



**Saying goodbye to the dome.** Members of the ASU Retirees Association gather outside of the ASU Visitor Information Center during their recent Holiday Reception on December 12th. This was the last function held in the historic geodesic dome built by Valley National Bank in 1962. It was one of the first drive-through branch banks in Arizona. Left to right: President Alan Matheson, George Morrell, Bob Ellis, Dean Smith, George Umberson, June Payne, Bob Beeman, Sue Blumer, Denis Kigin, Jan Murra, Dick Murra, Elmer Gooding and Dave Scheatzle. Plans call for the dome structure to be dis-assembled and re-erected at some suitable place on campus. Our office has been relocated to the Community Service Building on the north side of the town lake. See story on page 8

## Retirees Day 2007

Corporation Commissioner **Kris Mayes** will be the keynote luncheon speaker for the 14th annual ASURA Retirees Day, which will be held on **Saturday, February 17th**, on the second floor of the Memorial Union. Commissioner Kris Mayes was born and raised in Prescott, Arizona. After graduating from Prescott High School and winning the prestigious Flinn scholarship, Mayes attended Arizona State University and graduated from the Law School. While attending ASU, she served as editor in chief of the *State Press*, one of the nation's largest college newspapers and completed an internship with the *Johannesburg Star* in Johannesburg, South Africa. She is a bright and interesting speaker.

The first morning sessions, that begin at 10 a.m., will include presentations involving managing your risks, what's new at

the Phoenix Art Museum; art birding in Arizona; and the plans for the ASU Arboretum at the various campuses.

During the second hour of sessions, beginning at 11:15 a.m., you will be able to choose among: the key to an active and healthy lifestyle; real estate outlook for 2007; Indian Tribal governments, and the impact of Islam and Muslims on American domestic and foreign policies. Our education committee has again found excellent speakers for this popular event.

The cost to you is only \$20, which includes lunch. Please send in your reservation now if you have not done so.



**Kris Mayes**



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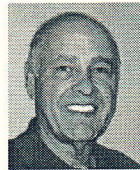
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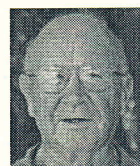
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## Calendar of Events

February Board Meeting..... Thursday, Feb. 8  
 Nominations for ASURA Board ..... Friday, Feb. 9  
 Retirees Day (see page 1)..... Saturday, Feb. 17

## Living History Video Project

Bobby Winkles was interviewed for our Living History Video Project on November 9, when he came to Arizona to play in our Veterans day golf benefit. Some of his players and friends attended the interview and are shown below. From left to right: Dean Smith, Jerry Pentland, Jack Lind, Joe Smith, Jim Armstrong, Bobby Winkles, Roger Detter and John Jacobs.



Nominations continue to be sought for the Video History Project (LHVP) for the next phase of interviews planned for early summer 2007. Currently, 34 interviews have been completed with eight more scheduled to be added to the collection by the end of January.

Interviews scheduled for January include: Ellamae Branstetter (Nursing); Mathew Betz (administration and Civil Engineering); Harold Fearon (Purchasing Management); Marvin Fisher (English); Elmer Gooding (administration and Economics); Richard Murra (administration); Gale Richards (Communication); Leon Shell (administration).

Persons interested in viewing any of the interviews are encouraged to contact Bob Francis, LHVP committee chair, through the ASU Retirees Association, until such time as a permanent depository for the collection has been established. A process for purchasing copies of the interviews (tapes or DVDs) is also being established and information will be included in future Prime Times regarding costs and processing.

Nominations for future interviews should be submitted to LHVP Committee, ASU Retirees Association, PO Box 873308, ASU, Tempe, AZ. 85287-3308 or by telephone at 480/965 7668

**Bob Francis**

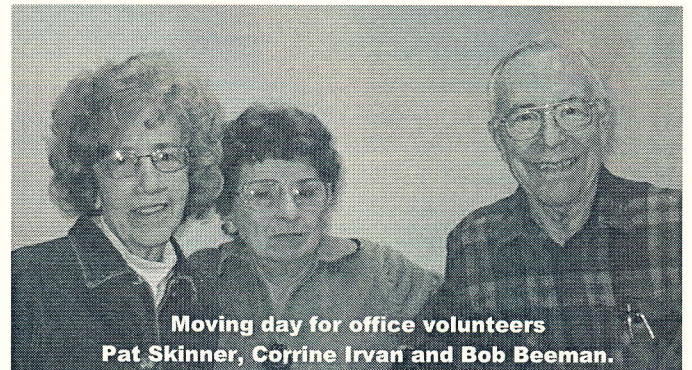
## ASU Veterans' Day Golf Benefit

The third annual ASU Veterans' Day Golf Benefit was held on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Legacy Golf Resort. 136 players participated in an event that raised \$25,000 for ASURA's Video History Project. Major sponsors included: **Core Construction, DPR Construction and Sundt Construction.** Buffet Sponsors were **JE Dunn Construction** and **Chartwells.** Tee Box sponsors were: ASU Downtown Campus, Aramark Higher Education, Austin Commercial, Barton Marlow Company, Climatec, Dick & Fritsche Design Group, DWL Architects & Planners, Gilbane Building Company, Gould Evans Architects, Haydon Building Corp., Holder Construction, Kearney Electric, K.T. Fabrication, Larson and Associates, Layton Construction, Lord Aeck Sargent, McCarthy Building Companies, Paragon Structural Designs, RSP Architects, Smith Group, Taco Bell, Walters and Wolf, and Westpac.



Bob Davies (right), tournament MC distributes prizes with the help of Sonny Alvarado (center) and George Umberson (left). Other committee members: Vance Linden, Mike Matthies, and Dave Scheatzle.

## Office Move to Community Service Building



**Moving day for office volunteers  
 Pat Skinner, Corrine Irvan and Bob Beeman.**

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, movers picked up our office furnishings and files at the Visitors Information Building and moved us to the Community Services Building. We were fortunate to inherit some excellent office furniture from an organization relocating from the ASU campus, and the allotted space is more adequate. Alan Matheson, Elmer Gooding Dave Scheatzle and office volunteers, Corrine Irvan, Bob Beeman and Pat Skinner were on hand to assist. See article on page 8.



## REMEMBERING A LITTLE COLLEGE

It was September, 1940, the summer heat was very much with us, and there was no air conditioning – not even swamp coolers in most buildings – on the campus of Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe. But nobody complained, especially we freshmen who were starting the biggest adventure of our lives. I had turned 17 not long before and all this was new, exciting and a bit frightening.



**Dean Smith**

All the males among the 1,300 students enrolled that fall knew that our college days might well be numbered. Hitler's legions had occupied Paris in June, England was grimly awaiting the Nazi invasion, and America was at last facing the probability of our involvement in World War II. Some of us were already being drafted, others were enlisting, and the rest knew it was only a matter of time before we would be wearing khaki or navy blue.

But we tried to put those disturbing thoughts away and concentrate on enjoying college life for as many months as the good lord and Uncle Sam would allow us.

We found a campus not much bigger than our high schools, and much smaller than Phoenix Union or Tucson High. (Phoenix Union had 5,500 students then!) There were the historic buildings in the Old Quad – Old Main, the Science Building, and the Auditorium (with girls' gym in the basement – now the site of Language and Literature). The Old Quad lawn was surrounded by a black iron fence. (Why? We were told it was put there to keep farm animals off the grounds years before). When we entered the war, the fence was dismantled and given to the metal drive. There was the residence quad – North, South, West and East Halls, and old Alpha Hall and Carrie Matthews Hall. Most students lived on campus.

The Payne Training School was behind Old Main. Later destroyed by fire, the training school was moved to the site of the present Nelson Art Gallery. There was Matthews Library, which also housed the President's office, and the Arts Building just north of it. The dining hall, where Ma and Pa Krause ruled, fed us all. The men's gym was next to the present Memorial Union. The new Moeur Activity Building, where we had Wednesday evening dances (one hour long), still stands. The new Lyceum Building and Irish Hall, and the fairly new Goodwin Stadium (8000 seats) rounded out the list. We had no student union, so somebody put some chairs, a juke box and a soft drink machine in the basement of the Lyceum, and that served until after the war.

Female students were guarded like rare zoological species. Freshman girls had to be safely back in their halls by eight o'clock (!) on weeknights, and had only one late-night weekend privilege a semester. I can still see the guys in the soft glow of the West Hall porch light, giving their dates one last kiss before house mother Margaret Walsh slammed the front door.

Martha Krause was an even more vigorous door slammer. If you were a minute late to a meal, the door banged shut in your face and you had to go down to the VI (Varsity Inn, where Nursing is now) for a sandwich. Ma Krause was an amazing woman. She not only managed the dining hall (her husband was the only cook), but she was in charge of all student employment. In addition, she was the self-appointed monitor of dining room etiquette. Let a student comb his hair inside the building, or eat in a gross manner, and she would be on him like a hen on a june bug. Can you imagine anyone getting away with that now?

We usually took dates to the VI because you could get a Coke for a nickel and let somebody else play the record machine. Oh, those Big Band days! Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Kay Kyser, Harry James – they played real music, with instrumentation like a symphony; and with clever arrangers who were artists of great talent.

In that Depression year we were all poor, so nobody noticed. There was a sport coat in Alpha Hall – the only one in the dorm – that the guys borrowed whenever they had to dress up. I remember nobody who had a car, although there were probably a few, so we rode the Menderson bus into Phoenix (25 cents round trip) for big events there. You boarded it in front of the VI. The girls seemed to understand. A big deal was a movie at Red Harkins' College Theater on Mill Avenue, and a bigger deal was "Gone with the Wind" or "The Wizard of Oz" at the palatial Orpheum in Phoenix.

A story, and a true one: President Gammage was standing near the VI with Dean J.O. Grimes and the venerable Fred Irish late one afternoon when a coed stepped off the bus and immediately let a bottle of some alcoholic beverage slip out of a bag and crash in bits on the sidewalk. She fled in panic, and Grimes was about to follow her when Gammage said, "Let her go. She'll be suffering for days, waiting for a summons to the President's Office! That should be punishment enough."

Between the north end of the campus and what we called Tempe Butte was the barrio, where Hispanic families cooked spicy food which perfumed the air most delightfully. Many years later, when the debate raged over locating the proposed Sun Devil Stadium, it was argued that nobody would take the trouble to walk all the way from the campus to the butte for a football game.

It was my rare privilege to know, briefly, two giants of ASU history. Arthur J. Matthews, president from 1900 to 1930, lived in 1940 in Matthews Cottage, just south of the Nursing Building. He was much in evidence at college events in 1940, but died in 1941. Fred Irish, first Tempe Normal football coach (1896), registrar, science teacher, etc. served the college from 1896 until his death in 1941. Both have buildings named for them.

Arizona State Teachers College was blessed with a faculty far more excellent than a little backwater school deserved. Some, like Arnold Tilden in history and political science, came here in the depth of the Depression because they could not find a job anywhere else. Dr. Tilden, who had a national reputation in his field, was one of the most gifted teachers I ever knew, and later became the founding dean of our College of Liberal Arts. Others, like Ronald Bridges, moderator of the international Congregational Church and brother of Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, came to Arizona for their



health. Dr. Bridges, who taught English, was severely crippled with arthritis.

Among the most memorable faculty: Bernard Watson in Physics, who was called to Chicago to join the Manhattan Project team. Louis Myers in English, whose textbook on American grammar was used in many countries. Rufus K. Wyllys, nationally recognized for his books on Southwest history. Charles Wexler, our first Harvard Ph.D., a genius who taught mathematics. George Bateman, whose work in chemistry was highly regarded. Ira D. Payne and Sam Burkhard in Education – whose students later taught in every school in Arizona.

Then there was Millard (Dixie) Howell, the famed Alabama quarterback who coached our Bulldogs (we were not Sun Devils until 1946), to two Sun Bowl appearances.

All are long gone now, but one faculty member of 1940 still lives in Tempe: Lola Ellsworth, sharp and spry at 95-plus. She led the Home Ec Department for years.

In those days, senior faculty taught freshmen (how about that) and were an inspiration to all of us. We knew them personally, and they kept their doors open to any student who wanted to talk.

A remarkable facet of our little college in 1940: At least 90 percent of the housekeeping, food service, maintenance, clerical, lawn and garden, and other such jobs were held by students. That served two vital purposes: Students could afford to attend ASTC with a student job who never could have done so otherwise, and it kept college operating expenses within the meager legislative appropriation. My job at first was in the office of Dean Grimes, but I soon moved on to the News Bureau and later to jobs as editor of the State Press (newspaper) and Sahuaro (yearbook). I profited more from my school jobs than I did from most classes, so I am grateful.

A word about athletics: Our big rival in 1940 was not the U of A – they were in another class, playing Minnesota and Notre Dame in football at that time. It was ASTC at Flagstaff, an even smaller school but one that beat us with embarrassing frequency. Until 1938, Rudy Lavik had been coach of all the men's teams. He was a graduate of Simon Pure Springfield College and was an advocate of total amateurism. Lavik posted a notice each September 1 calling for anyone who wanted to play football should turn out for the first practice. He refused to lower himself to going out and trying to persuade high school boys to come play for him. So we rarely won. When Dixie Howell came, all was different. We recruited, we subsidized our players, and some boosters slipped them money or bought them clothes. Overnight, Howell made the Bulldogs winners in football. One of the players Dixie got to transfer from his old school, Alabama, was Al Onofrio, who later coached at ASU and was head coach at Missouri. Al still lives here and is still a fine physical specimen.

Oddly enough, the first sport in which our college achieved national prominence was track and field. A young fireball from Pennsylvania, Donn Kinzle, came on the scene in 1941 and molded a championship team almost overnight, beating the U of A and almost upsetting the perennial national champ, USC.

ASTC had no national fraternities or sororities in 1940 (they first came in 1946). We had four local fraternities and six or seven local sororities, none of which had their own houses. They were actually social clubs, but they inspired fierce loyalty and the competition in intramural sports was all-out. Each fraternity and sorority had its annual formal dance, as did each of the residence halls. The girls saved their allowances to buy formal dresses, and the boys managed with a white cloth jacket and dark pants. Probably the best-read story in the State Press each week was the guest list for the formal dance of that week. Who had invited whom? It was big news, and sometimes heartbreaking for the guy or gal who was hoping for an invitation and didn't get one.

Of all the have-not colleges in the nation, we were certainly one of the have-notest. We had no private support, and the Alumni Association was dormant until 1947, when Jim Creasman came back to the campus and revived it. Nobody seemed to have thought of a foundation (the first correspondence about that was written in 1946) and we would have had a very hard time getting money from the leaders in Phoenix, most of whom were U of A graduates. The movers and shakers rarely came to Tempe and hardly ever gave us a thought. A popular saying was that "It is much farther from Phoenix to Tempe than from Tempe to Phoenix."

It was not until Dixie Howell's football teams caused the Valley to look our way occasionally – until the legislature in 1945 allowed us to drop the "Teachers" from our name and placed us under a single Board of Regents with ASTC Flagstaff and U of A – and until the Sun Angels were formed in 1946 and the Sun Devil replaced the Bulldog.

Through all the Dark Ages of our teachers college days, President Grady Gammage had his eyes on the stars. He would not rest in his promotional activity until 1958, when he made this institution a university with its present name. He was indeed a man of vision.

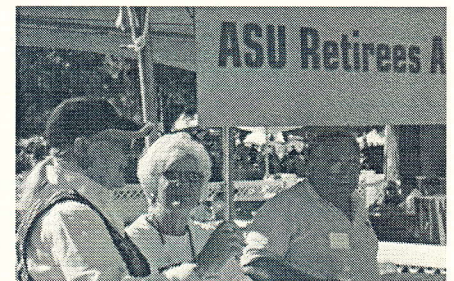
I am grateful that I was able to attend a small college where everybody knew everybody, where a student could participate in almost any activity, and where the excellent faculty was able to give each of us personal attention. It has been my privilege to watch our university grow and mature over the years, and to serve on its staff for 27 of those years.

ASU, you are now on the threshold of greatness. With the support of the ASU Foundation and our many thousands of friends, you will soar even higher. Each upward step will continue to delight me.

**By Dean Smith**

### Homecoming Bock Party

The Retirees again had a booth at the ASU Homecoming. Here you see Marie Sale, Betty Wood and Bob Francis. President Michael Crow stopped by for a chat with Alan Matheson. An enjoyable event!





## HEALTH INSURANCE

### Advanced Planning

#### -- for Retiree Health Plans

Well the open enrollment period for both ADOA and ASRS is now over and everyone has committed to a course of action. The opportunities for electing a Health Plan is now much larger due to the introduction of a multitude of plans offered under the Federal Medicare Part D. Medicare Part D no longer presents only the opportunity of prescription coverage but also companies are offering expanded Medicare Advantage plans somewhat similar to the PacifiCare Secure Horizons and the old Cigna Senior Care Plan. The primary difference is in the extent of the prescription drug coverage.

Making a comparison between the multitude of Part D plans offered and the ADOA and ASRS plans is almost impossible. One of the most compelling reasons to remain under the umbrella of the State sponsored plans lies in the stability of the State plans. While premiums may change and coverage may be modified, it's a fair assumption that ADOA and ASRS will continue to offer plans and the degree of protection will remain "as good as" or "better than" coverage offered by commercial plans and at a more reasonable rate. The commitment of the State to furnish beneficial health insurance at a reasonable cost to its employees and to its retirees is of major consideration in electing to continue coverage under the State programs rather than enrolling under one of the Medicare Part D plans.

The limited scope of prescription drug coverage of the Part D plans must be considered before electing to drop out of either ADOA or ASRS Health insurance coverage. No drug coverage or drug coverage for generic only during the "donut hole" may impose extensive cost on retirees who require a significant amount of prescriptions. The "Medicare and You" for 2007 booklet recently sent to all Medicare enrollees includes a limited description of the Part D plans offered in the State of Arizona (starts on page 99 of the Medicare Booklet). Many of the plans do not offer prescription drug coverage, which means that a separate prescription plan or source for prescriptions must be obtained.

Another source for health insurance is under a Federal defined Supplemental Plan such as those offered through AARP and underwritten by United Health Care. The supplement plans add to the basic coverage provided by Medicare A and B. Some of the supplement plans do not include prescription coverage.

Again care must be taken to assure that prescription drug coverage is available, adequate and at a reasonable cost.

When selecting a health insurance benefit plan you should compare your needs and anticipated needs with the coverage offered by the plan. This may be different for each of us since we all have unique requirements. If you compare different plans on a cost and coverage basis and do not consider your own unique requirements you may end up with a plan that does not satisfy your own individual needs at a cost that you can afford.

If you desire coverage for prescriptions, it is your responsibility to make sure that coverage is provided by the means you select and that the coverage is adequate to meet your requirements. Don't assume, ask questions.

You now have a full year before you have to make a new decision concerning Health Insurance. I hope that this article offers you some issues for thought and for preparing for your new election for the next new year.

Again, the following provides selections for health insurance:

- Plans offered by the Department of Administration (ADOA) (currently enrolled only).
- Plans offered by the Arizona State Retirement System. (ASRS)
- Plan offered by Medicare. (Part A and Part B basic Medicare)
- Plans offered by Medicare. (Part D Medicare Advantage and Prescriptions Plans)
- Medigap - Defined plans that supplement the basic Medicare Part A and B.

Selections for prescription coverage are offered by the following:

- By being included as a part of your health plan
- By separate policy either commercially available or by plans offered under Medicare Part D.
- By prescription discount plans offered through commercial sources or plans offered under Medicare Part D. (Note free State of AZ plan)

This article expresses some of my thoughts as to how to approach obtaining health insurance that meets the needs of the retiree. Please feel free to accept or reject any of the comments that I offer. You are the one that must be satisfied by your selections.

**Richard J. Murra, Health Insurance, ASURA**

### HEALTH INSURANCE Failure to exercise due diligence

Now that the new policy year has started I am receiving a number of calls concerning changes that have occurred on the various plans. The fact that these questions are being asked indicates that some retirees are not reading the Open Enrollment Brochures being sent by the Benefits Office, Arizona Department of Administration and by the Arizona State Retirement System. I hope the following items will help clarify the purpose and use the brochures should provide.

- a. The fact that you are receiving your retirement check from the Arizona State Retirement System does not necessarily mean that your health insurance coverage is being provided the policies being managed by the ASRS. Your coverage may be under a contract provided by the Arizona Department of Administration i.e. with companies other than PacifiCare (now owned by United Health Care) or by the PacifiCare contract



for Secure Horizons (Medicare Advantage) which is different from the PacifiCare Secure Horizon plans under the ASRS. If your medical coverage is with PacifiCare it is extremely important that you know which agency (ADOA or ASRS) is providing your health care coverage.

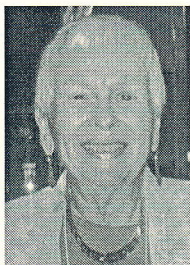
b. If your retirement check from ASRS is not sufficient to pay your health and dental insurance premiums you will be required to pay your monthly premium direct. Either ADOA or ASRS should advise you as to the amount of the insurance premiums due and where to send the premiums. If you have not received information by February 10, you should contact your agency for assistance. If your retirement check from ASRS is sufficient to pay the premiums, your premiums will be deducted from your retirement check. If eligible for a subsidy the subsidy will be applied to your insurance premiums prior to the premiums being deducted from your retirement pay. If you are being paid a retirement benefit from any source other than ASRS (i.e. Optional Retirement Plans or Disability plans) you are not eligible for the subsidy and must pay the full premiums direct. Contact the company issuing your insurance coverage for information as to the amount of premium due and where to send the premium.

Some retirees have complained that they were not advised as to the premium increase to be charged during the new 2007 year. The fact that retirees were advised that except for some identified instances they did not have to do anything if they did not desire to make any change to their coverage did not mean that premiums would not change. It is the responsibility of the retiree to read and study the Open Enrollment Brochure to identify if premium changes are being applied to their insurance plan and whether or not any changes in benefits will occur. Retirees should not expect to be spoon fed information as to the proper management of their insurance programs.

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## Travel Treasures

### Monarch Butterflies



On Sunday, March 13, 2005, my friend Joan Burnett and I boarded an airplane to Mexico City for a trip to see the Monarch Butterflies in the Oyamel fir forests where they spend the winter. This trip was sponsored by the Desert Botanical Garden, and there were thirteen of us.

In Mexico City we stayed at the Hotel Imperial, a very elegant hotel which was originally a Monastery, then a hotel, then a U.S. Embassy, now a hotel.

In the morning we boarded a coach to travel to the pretty mountain village of Anganguero to check into the Posada Don Bruno hotel and have lunch. Visitors have called this alpine paradise the "Shangri-la of Mexico." Anganguero is magical indeed; narrow historic streets grace this traditional mining village, with forested hills surrounding its simple beauty. In the afternoon, we ventured out to the nearby El Rosario Butterfly Sanctuary for our first encounter with the king of

butterflies. We boarded pick-up trucks—I was fortunate to ride in the front with the driver who didn't "habla Ingles," so our conversation was limited, but he was a very good driver over the worst road I have ever been on—10 miles of 5 MPH driving. It took better than 45 minutes, but the scenery was fantastic. Little settlements built in a valley and up the sides of the hills. When we arrived at the sanctuary we were met by many beautiful little Mexican children selling gadgets, lottery tickets, post cards. Then up 600 steps to the butterflies. Millions of monarchs cover the tall pine and fir trees, and as the sun warms their black and orange wings, the butterflies fill the air, illuminating the entire area. Mexico's sanctuaries are the only places in the world where you can actually hear butterflies' wings beating. The beauty of the butterflies is so ethereal that many Mexicans still hold the Aztec belief that the souls of the dead are reborn as monarchs.

Joan and I didn't realize how cold 7000' ft. can get, but we were brought an electric heater and with a fire in our fireplace we managed to stay warm and have a good night. However, our toilet backed up and wasn't repaired until the next morning which was a small inconvenience, but again we survived. During the night there was a terrific rainstorm, so Joan and I decided not to join the party going to another sanctuary where you rode horseback most of the way. It wasn't long before a very bedraggled group came back because they got rained out.

The next day we traveled to Valle de Bravo, a Mexican town with narrow cobblestone streets lined with red-tile roofed houses along the shores of an enormous man-made lake. We spent the night at the luxurious Hotel Avandaro Spa & Resort. With a fire in our fireplace and an electric heater we were again very comfortable. The next day on to Toluca to Cosmo Vitral Jardin Botanico, a spectacular botanical garden lit by stained glass panels created by Toluca artist Leopoldo Flores, then back to Mexico City and the Hotel Imperial for the night and then home.

The Monarch Butterfly is a very interesting species. It has two enemies (besides what man is doing to its habitat), one is a bird that lives in the forest and one is a mouse. It spends the winter in Mexico not eating. In March, they go to areas in Texas, feed on milkweed, its only form of nourishment, lay their eggs and die. Their offspring wend their way northward with the sun, going through a number of generations during the summer, until the last generation senses a hint of winter in the air in August and begins the long return to Mexico. How these last generations know the route is one of the mysteries of this very interesting butterfly.

**Martha Merkle**

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## ASURA office moves to the “Sanitarium”

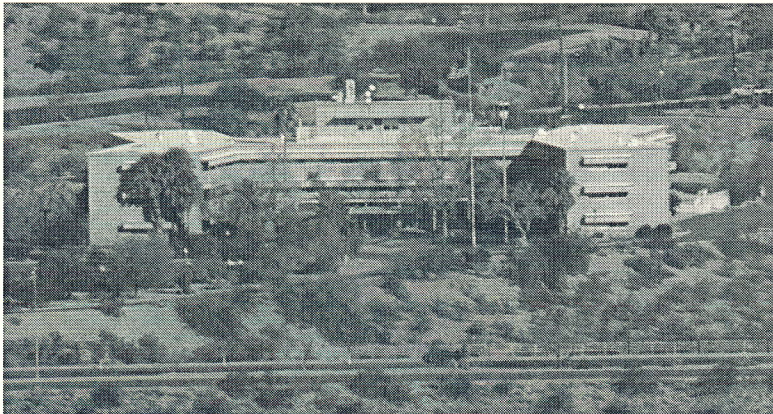
By **Ann Patterson**

A century ago, a diagnosis of tuberculosis amounted to a virtual death sentence. That’s why TB patients and other respiratory disease sufferers came to the Valley of the Sun to experience Arizona’s hot desert sun and clean dry air. They hoped Arizona would help them recover from the infectious tubercle bacillus sufficiently to lead full, fruitful lives.

Dwight B. Heard exemplified the curative powers of the Arizona climate. Heard contracted tuberculosis in Boston but recuperated enough here to become publisher of *The Arizona Republican*—forerunner of *The Arizona Republic*, and, with his wife, Maie, to found the world-renowned Heard Museum.

In the early days, those afflicted with tuberculosis who lacked funds lived in tents, their families ministering to them as best they could. Then in 1934 Maricopa County built a tuberculosis sanitarium in Papago Park on a 26-acre site now occupied by ASU’s Community Services Building, 200 N. Curry Road. The ASU Retirees Association recently moved its offices into Rooms 201 and 202 of the Community Services Building.

Contemporaries described the Arabian Nights-looking Maricopa County Tuberculosis Sanitarium in the 1930s “as one of the most beautiful sanitariums in the Southwest,” according to Tempe Historical Museum records. A whitewashed adobe structure perched on a hill, it stood “mosque-like and serene, inset into the desert itself, its two minarets, its patios and arches, outdoor stairway and glistening white walls reminiscent of some far off temple calling the faithful to prayer and meditation,” an observer wrote.



**ASU’s Community Service Building as seen from Tempe Butte**

The 26,000-square foot sanitarium didn’t cost that much to build. The US Civil Works Administration and the Emergency Relief Administration put up the Moorish-style sanitarium for a price of \$241,615, though it reportedly required 246,237 man-hours to make and install its sun-dried bricks. The facility accommodated 100 adults and 20 children—two to a room—and the staff prided itself on its cheerful dedication to “the care of curable, indigent TB patents.”

Rooms were painted a soft green and came equipped with two electrical outlets: one powering a reading lamp and the other a radio. The kitchen, besides the requisite refrigerator and gas range, boasted a mechanical potato peeler, “huge soup kettle unit,” mixer, food chopper and combined dishwasher and sterilizer. In 1956, operating costs ran a modest \$10.34 per patient per day.

By the early 1960s, though, antibiotics largely had conquered tuberculosis. The county abandoned and subsequently razed the

picturesque TB sanitarium, except for the basement.

In 1963 the county erected a new three-story 107,507 square-foot hospital made of blonde brick on the site of the old sanitarium. The architectural firm of Kemper-Goodwin designed the modern-style structure. Eyebrow-like plaster overhangs shade its many large windows. From the rooftop, Camelback Mountain, Hayden Butte and downtown Phoenix were plainly visible.

The building assumed what would now be considered the politically incorrect name of Maricopa County Crippled Children’s Hospital. It cost \$3.3 million and, in addition to 173 beds, housed an auditorium, library, barber and beauty shop. Children occupied the second floor, offices took up the first and third floors, and speech and hearing services and records were relegated to the basement saved from the TB sanitarium. According to Tempe Historical Museum records, at first, “about 100 crippled children passed through the hospital’s doors each day.”

By the early 1980s, however, as many as 11,000 children were being treated, a number that exceeded the hospital’s capacity. In 1982 the Arizona Legislature voted to divert sick and injured poor children to private health care facilities, mainly St. Joseph’s Hospital. And the children’s hospital closed.

In 1983 Gov. Bruce Babbitt proposed turning over what he termed “this unique and valuable facility” to ASU with the proviso that the building be used for programs benefiting the greater community. The building was deeded to ASU on August 23, 1984, and as many as 37 academic programs—ranging from Channel 8-KAET-TV to the Harry Wood Art Gallery—lined up to secure space. In the end, the College of Nursing won the largest space allocation, filling the third floor with offices and a museum. Other occupants included botany and microbiology, chemistry, bioengineering, KAET and the National Indian Bilingual Center.

On the third floor, occupied by the College of Nursing, the floors are softly carpeted, the hallway is wainscoted with white ceramic tile and wide hospital wooden doors open into offices. But Nursing’s days are numbered. The college is scheduled to move to downtown Phoenix. Space planners are shuffling other assignments, as well.

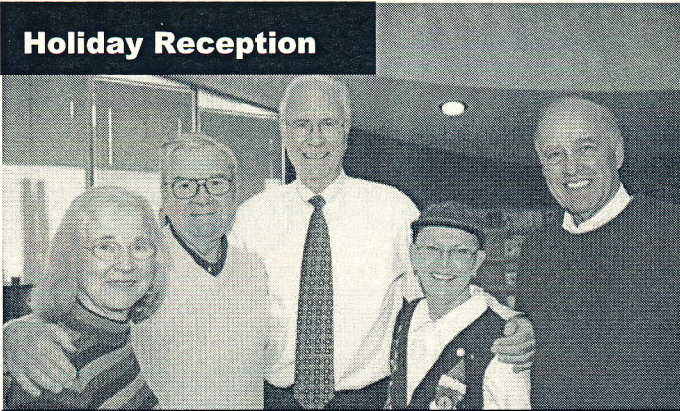
For now, though, ASU’s Retirees should be pleased with their new quarters on the second floor of a beautifully landscaped building situated in a park-like setting just 2 miles from the Main Campus. Additional advantages include the availability of a large conference room for meetings, plenty of parking, great views and a structure boasting an unusual history.

“This is a great site—one of the best sites in town, I’d say,” states Dave Scheatzle, former ASURA president. “I think everybody’s very happy to be in this location.”



# Photos of ASURA Activities

## Holiday Reception



Lucille and Hal White, Alan Matheson, Joyce and Elmer Gooding



Madelyn Wright and Marilyn Wahl



Delores Sperstad

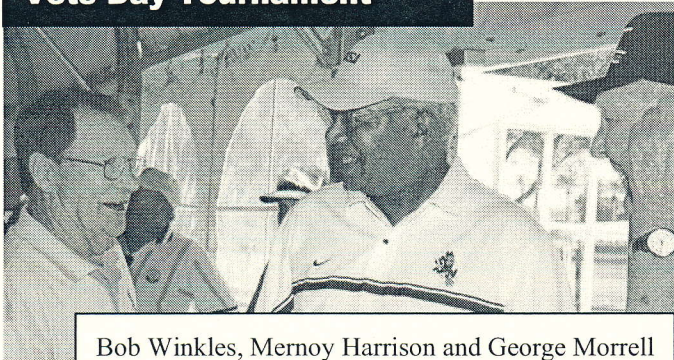


Ruth Wineberg, Carol Moore, Beverly Beeman, Corrine Irvan, Pat skinner



John and Mavis Edwards and Ed Scannell

## Vets Day Tournament

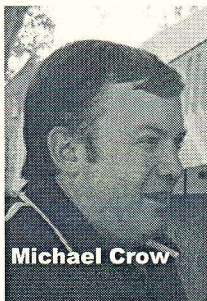


Bob Winkles, Mernoy Harrison and George Morrell

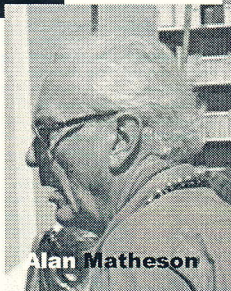


**Monthly Board Meeting:** Jerry Aronsen briefs members on legislative matters. L to r – June Payne, Martha Waltemath, Corrine Irvan, Ted Carey, June Bankhead, Jerry Aronsen, Dick Murra, Bob Francis

## Homecoming



Michael Crow



Alan Matheson





## Obits

*Volunteers, including Becky Reiss and Patty Kelley, regularly read obituary notices in the two local newspapers looking for items about retirees, their spouses, current ASU employees and ASU affiliates. Some may be missed because ASU is not mentioned in the article. Please call or write to us if you know of someone whose death should be reported in Prime Times. We would like to have name, age, city of residence, date of death, and ASU department and title. Notices in this issue include all of those received since the last issue, through January 15, 2007. Check local newspapers for complete obituaries.*

**Douglas 'Doug' Arner**, 79, passed away August 7. He was a professor emeritus of philosophy at ASU, retiring in June 1987 after 28 years of service to the university. He taught at the University of Michigan and Princeton University before joining ASU's Department of Psychology and Philosophy in 1959. He helped establish the current Department of Philosophy. Dr. Arner served as department chair from 1969-1972. Donations may be made to the Douglas Arner Academic Freedom Scholarship, payable to the ASU Foundation.

**Jack DeWitt Bedient**, 80, died December 3. After receiving an Ed.D. in mathematics at the University of Colorado in Boulder he joined the Department of Mathematics at ASU where he taught from 1963 until he retired in 1992. He is survived by three siblings and spouses, five children and spouses, four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by two caring ex-wives: Barbara S. Bedient of Tempe, AZ, and Mary H. Bedient of Scottsdale, AZ. Donations may be made to the music program at Scottsdale Congregational UCC at 4425 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale, AZ, 85251 or The Nature Conservancy, Attn: Treasury, 4245 N. Fairfax Dr. Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22303-1606.

**Terrence A. Bristol**, 48, died on November 7. He was Associate Professor of Marketing at Arizona State University – West in Phoenix, AZ. Contributions may be made to a memorial fund at Dove at the Desert United Methodist Church, 7201 Beardsley Road, Glendale, AZ 85308.

**Jose Dario Castro** died on January 7. Dario worked as a painter/decorator and retired from ASU in 1997 after 23 years. Survivors include his spouse, Betty, one daughter, one grandson and other relatives. Remembrances may be made to Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale or RTA Hospice of the White Mountains.

**Mary Louise Davis**, 86, passed away on Nov 07. She worked in the College of Education and in the Registrar's Office at ASU. Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church 215 E University Dr, Tempe, or Banner Gardens Hospice, 7231 E Broadway, Mesa, Az.

**Herbert Orville Duncan**, 77, passed away on October 10. Herbert worked in the Physics Lab and retired from ASU. Donations may be made to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 515 E. Continental Rd., Tempe, AZ.

**Frank Davis Farmer**, 66, passed away December 9. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington, and immediately after accepted a faculty position at Arizona State University in the Mathematics department, where he taught introductory courses and pursued his own line of research until his passing. He is survived by his former wife, DiAnna Farmer, two children, and one brother..

**Fred S. Fehr**, 71, died on December 23. Fred earned a masters and doctorate in clinical psychology from Washington

University. He was a professor of psychology at ASU for 29 years, retiring in 2000 where he shifted from professional work towards community outreach and also became President-elect of the ASU Retired Faculty Association, a position that he had to relinquish in order to focus on family and health, and charter membership in the Emeritus College, ASU. He also made repeated post-retirement trips to Bosnia for guest lectures and tutorials, and "to help fill (The Bosnian's) insatiable love of learning." Most recently, he served the Fulbright Foundation as President of the Arizona Fulbright Association. Fred is survived three children, two grandchildren, two siblings, his former wife, Dr. Mary Jane Fehr-Chubrich, and his beloved companion, Mary Bedient.

**Robert T. Franco**, 88, passed away November 25. Bob worked as a maintenance supervisor at ASU for fifteen years. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude, two children, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made in Bob's name to Hospice of the Valley.

**George Richard Herman**, 81, passed away on Tuesday, December 19. In 1958, George began a 30-year career as an English professor for Arizona State University, retiring as Professor Emeritus. He is survived by wife, Betty, five children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Donations may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Bernice May Johnson**, 86, passed away Dec. 23. She is preceded in death by her husband, John Q. Johnson, Jr., and a son. She was employed at ASU from 1968-1987 before retiring as head bookkeeper at the Hayden Library. She is survived by her three remaining children, two siblings, eleven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Donald O. Knight**, 78, died December 7. After earning a degree in electrical engineering in 1968 he enrolled at ASU and earned a master's and PhD in industrial engineering/computer science. After working in industry, he joined the faculty at ASU's College of Engineering, overseeing a major project with IBM. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann, two sons, three daughters and five grandchildren. Instead of flowers, the family requests donations in Don's name to Hospice of Arizona.

**Katherine M. "Kay" Lee**, 70, passed away Oct. 17. She was a dedicated employee at the ASU Foundation for 11 years.

**Dorothy Moira Mansell**, 83, died November 7. Dr. Dorothy Moira Mansell held administrative positions in three different universities. From 1975-82 she was Assistant Dean of the Undergraduate nursing program at ASU. She also retired to the Tempe area from 1990-2003. Memorial gifts may be made to the Moira Mansell Endowed Scholarship Fund at the University of Washington School of Nursing, Box 357260, Seattle, WA, 98195-7260. Please put Dr. Mansell in the memo line. Additionally, contributions can be made in her memory to Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA, 98477, attention Douglas Page for the Mansell Family Endowed Scholarship.

**Mary McGovern**, 67, passed away on December 13. She was Director of Nursing at Maricopa County Psychiatric Hospital and held other nursing positions in the Phoenix area, and was a professor of clinical nursing at ASU. Mary is survived by three daughters, seven grandchildren, other relatives, and partner Dr. Donald Sinex. Mary died in Logan, Utah. A memorial celebration will be held in Tempe, Arizona.



**Dennis J. Palumbo**, 76, Regents' Professor Emeritus of ASU, died on November 16. Palumbo served as the first director of the Morrison Institute for Public Policy at ASU, and was one of the first scholars to focus on implementation, rather than administration, of public policy. He co-authored the first textbook on a public policy approach to criminal justice. Palumbo is survived by his wife, Sachiko, three children, and four grandchildren. A memorial service was held in ASU's Old Main. Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Valley, or to the ASU Foundation.

**William Pavlovic**, 82, passed away November 17. William was a retired groundskeeper for ASU. Survivors include his wife, Maria, two sons, one daughter, 11 Grand-children and 10 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in William's name to your favorite charity.

**Daniel Carl Anton Petersen**, 75, passed away on January 10. Dan is credited for founding University of Arizona's Graduate Program in Safety Management and his development of the Safety Perception Survey. He also taught for ASU and Colorado State University and spent many years in the insurance industry. Dan was preceded in death by his son Paul, his parents and brother Jack. He is survived by his wife, Nadyne, three children, five grandchildren and a brother.

**Kathy M. Radspinner**, 48, passed away November 30. She was an administrative associate in ASU's Dance Department. A donation in Kathy's honor to the American Cancer Society is suggested.

**Lt. Col. USAF (ret) James Boyd Sanford**, 82, died on October 28. After Air Force retirement in 1969, he returned to Arizona for career in banking with Valley National Bank and associate professor in Management at ASU.

**Dr. William Harrison Stites**, 84, passed away December 13. Dr. Stites obtained his doctorate from the University of Portland. In 1956 he began his long career at what was then known as Arizona State College, in the Speech & Drama Department. The small college debate team he coached came to national prominence in 1956 by finishing second in the nation in college debate, and his debate teams kept Arizona State in the national spotlight for many years. In 1986 he retired from ASU as a Speech & Communications professor. William is survived by his current wife, Charlotte, three children, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A memorial service was held in front of the Old Main Building on the ASU campus.

**Vincent Henry Tolino** passed away on October 29. Vincent attended ASU, College of Law receiving his J.D. in 1970. He was an adjunct faculty member at ASU and as a popular faculty member was awarded the highest ranking within the W.P. Carey School of Business. Donations may be made to: Summit School of Ahwatukee, 4515 East Muirwood Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85048. Donations should be directed to the attention of Carrie Slade. [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

**José de Jesús Vega**, 95, died on October 23. Dr. Vega received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona and taught at ASU and Phoenix College for many years until his retirement in 1976.

## Members in the News

### Jim Grone is Honored



ASURA Member **Jim Grone** (center) was recently honored as a member of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. An Army veteran who served in Viet Nam, he worked at ASU for 33 years serving on boards working to improve staff working conditions. He served as Chairman for the Tempe Veterans Day Parade for more than 22 years. Membership into the Hall of Fame is based largely on achievements that veterans have made following their discharge from the service with emphasis placed on "giving back" to the community and standing as an example of what veterans can accomplish.

### Jan Murra is "Published"

Jan Murra's book, *Castoff: True Adventures and Ordeals of an American Family on a French Farm* (New Horizon Press), tells of her experiences living on a farm in France, when she was left for another woman by her first husband of 14 years. This was not an idyllic setting. They had no heat, no electricity, no running water and no phone! Being an obviously strong and determined woman she decided she and her four children could make a go of it there, and since they were surrounded by dairy farmers she purchased some milkers and breeding calves; then became fluent in French and learned how to install plumbing and electricity. Oh, I forgot to mention – she had no experience with dairy farming and had never before known a cow, "up close and personal"! A great read!



**Brenda Scheatzle**



### On the Inside



**Dick and Jan Murra at the Holiday Reception**

One of the significant benefits of your membership in the ASU Retirees Association has been receiving Health Insurance advice from Dick Murra. On the inside of this issue (page 6) are two timely articles by Dick. Also, Jan Murra made the news in an Arizona Republic article

about her life before working at ASU (See Members in the News on page 11). Dean Smith brings us memories of the campus when the student population was less than 5000 and girls were kept under watchful eyes (page 4).

President Alan Matheson requests your nominations for an individual(s) to serve on the ASURA Board of Directors. This is for a three year term starting in May, 2007. Please contact the ASURA Office before February 10<sup>th</sup>, P.O. Box 8783308, Tempe, AZ 85287, or telephone 480/965-7668.

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### New Members

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