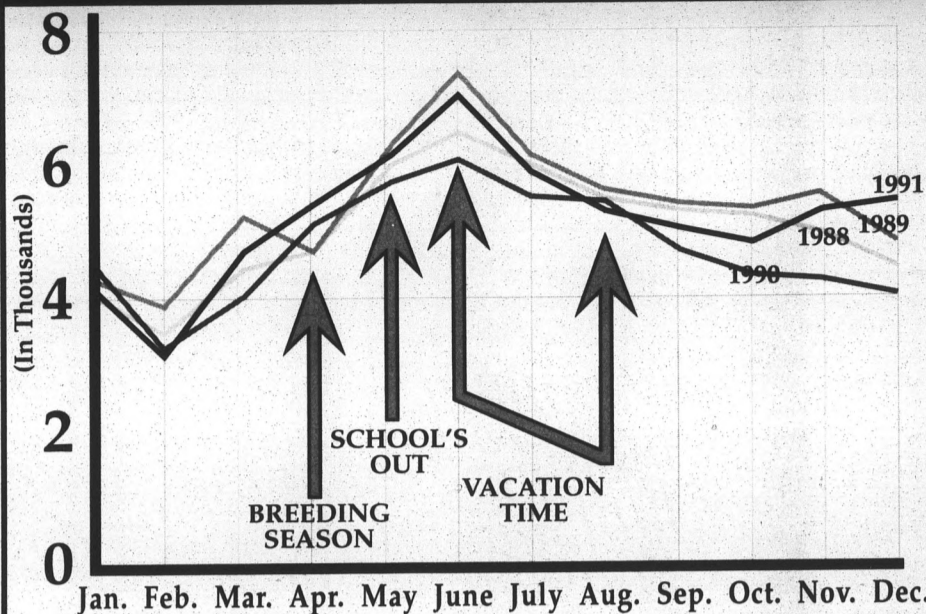
They are asking pet owners to spay and neuter their animals in addition to boosting the number of spays and neuters done on animals in the shelter.

"We're trying to increase the spay and neuters at the shelter before adoption, especially for adult cats," Wright said. "It seems to have increased our adult cat adoption."

According to statistics gathered by the Humane Society, two uncontrolled cats can be the source of 80 million cats over the course of 10 years.

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FDA to experiment with genital herpes drug at ASU

By MARGO GILLMAN
State Press

Students suffering from genital herpes may be eligible to receive free medication, clinical exams and blood testing along with a \$450-cash payment by participating in ASU's first clinical study, a University health official said Tuesday.

Dr. Laurie Vollen, director of the ASU Student Health Center, said the 35-day study is a phase of testing required by the Food and Drug Administration for approval of the drug, Fanciclovir.

The drug has been used as treatment for herpes genitalis in various European countries. But further data must be collected before it can be administered to patients suffering from the illness in the United States.

Vollen said the medication, licensed by Smithkline Beecham clinical laboratories, has been safety tested for toxicities and efficacy.

Four students have entered the study since it began Feb. 14.

"This trial is very exciting," Vollen said. "We have been enrolling students who have been nothing but delighted about the opportunity because medicine for herpes is extremely expensive."

Vollen said patients typically spend "well over a dollar a pill," for genital herpes treatment, which usually requires them to take five pills a day for extended periods of time.

Dr. Theodore Blackwelder, a gynecologist from the ASU Student Health Center who is conducting the study, said

genital herpes is a lifelong sexually transmitted viral infection that is characterized by painful canker sore-like blisters in the oral and genital regions. And fevers, headaches, and muscle soreness often accompany the illness.

In order to participate in the study, Blackwelder said students must receive the treatment within 72 hours after the illness' onset.

"The drug company has specified that the person must be someone who has never had herpes before," he said, adding that ASU is one of about 20 universities participating in clinical studies across the nation. "Studies like this often choose universities because they have a high volume of sexually transmitted illnesses and the volume of people seen have a better chance of picking up first-time infections."

Blackwelder added the study hopes to reach at least 15 students by December.

Vollen said the study involves testing Fanciclovir and drugs that have already been approved for herpes treatment, in a double-blind, placebo-controlled design.

"This means that the physicians and patient do not know if they are getting the

new drug or an old drug," she said. "So even at the end, we don't know who has gotten what — it's a way to protect the data from any bias."

"It's an excellent way to determine if a new drug is superior to an old drug."

Students can withdraw from the study without penalty at any time, and for any reason, Vollen said.

"We explain exactly what is entailed in the study and what the potential risks and options of the drugs are," she said. "It's a lengthy consent process, but (the study is) safe — the University carefully reviews all of these studies before they allow us to consider them."

Carol Jablonski, coordinator of the ASU Human Subject Institutional Review Board, said the study was approved by her board last fall after a lengthy investigation of the drug.

"The drugs being studied have been approved by the FDA for clinical trials," she said. "And we are very cautious about that because we are not a clinical facility."

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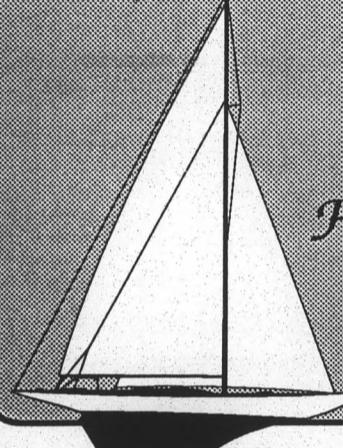
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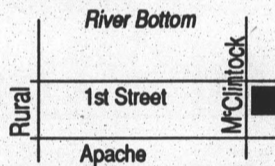
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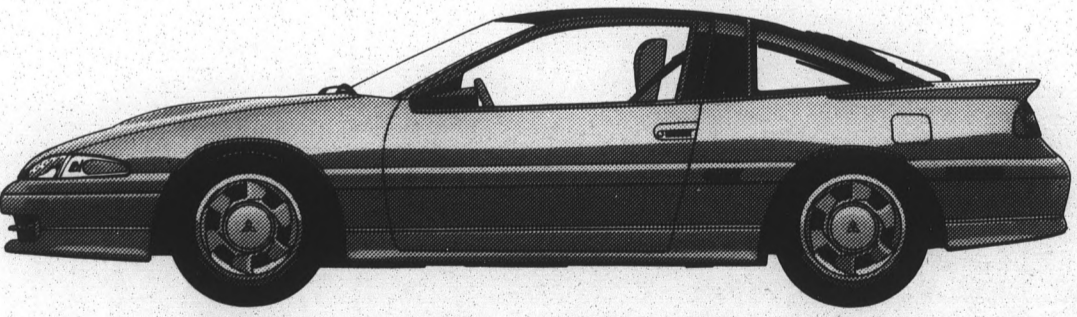
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Also passing the House was a measure that would ask voters approve four-year terms for all elected officials and to limit officials to two consecutive terms.

Under the proposal sent to the Senate, half of the legislators would be elected every two years. HCR2009 passed 34-25.

A measure known as the "stalking bill" that would make it

a crime to harass or threaten someone was approved 36-24, but not by a sufficient margin to make it effective immediately.

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In bringing up the amendment, House Majority Leader Mark Killian of Mesa had called it a "look before you leap" provision. It would require that state agencies measure the rules they make, the permits they issue and the actions they take against the question of impact on private property rights.

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Stokes said he will use the Arizona House of

Representatives conduct codes as a model in creating ASASU's ethics provisions.

"I'm just going to go get their code of ethics and cross out what is irrelevant to us and bring that before our Senate next year," he said.

Before the Senate's 1991-92 adjournment, the organization's new senators were sworn in.

International

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Last year an effort to add an international student representative to the existing ASASU Multicultural Awareness Board was thwarted by opponents who said the needs of foreign students were already addressed by the Asian and Hispanic coalitions of the MCAB.

The MCAB oversees funding to four recognized minority groups: the African-American, Asian, Native American and Chicano-Hispano coalitions.

Bouzari said student leaders gave up on the idea of restructuring the MCAB. Therefore, the revised bill requires the

international student department to be equal in power to the MCAB, rather than under the direction of the board.

However, the proposed \$2,000 in appropriations for the department representing ASU's 2,206 international students is considerably less than the \$11,886 allocated to represent ASU's 5,504 minority students.

"It's a fair way to create something that is going to be specific to international student needs," Bouzari said.

But, just as President Greg Mechem last week called a proposal to add a vice president of cultural diversity was "railroaded" through the Senate,

Activities Vice President Amy Golden said the international student bill is being rushed through the final hours of the 11th session without sufficient research and debate.

Although the session is officially over, senators will vote on the bill during a special legislative session next week.

"They will create a new department with no details or outlines in writing, with nothing on paper," Golden said. "There needs to be extensive debate about this."

Bouzari disagreed.

"This is an appropriate time," he said.

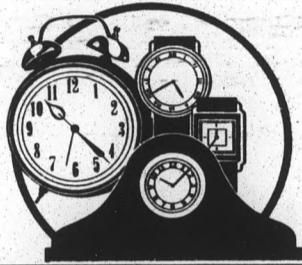
"Nobody can say it's political, to gain constituents. We started on this one year

ago. They knew about it. Its coming out at the end of the session has nothing to do with the obvious facts."

Allan Figueredo, a graduate student from India, said specific needs of international students include funding for programs and dealing with issues such as immigration, naturalization, family members and financial aid, which foreign students are ineligible for, but must pay a yearly \$6 fee.

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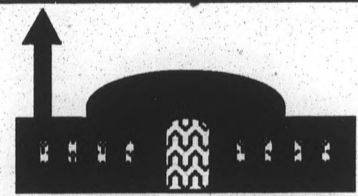


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● SEBASTOPOL, Calif. (AP) — Finnegan the kitten is safe at home after four days atop a 60,000-volt power pole.

The fire department and animal control officials wouldn't attempt to rescue Finnegan because of the electrocution danger, but a crew from Pacific Gas & Electric Co. was up to the challenge Monday.

Finnegan's family noticed the cat had climbed up the 60-foot pole on Thursday. Try as they might, they were unable to get the kitten to come down.

"We were at our wit's end," said Miriam Cox, who with her husband, Shane, adopted the cat a few months ago.

After four unsuccessful attempts by PG&E, crews figured a way of maneuvering a crane to rescue Finnegan without interrupting power to customers in Sebastopol, 50 miles north of San Francisco.

"I've never seen a cat go that high," said rescuer Clarence Lua, who has rescued 15 cats in his 30 years with the company.

The Cox family said they planned a kitten-suitable welcome for Finnegan.

"Huge bowls of cat food, and I think we have some fish," Mrs. Cox said.

● WETHERSFIELD, Conn. (AP) — It really was in the mail. It just took 56 years to get there and when it did, the envelope was empty.

A letter from the Aetna Life Insurance Co., postmarked June 5, 1936, and bearing a red 2-cent stamp of George Washington, arrived at the state Department of Transportation on Thursday. There was a second postmark on the back of the envelope, dated April 14, 1992.

The letter was addressed to "Albert L. Donnelly, Highway Business Manager, State Highway Department, Hartford, Conn."

Donnelly retired in 1957. The highway business manager position has been eliminated and the state Highway Department changed its name and moved its headquarters to Wethersfield. Oh, and the cost of sending a letter has risen to 29 cents.

Terry Conlon, the department's chief mail handler, opened the sealed letter, but found nothing inside.

"I honestly can't explain it," said Linda Crabb, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Postal Service.

● CHICAGO (AP) — He's the bane of disc jockeys, a whiz at one-handed dialing. And if there's a phone-in

contest on Chicago radio, 16-year-old Matt Legg stands a good chance of winning.

The teen-ager from suburban Elk Grove Village has had one goal for the past two years: Win anything and everything he can off the radio.

And he has done just that, often taking home more prizes than he could ever need.

"You never get tired of winning," Legg said recently.

His booty includes about 250 sets of movie passes, 150 compact discs, 75 sets of concert tickets, 20 portable tape players, five stereos, four plane tickets to California, two miniature TV sets, one videocassette player and a car that he's not yet licensed to drive.

"I don't buy anything, ever," Legg said.

WJMK-FM disc jockey Shawn Burke, who gave away the car, said, "To me, it's partly get-a-life time, but there's really no objection."

"There's one in every market," he said. "We call them contest pigs."

Legg settles on his bed each day after school, checks his calendar (won from a bank) to see which stations are on the day's list of potential prize-givers and gets down to business.

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ASU faces nasty UofA

Softball trying to hold 3rd place with games left with UCLA, Cats

By MICHAEL FLORES
State Press

After a week off, the 20th-ranked ASU softball team jumps in against one of the best teams in the country tonight as it hosts rival UofA.

"To get a game from them would be significant," said ASU coach Linda Wells of the doubleheader which begins at 6 at Sun Devil Club Stadium.

The second-ranked Wildcats are a remarkable 46-4 for the season, and on April 7 snapped top-ranked UCLA's 33-game winning streak by defeating the Bruins 1-0.

Not surprisingly, UofA and UCLA are perched atop the Pac-10 Conference standings at 7-1 and 9-1, respectively.

"They've split their two games against each other and have been beating up on every other team in the conference," Wells said.

ASU (25-17, 5-5 Pac-10) is third with all eight of its remaining regular season games to be played against conference opponents.

Wells agreed that, without a victory or two against UofA tonight or against UCLA in the season-ending doubleheader May 3, the Sun Devils will be hard pressed to hold the third spot in the league standings unless they sweep this weekend's four-game series in Oregon.

"I think the most critical games will be against the Oregon schools this weekend," Wells said. "Those are the ones we are supposed to win. Against Arizona and UCLA, we just want to relax and play well. If we get a game, great."

The Sun Devils have not beaten UofA this season, having lost two games in Tucson, each by tough 1-0 scores.

"They're a very talented group," Wells said. "They've got great pitching, and they play well as a team."

The Wildcats, who have allowed more than two runs in only one game this season, are led by pitchers Debby Day and Susie Parra. The two have been involved in the outcome of every UofA game, Day boasting a record of 25-2 and Parra an equally impressive 21-2 mark.

Day, a senior, was named the Pac-10



Dawn Wood and the ASU softball team are hoping to upset UofA in their meeting tonight at 6 at Sun Devil Club Stadium.

pitcher of the week for April 13 after going 5-0 on the mound, including the aforementioned two-hit shutout of UCLA.

Parra, a sophomore who attended Chaparral High School in Scottsdale, threw her first-ever perfect game in a six-inning 10-0 victory over Oregon State April 11. She was the Pac-10 pitcher of the week April 6.

"We had a couple of opportunities to get some early runs off them in Tucson," Wells said. "We'll have to take advantage of those opportunities if we expect to play with them tonight."

The Sun Devils will counter with their usual rotation of senior Terri Carnicelli (10-6) in the first game and sophomore Mona Nard (9-4) in the nightcap.

The Wildcats' speed on the basepaths will also be something the Sun Devils — particularly catcher Christy Serritella — will have to contend with.

"They (UofA) stole seven bases in two games off of us in Tucson," Wells said. "If we can't keep them off (the bases), it's going to be a challenge for Serritella to throw them out."

Sports Briefs

Basketball fills void at guard with Capers

Compiled from staff reports

The ASU men's basketball team filled its point guard void Monday by signing junior college All-American Marcell Capers to a letter of intent.

Capers, who was named All-America by *Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook*, was also named the second-best JC point guard in the nation by *The Sporting News*. He averaged 15 points, 7.7 assists and 4.8 rebounds a game for the College of the Sequoias (Calif.).

ASU coach Bill Frieder had been looking for a replacement for Lynn Collins, who ran out of eligibility after this season. Incoming freshman Quincy Brewer is expected to be the Sun Devil point man of the future, but Frieder doesn't want the frosh have that pressure immediately.

The 6-foot-2, 175-pound Capers was also sought by Arkansas and Memphis State before signing with ASU.

Badminton wins Nationals

The ASU badminton team took three titles last weekend at the 1992 U.S. National Championships, held in Colorado Springs, Colo. Sun Devil star Tim Reidy, a junior, shared a men's double crown while freshman Kathy Zimmerman scored championships in the women's singles and doubles of the junior division.

Mickelson close to Crenshaw

ASU senior Phil Mickelson needs to win the three remaining golf tournaments to tie Ben Crenshaw's collegiate win record of 18. Mickelson swung a season best seven-under 65 in the first round in the Sun Devil/Thunderbird Classic held last weekend at ASU, going on to finish the event seven-under to notch his 15th career win. Mickelson said he plans to turn pro in June at the U.S. Open.

Student-athletes honored

Director of Athletics Charles Harris said ASU will honor 196 student-athletes who have achieved a 3.0 cumulative or semester grade point average during the 1992 Maroon and Gold Scholar-Athlete Luncheon on April 29.

Sun Devils rolling towards NCAAs with SAC results

Hysong, Collins move closer to possible Olympic chance

By BRIAN CHARLES
State Press

The success for the ASU track and field teams continues to snowball after an outstanding performance this past weekend at the Mount SAC Invitational, one of the most prestigious meets in the country.

The men's squad got another 65-foot shotput throw from senior Shane Collins in the invite section, which was good enough to take third place. Collins continues his consistency and a shot at winning both the Pac-10 Championship and the NCAA Championship looks very realistic, not to mention a chance at the U. S. Olympic team.

Collins' protege, Dennis Black, also had a good showing in the shotput, hurling the shot 59-2 in the invite section to provisionally qualify for the NCAA.

Another consistent performer for ASU was sophomore All-American Nick Hysong, who continues to soar to new heights in the pole vault. He took second overall with a vault of 18-1+. Hysong has already automatically qualified for the NCAAs and also has his sights on the Olympic team, according to ASU coach Tom Jones.

"Nick definitely has a shot," Jones said. "Nineteen feet should get him on for sure, but we will have to wait and see."

Another possible Olympic hopeful is junior Gabe Beechum, whose 7-5½ launch in the high jump was not only good for second place in the invite section, but good enough to earn him Pac-10 Field Athlete-of-the-Week honors.

In addition, Beechum's jump was also his personal best. ASU also took second place in the long jump, thanks to

freshman Brian Ellis's 24-4 effort. Teammate Jimmy Kegler took third in the open 200 meters at 21.32, and Lamont Dailey took fifth in the open 110m high hurdles at 14.72.

Leading the way for the Sun Devil women were 100m hurdlers Ime Akpan and Lashawn Simmons. Akpan and Simmons not only took first and second in the hurdles, but their times were also the first- and second-best times so far this year in the Pac-10.

Sharette Garcia won the open 800m in 2:05.97, which was good enough for a provisional qualifier and the school record. But two hours later, teammate Kim Toney participated in the invite 800m, in which she also took first place with a personal best of 2:04.4. to reset the record.

ASU also got big performances from high jumper Shelly Choppa, who went 5-10½ to provisionally qualify, and Kelly Cordell, who also earned a provisional spot with a 34:24 mark in the 10,000m.

ASU's long jump trio of seniors Simmons, Tesra Bester, and Lisa Hale also turned in another noteworthy performance, as Simmons and Bester took second and third in the invite section. Hale took second in the open section.

In addition, All-American Shanequa Campbell took first in the open 200m in 24.24.

ASU's quartet of Akpan, Simmons, Campbell, and LaNia Brice took top honors in the 4x100m relay, and despite the slow average time of 45.53, Jones is happy with the foursome's progress.

"They have really been moving the baton around the track well lately," Jones said. "They just need to work on some exchanges."

Despite being optimistic about his team's youth and lack of experience, Jones is pleased with the performances he has been getting out of his athletes.

"Between the UofA meet and this past weekend, we have



Dennis Black provisionally qualified for the NCAAs in this weekend's Mt. SAC Invite.

had 29 Pac-10 qualifiers and four automatic qualifiers," Jones said. "This is a big accomplishment for us and I think that the consistency we are getting out of our athletes right now is really helping the team."

Jones added that the areas in which they were weak at the beginning of the season are starting to come around as well.

The team will be split up this coming weekend, as some members will be traveling to Philadelphia to participate in the Penn Relays, while the rest of the squad will travel to Irvine, Calif. to run in the UC-Irvine Invitational.

An Aussie at ASU

Basketball player Tony Ronaldson fulfilled a dream with his season in America

—Story by Darren Urban—

Tony Ronaldson dreamed of living in America, and for eight months of his 19 years he did.

Basketball was his ticket. The 6-foot-9, 220-pound Australian played for a single season as a Sun Devil, helping guide ASU to a 19-14 record and a second-round National Invitation Tournament berth.

Homesickness finally wore down the Aussie, however, and without discussing it with his teammates or coaches, he slipped out of Tempe March 30. He returned to Melbourne, where he now is playing in the National Basketball League, Australia's equivalent of the NBA.

"I missed home and the people I left behind," Ronaldson said in a telephone interview, his Australian accent strong as ever. "I knew I was missing out on making money, and I have a good chance to get myself financially secure."

He might not have made any money at ASU, but he had the experience of a lifetime while he was here.

Future Olympian

Homesickness was not Ronaldson's only reason for leaving ASU. The Olympics was the other.

He said that while he benefitted somewhat from collegiate experience, his time in the United States at school—when the core of the Aussie squad was already practicing together—may have hurt him in his quest.

"I think the Australian basketball team has got to be looking to win a medal," Ronaldson said. "The U.S. team is going to kill everyone, most likely, but we're not going to go in with the attitude ... we're not going to go into a game saying they are going to kill us. That's just ridiculous."

"It's hard for me to say the U.S. is going to beat us, because you don't want to say that."

The Australians will begin a five-day training camp May 10, which Ronaldson said he will be attending now that he has returned home. Still, he doesn't know if he'll make the Olympic squad.

He has experience in the Australian National program, taking tours in various foreign countries—including the United States—with both the Junior National and Senior National teams. Although he performed well with the junior team—finishing in the top 10 in both scoring and rebounding during last summer's World Junior Championships—he rarely left the bench with the senior team, the squad that included most Australian Olympic hopefuls.

A final training camp will be held June 28—July 8. The Olympics begin July 22 with the mighty U.S. team—for the first time made up of NBA stars—heading up an always-improving international field. Australia, which earned its fourth-place in the 1988 Olympiad after falling to the United States in the bronze medal game, has a chance at improving that, Ronaldson said, and he wants to be part of it.

He added that he is not upset over the United States sending pros. He said the spirit of the Olympics—the best against the best—means NBA all-stars are the way to go.

"It was always the best against the second-best Americans," Ronaldson said.

Talk of the Olympics and the U.S. team invariably finds its way to the subject of Magic Johnson's participation. While the world debates whether Johnson, who tested positive for the HIV

virus, should participate for the United States, the Australian team physician has come out telling his country's athletes to boycott the Games should Johnson play.

Ronaldson chose his words carefully, leaving no doubt that he would still go if asked, yet questioning Johnson's possible presence.

"I would play regardless, because it is a dream of mine," Ronaldson said. "But my feelings are that maybe he shouldn't play simply because, however remote the chances are, he's still endangering people's lives."

"I think Magic's a great player, a great ambassador to the game. But I think whenever there's a risk of endangering another person's life, maybe he shouldn't play."

American dorm life

Ronaldson was pursuing a degree in architecture while he was at ASU. When not on the court or in class, he was in his third-floor dorm room in the Sonora complex, which seemed small for Ronaldson and his roommates, 6-foot-6 Jimmy Kolyszko and 6-foot-11 Robert Conlisk, both teammates on the ASU basketball squad.

Sitting in his living room shortly before he left, when not even his roommates knew yet that this gentle man would soon be gone, Ronaldson had some time to talk about his favorite subjects: basketball, ASU, America and Australia.

"The thing that annoys me—no, annoy isn't the right word—the thing about back home was I had a lot more responsibility put on myself," he said, his Australian accent pinching off certain sounds and adding others. "I was more independent. I could go out whenever I wanted to."

"The legal age back home is 18, so you can do whatever, go to clubs, and I could come home at 5 o'clock in the morning—and I often did."

"And I had a car. In America, I had to rely on people to take me here, take me there. Other people are organizing my school for me, other people were always doing something for me. I think that's a drawback."

Ronaldson's "living room" was not for living at all; there were only a couple of posters, a couch, chair and an empty wood entertainment center. All the "stuff"—the television, stereo, VCR—was in Ronaldson's bedroom.

A Domino's pizza box lay upside down off to the side of the living room, which was in need of a good vacuuming.

"We spend all the time in the rooms," Ronaldson said. "No one is out here. It's just a place for old pizza boxes and cans."

The frequent restrictions on his time hampered the possibility of a social life for Ronaldson, whose sandy-blond hair and tiny earring in his left ear give him a California beach bum look.

"I'd like to meet a lot more people, but it's just too hard to do that," he said. "You have to take the good with the bad, so you've got to accept everything."

Ronaldson named Kolyszko, a fellow freshman from nearby Scottsdale, as his best friend on the team, and the two frequently made trips out to the Sonora tennis courts just to hit some volleys and "screw around," according to Kolyszko.

"It keeps me in shape," joked Kolyszko, who received only a fraction of the playing time that Ronaldson did. "We get along pretty good. Australia is a lot like the U.S., so there wasn't that much difference between us."

Ronaldson finished his only season at

ASU as the fifth-leading scorer on the team, averaging 7.4 points a game, joining Mario Bennett—also a freshman—as the only Sun Devils to play in all 33 games. His other totals were unspectacular: a 39 percent shooter from the field, 69 percent from the free-throw line and only 2.5 rebounds an outing. But the numbers are respectable for a Pac-10 rookie.

As the late afternoon sun blazed through his dorm room window, Ronaldson was interrupted when a pair of hands grabbed the window from the walkway outside and lifted it open. In popped the shaved head of teammate Dwayne Fontana, a sophomore on ASU coach Bill Frieder's young team.

"What's up, fellas?" Fontana asked in his always upbeat tone. Ronaldson looked over his shoulder at his teammate, apparently finding nothing strange about Fontana's point of entry.

"This is Dwayne," Ronaldson said. Fontana paused when he saw the tape recorder rolling on the chair's armrest.

"Oh, what is this, an interview or something?"

Ronaldson responded with a casual "yeah."

"Where's Jimmy K at?" the 6-foot-4 Fontana asked.

"He's at his parents' place," Ronaldson said, satisfying Fontana's curiosity. Fontana ducked away and closed the window.

"Dwayne's a great guy," Ronaldson said. "He's cool."

Fitting in with the team wasn't a problem for Ronaldson, who went from a white-dominated league in Australia to a racial mix in Tempe. Overcoming the Australian stereotype wasn't quite as easy.

"People think of the outback, they see the MasterCard ad and they think that's all there is," he said.

"I don't want to be racial, but to the black guys I'm different, and to Jimmy I'm different. We're just from different cultures. Some of the stuff they do I find intriguing, and I'm sure some of the stuff I say, they find intriguing."

"There were definitely little things from time to time, but nothing that stands out."

The Australian way

Sitting in a T-shirt and a pair of USA Basketball shorts—the result of a trade during Junior Nationals with Duke freshman Cherokee Parks—Ronaldson started, stopped, started and stopped again as he tried to find the easiest way to describe the Australian system of basketball, which is so different from that in the United States.

Unlike the United States, where school and athletics are intertwined until the professional level, Australia and many other countries operate on a club system. Australia has various leagues of players under 14 years of age, under 16, under 18, under 20. More talented players can play a level or two above their age.

"I've done a lot to get where I am in basketball," Ronaldson said. "It becomes

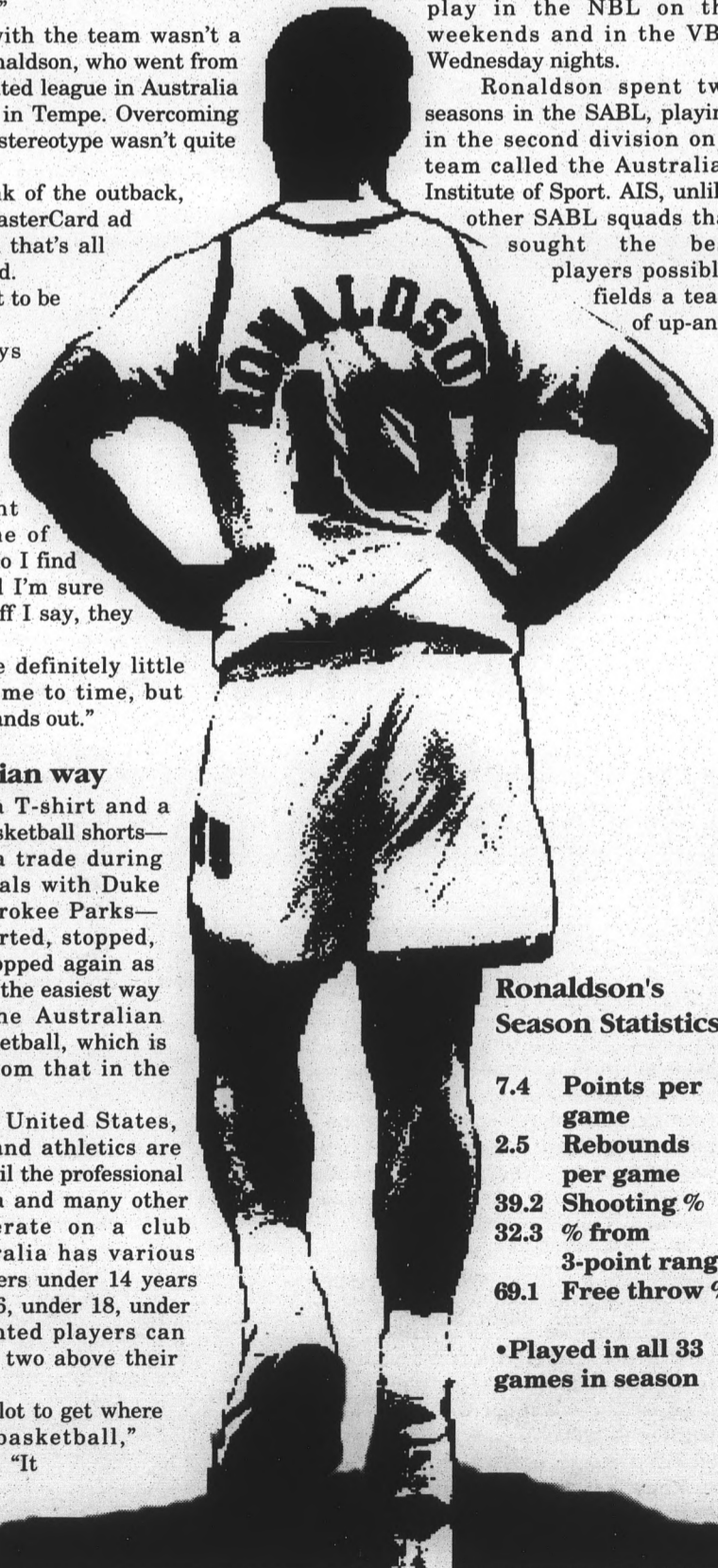
fairly robotic after awhile: school, practice, weights, homework."

Ronaldson, who started playing the game in 1981 when he was 9 years old, made a rapid advance through the programs because of both talent and size, graduating into the three-tiered system of older players: the Victorian Basketball Association, the Southeast Australia Basketball League and the National Basketball League, Australia's equivalent to the NBA.

The lowest on the scale is the VBA, whose teams play once a week with fairly talented athletes, although "you can't make a living in it," Ronaldson said. The SABL is more advanced, comparable to the Continental Basketball Association in the United States. In the SABL, multiple teams representing Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania compete. Outside help, such as American athletes, can earn up to \$70,000, a large amount even if the Australian dollar is worth about 80 percent of its United States counterpart.

The NBL is the ultimate, however. Calling it "the place where Australians make their money," Ronaldson estimated the average salary at \$30,000 to \$40,000 per season. Lack of crowd support for anything other than weekend games has kept the NBL from expanding its schedule. The result is a chance for players like Ronaldson—who never seemed to get tired of playing—to play in the NBL on the weekends and in the VBA Wednesday nights.

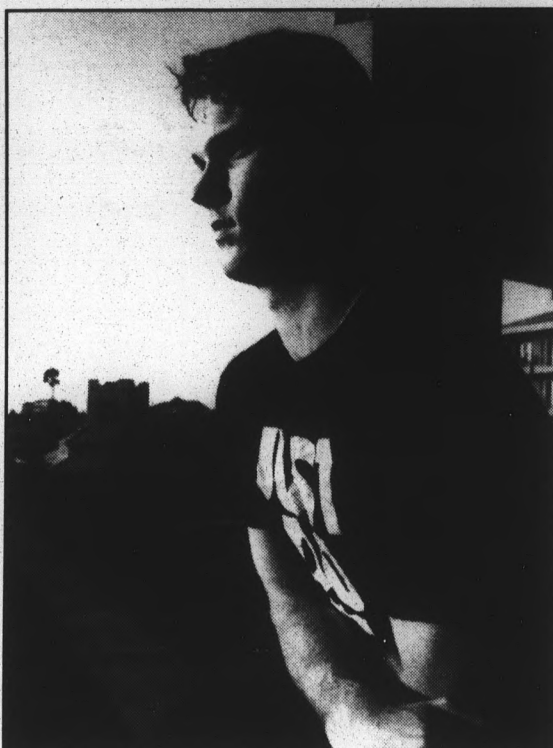
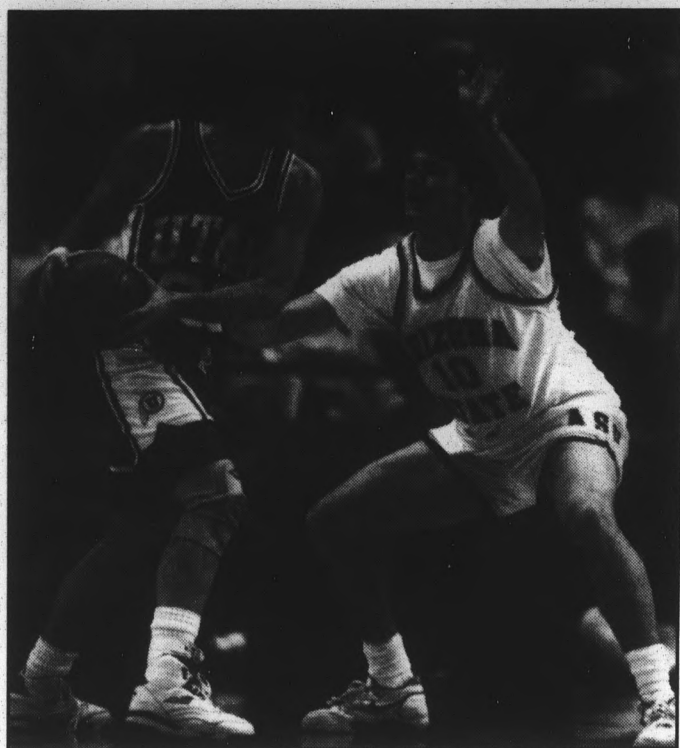
Ronaldson spent two seasons in the SABL, playing in the second division on a team called the Australian Institute of Sport. AIS, unlike other SABL squads that sought the best players possible, fields a team of up-and-



Ronaldson's Season Statistics

7.4	Points per game
2.5	Rebounds per game
39.2	Shooting %
32.3	% from 3-point range
69.1	Free throw %

• Played in all 33 games in season



Ronaldson guards Craig Rydalch in the March NIT game against Utah, which ASU lost to Utah, 60-58. One of Ronaldson's duties on the court was to take on the opponent's big man inside.

Ronaldson on the walkway of his dorm in the Sonora complex where the Australian spent much of his time.

—Photos by T.J. Sokol—

coming young Australian athletes.

Then came his first stint in the NBL with the Eastside Spectres. His first year, at age 17, Ronaldson was the youngest player in the league. Over his two seasons, he averaged 12 points and seven rebounds a game. All of it was done without pay, because Ronaldson wanted to keep his amateur status for collegiate play.

He was rewarded in other ways, however. The experience of being with players as much as 15 years his senior paid dividends—both on and off the court.

"I used to go out four nights a week, not having school the next day," Ronaldson said with a smile. "I never went out the night before or two nights before a game, but if I could go out, I would go out—believe me.

"(But) I would say yes, in everyday life and experience, I am more mature (than other people my age). I was responsible and never got into trouble. If I was driving, I'd never drink, and I usually don't drink anyway. My parents, they worry, but parents always worry—they never had to ring anyone. If I was going to stay somewhere else, I'd always call."

Those who know Ronaldson often comment on his maturity.

"Just like any young kid, he goes through places where he has to adjust," ASU assistant coach Lynn Archibald said. "But he's one in a million. He can communicate with all the different levels of individuals we have on this team."

Ronaldson's father, John, concurred, but he would not characterize his son as an angel.

"He's certainly somebody that we're quite proud of," the elder Ronaldson said in a telephone interview from Australia. "But he's a normal kid at home, up to a bit of mischief. He does what he is told on some occasions and is somebody you feel is doing the right thing in the family environment."

Then John Ronaldson started to chuckle. "Other times, as my wife puts it, he can be a little shit."

Ups and downs in America

Without a doubt, the biggest win of the year for ASU came when the Sun Devils defeated the University of Arizona 77-74 in Tempe Feb. 20, their first win over the Wildcats in 11 meetings.

Ronaldson was happy with the win but said he was bothered afterward by his poor play. His final totals read just as negatively: 0 points, two missed shots, one rebound and four fouls in under 10 minutes of playing time.

For most of the season, Ronaldson was steady and a starter, scoring some points and covering the opposition's best big man inside. His role in the offense changed over time. As Bennett became more proficient in the paint, Ronaldson drifted outside, and when open could nail the 3-pointer as well as anyone on the squad.

His success was quite remarkable to unknowing observers, but Ronaldson, confident but not cocky, said he wasn't surprised.

"I always knew I could perform somewhat in this league," he said. "No superstar status or whatever, but I felt I could give this team something."

Although Ronaldson said his final decision to attend college in the United States didn't come until 1988, Brian Georgin, his NBL coach, and John Ronaldson said he had had a collegiate career in mind for a long time.

"You usually have to sit down with kids and discuss things like goals and where they want to go," Georgin said. "Tony had everything he wanted to do mapped out."

Ronaldson was talking about coming to the United States as early as age 11, but serious talk about the subject didn't come up until he was a junior in high school, when a friend was offered a scholarship to an American school. The friend turned the opportunity down, but the episode perked

matters most in this situation. Tony and his family felt it was best for him to return home.

What Ronaldson got when he first arrived on campus was a team full of expectations and youth. While Bennett showed off during Midnight Madness, the team's ceremonial first practice, Ronaldson showed he would be more than just a bench-sitter in his first year. The rookie grabbed some rebounds, and outplayed his then out-of-shape teammates.

Frieder didn't have to use talent as a deciding factor for Ronaldson's playing time. When sophomores Fontana, Jamal Faulkner, Stevin Smith and senior Lynn Collins were suspended for misuse of a University telephone credit card, Frieder was forced to go with a completely untested starting lineup to open the season in the Maui Invitational.

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—Brian Georgin
Ronaldson's NBL coach



Ronaldson's interest.

Ronaldson made visits to USC, UCLA, Pepperdine and UofA as well as ASU, but he was an unknown commodity. His basketball future was tied to a couple of videotapes and word of mouth.

Archibald, who eventually made the 17-hour plane trip to Australia to make ASU's pitch, said the coaching staff had no intention of recruiting Ronaldson in the beginning.

"We heard about two other players over there," Archibald said. "We called around about the other players, and as we called around, I kept getting 'Tony Ronaldson, Tony Ronaldson.' I'd ask who are the best players, what do you think of this player, and Tony Ronaldson came up, so I started asking about Tony Ronaldson."

Ronaldson's first choice, ironically, was the UofA in Tucson. But Ronaldson got the feeling that Coach Lute Olson and his staff had a take-it-or-leave-it attitude about him attending UofA, so the commitment was made to ASU.

One key to Ronaldson's recruitment was a concern from Ronaldson's family about his time in the United States, something Frieder said became a lingering concern for the coaching staff.

"We were worried about his being homesick, and it was a major topic with his family when we were recruiting him," Frieder said. "We knew it would be a problem (after the season) to convince him to stay."

"Obviously, we're disappointed to lose him. But what's best for Tony is what

Ronaldson said he never felt any pressure to perform, especially since so little was known about his play in game situations. With the suspensions, attention was turned to Bennett, the much-talked-about frosh from Denton, Texas. Ronaldson was allowed to ease into his role without too much scrutiny.

"The pressure was more on Mario," Ronaldson said. "It's a shame. If he had maybe my experience, then maybe he'd be scoring 30 points a game. It's got to be hard to have all those expectations. I had expectations back home, but not at this level."

Ronaldson's play in those initial three games was ragged, like the entire team's, and many view the phone suspensions and the resulting start as the key to the Sun Devils' up-and-down season. Ronaldson, who met the adverse situations with an upbeat tone, said optimism is integral to success.

"There's always going to be negatives in whatever you do," he added. "Even if you win a game, there's going to be negatives. So you want to look at the positives and find more of them. Hopefully, you'll become better from learning from the experience."

Ronaldson also took on extra responsibility early on. After the first exhibition games, while his teammates were showering and winding down, he sat on the couch in the locker room's interview area, fielding questions.

"I have no problems speaking to the media," he said. "If I'm asked to speak to someone, then or now, I don't mind. It

comes with my position."

The men in his life

Ronaldson's first American coach wasn't Frieder; in fact, his first American coach was also his biggest influence from the United States, when as a boy of 14, Ronaldson met Georgin.

Georgin, a U.S. citizen, played college basketball at Pepperdine in the mid-1970s with former Phoenix Sun and Boston Celtic Dennis Johnson. Like his father, currently an assistant coach at UNLV, Georgin began coaching Down Under. Eventually, he became the most influential basketball person in Ronaldson's life.

"I first met Tony when he was about 14, and for the Australian program, he was very talented," Georgin said in an interview from Australia. "He was just advanced for his age, always playing with older people. I remember coming back that day and saying 'I just saw a special kid.'"

Georgin kept in close contact with Ronaldson, and eventually tabbed the rapidly improving Ronaldson for a spot on the NBL Spectres, a team that Georgin still coaches although it is now known as the Melbourne Magic.

While Georgin has been amazed at the improvement his protege has made—the coach has seen tapes of Ronaldson's play at ASU—he sees potential problems for Ronaldson making the 1992 Olympic team. He blames both Ronaldson's time in the United States and politics within the Australian program.

"The guys he's competing against (for a spot on the squad) are a lot older and just trying to keep what they've got," Georgin said. "I think he's definitely capable of making the team. It's just whether the coach is willing to make a move like that. There are guys that are entrenched there that they'd have to dig out."

"But there's no doubt in my mind he'll be an Olympian—if not in this one then the next one (in 1996)."

Ronaldson comes from athletic blood lines. His 45-year-old father was a professional in Australian Rules Football for eight years. He was never a star, but he played on two Grand Finale winners—the equivalent of two Super Bowls. And brother Matthew, 17, has followed in Ronaldson's footsteps as a basketball player, although not to the level of his older brother.

Tony Ronaldson talks glowingly of his father.

"He's always supported me in whatever I've done," he said. "I played some football before basketball, but whatever the sport, my father has been behind it. He's like that in everything."

Supporting your children, John Ronaldson said, is what being a parent is all about.

"You want to encourage them in the path they want to follow without being overly pushy," the elder Ronaldson said. "As far as Tony's basketball is concerned, it offers him a huge future, and if you

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don't get behind him, he won't make it by himself."

Finishing the tour of duty

The young Sun Devils, who played so well in the second half of the season, faltered in the regular-season's finales. They lost games against top-10 USC and UCLA, placing them on the bubble for an NCAA Tournament berth.

A year ago, with a NCAA bid imminent, Frieder held a party for team members, boosters and media to watch the tourney's selection show, so everyone could revel in ASU's dramatic turnaround from a dormant conference second-division team to a "March Madness" participant.

This season, with a slot much more in doubt, Frieder kept Ronaldson and the rest of the team sequestered to watch the pairings. CBS aired the selections promptly at 4:30 p.m. in rapid-fire order, and the 64 teams were announced within 10 minutes. The Sun Devils were not included.

Four hours later, Frieder informed the team that ASU was selected by the National Invitation Tournament. The season wasn't over yet.

"Considering we wanted to win a game, I thought we performed well in LA," Ronaldson said. "We were disappointed about the NCAAs, but we wanted to go on to the NIT and perform well."

ASU upset UC-Santa Barbara in the first round of the NIT, then hosted Utah in what turned out to be the Sun Devils' final home game of the year.

Ronaldson was especially fired up, showing more emotion during pre-game introductions than normal. The starters were announced one by one—Bennett, Smith, Fontana, Collins and Lester Neal. Ronaldson was no longer starting—a victim to Frieder's code of going with

who's hot. The play of Neal had been decidedly more effective than the Australian over the last six games—but Ronaldson was in Frieder's seven-player rotation.

Despite all his pre-game emotion, Ronaldson was ineffective when he came in the game, looking noticeably tired. It was a problem that had been feared by both Ronaldson and the coaching staff,

Ronaldson is right back to playing basketball, coming off the bench for his pro team. His goals now are to make the Olympics and to become the star in the NBL that everyone expects him to be.

He is counting on his brief life in America to help him toward those goals.

"Right now I'm just going to concentrate on basketball and see how that goes for awhile," Ronaldson said from

money right."

His contract numbers are something that Ronaldson will not divulge, but sources estimate his first salary to be between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Ronaldson admitted he's making "a comfortable living."

"Salaries for Australians can be fairly comparable to Americans," Ronaldson said. "It's just harder to find good Australians. I'm in a fairly good position because I'm 6-foot-9, and in Australia there aren't too many that big."

Ronaldson's plan includes a lengthy career on the court, then, with money in the bank, a second job with less sweat, in architecture.

College is precious to Ronaldson, as much as basketball, because he realizes it is his ticket to a life where he does not have to worry about money.

"I say that if I was growing up in America, I wouldn't be a great student, but maybe a B-average student," Ronaldson said. "Back home, I passed—I always passed—but I was never great."

"And most of the math (at ASU), I've done in my second-to-last year in high school."

Not that it matters now; with Ronaldson back in the NBL, any further schooling will be put off while he makes some money.

"ASU gave me a start at least," Ronaldson said. "It's very tough to get into anything architecturally in Australia unless you get the grades. Almost everyone in the States, it seems to me, goes to college. But back home, not everyone goes, simply because you can't get in. It's too hard."

He's a world away from Sun Devil land now, but Ronaldson said he'll never forget his short stay in the United States.

"It was a good experience, my time in America," he said. "My time at ASU bettered my perspective on what everything's about. I don't regret it at all."

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—Tony Ronaldson



because Ronaldson was playing in what was practically his third straight year of competitive basketball.

With the national teams, the NBL and ASU, Ronaldson's longest break from play had been about six weeks, and the step up to collegiate play appeared to have taken its toll on him.

The Sun Devils went cold late in the game and lost 60-58. Ronaldson was scoreless in his last game in a Sun Devil uniform.

"I think he was tired all year," Frieder said. "I think he's played too much basketball and needs to take a break from it."

Back home to basketball

Now back in Australia, Ronaldson doesn't have time to think about his last game in America or taking a break. The current NBL season began March 27, and

his Melbourne home.

Still, he said he had every intention of remaining in Tempe through his four years of eligibility, to improve his basketball and get a degree. His final 3.3 grade-point average proved he didn't come to ASU just for basketball.

If he had a chance at a possible NBA career, he may have stayed in the United States, but Ronaldson knew a professional basketball job in America would be tough to get.

Besides, with his experience in the NBL and his improvement while in the college game, Ronaldson could aim to be one of the superstars of basketball at home.

"There's a salary cap (in the NBL) of about \$360,000 (per team), but I don't know any team that sticks to that," Ronaldson said. "I've heard there are players making \$130,000. You can make a comfortable living if you invest your

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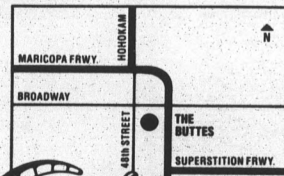
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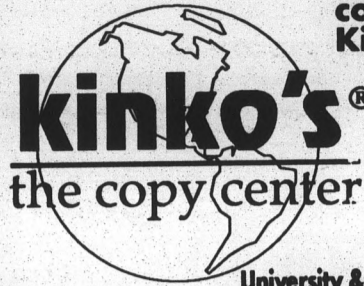
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