

# ASU Prime Times

Winter 2008 Arizona State University Retirees Association Newsletter

## Retirees Day 2008

### Polytechnic Campus

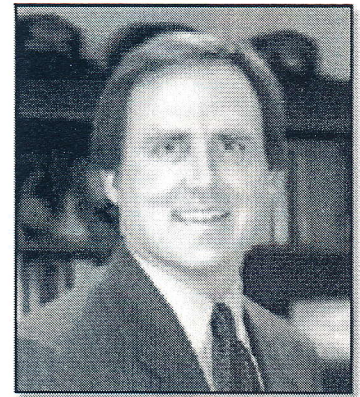
Polytechnic (East) campus at 7001 East Williams Field Road in Mesa has graciously offered to host the fifteenth annual ASURA Retirees Day this year, which will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008. Representatives of Polytechnic are very enthusiastic about this event and are providing excellent arrangements in the Cooley Ballrooms in the new Student Union. We hope many ASURA members can attend.

### Keynote Speaker

The keynote luncheon speaker will be Dennis Burke, Chief of Staff and Policy Director for the Honorable Governor Janet Napolitano. Mr. Burke is responsible for general administration and development of policy for the Executive Branch and overseas and coordinates a forty-member Cabinet.

In his role, he has a "pulse" on all of the priority issues of state government. Mr. Burke has an extensive background in state and federal government, serving as the Chief Deputy Attorney General of Arizona prior to joining the Governor's Office.

In 1999, he was the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legislative Affairs at the United States Department of Justice under Attorney General Janet Reno. As a Senior Policy Analyst with the White House Domestic policy Council from 1995 to 1997, Mr. Burke coordinated the Administration's crime and drug policies. He also served as Majority Counsel for the United State Judiciary Committee for five years.



**See the back page for further details on Retirees Day**



**Corrine Irvan and Friends.** On January 9th, a luncheon was held at the Karsten Golf Clubhouse to honor Corrine Irvan and other office volunteers. In November, Corrine ended 16 years of service as our office manager. Past presidents and current Board members were there to thank Corrine and our office volunteers for their dedicated service. They are in the front row of the above photo (l-r): Maxine LaRoux, Pat Skinner, Corrine Irvan, Martha Waltemath, Carol Moore and Helen Seaton. The second row (l-r) are past-presidents: founding president Bob Ellis (1991-92), Denis Kigin (1992-93), Anne Pittman (1993-94), Bob Beeman (1994-95), Don Gieschen (1996-97), Hal White (1998-99) with Lucy White, Zeke Prust (1999-2000), Matt Betz (2001-02), Dave Scheatzle (2004-05), Doug Johnson (2007-08). In the back row, other Board and Committee members: Andrew Hamilton, Bob Mings, Alan Johnson, Peggy Randolph, Dean Smith, Dick Murra, Val Petterson, Joan Leard, Mary Stevens and Sue Blumer.



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## Calendar of Events

ASURA Retirees Day ..... Saturday, Feb. 16  
 ASURA Annual Meeting ..... Thursday, April. 10  
 April Luncheon ..... Wednesday, April. 20

### ASURA's new Business Operations Manager

Carolyn Minner is our new Office Coordinator and Business Operations Manager, replacing Corrine Irvan.

Originally from Indiana, Carolyn came to Arizona in 1989, first settling in Flagstaff to be near her brother, but the winters were too harsh so she relocated to Phoenix in 1991. While in Flagstaff, Carolyn worked at Northern Arizona University. This was her first experience working in a university environment, and soon found it to be an interesting and challenging change in direction. Her position at NAU was that of Administrative Assistant for the Computing Services Department.



Carolyn Minner

Soon after relocating to Phoenix, she found a position with the same title and same department at ASU's West campus. She worked with Connie McNeill for the next 15 years and loved every minute of it, working her way from Administrative Assistant to Business Manager Senior.

Other than one brother and one sister, her family is still in Indiana so she visits as often as she can. She has two sons, and each of them have three "beautiful" children.

Coming from a long line of dog lovers, she has had as many as three at once, but is now down to only one "very sweet, cute Maltepo" whose name is Peanut.

### Activities Committee

The ASURA Activities Committee is moving ahead on activities for our members. Last fall the Retirees Association leadership screened the interest surveys submitted by members and identified eight (8) areas that seem to be of most interest to the membership and then proceeded to organize a group to plan activities for each of these areas. The most popular interest areas included: 1) ASU Athletics; 2) Computing; 3) Hiking; 4) Luncheons; 5) Photography; 6) Theatre and Performing Arts; 7) Travel; and 8) Writing Life Stories / Memories. Most of these groups have been organized and are working on activities that will be offered to the membership.

The groups working on Hiking and Travel have made great progress and will shortly announce activities planned in these areas. Persons interesting in working with any of these groups may contact the following individuals:

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Photography	Chair Open

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You may have noticed that we have put an activities questionnaire in with your membership renewal. This information is put into a data base and gives our administrators an overview of who is interested in what. Popular topics could be the subject of sub-groups who could organize themselves and conduct periodic programs. Photography, golf, quilting, water colors, ASU history, digital editing, travel, luncheon programs to mention just a few. Campus facilities (even in the CSB) may be available for some of these activities. These activities give us an opportunity for continuing education and to socialize with former colleagues. You don't have to be the main leader of an activity, but just be on the committee, or a co-chair. If you haven't yet sent in your "Activities Questionnaire," please consider doing so. Or, you can send an email to our President, Doug Johnson, at [doug.johnson@asu.edu](mailto:doug.johnson@asu.edu) or any of the Board members you know listed on page 2.

### Winery Tour

The travel group of the Activities Committee is planning an interesting and fun overnight trip to the Arizona wineries and more, through Sloan Southwest Tours. The trip is scheduled for Friday April 18 and Saturday April 19. On Friday, stops near Tucson include Mission San Xavier, the arts and crafts village of Tubac, lunch in the village followed by a visit to the unique Santa Cruz Chili and Spice Company, a dinner that evening, and an overnight stay. Saturday morning, the tour continues to the wineries with the first stop at the Sonoita Vineyards, the first winery in Arizona. This stop includes a tour of the winery, the annual Blessing of the Vines, and lunch with wine. Two more stops to the Callaghan Vineyards and the Village of Elgin Winery for more tastings. This winery is located in a historic building with a colorful past. The trip will depart from Elgin about 4:00p.m. and arrive in Tempe at approximately 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening. The all inclusive tour price for transportation by bus, tour guides, two lunches, tastings and dinner is \$190.00 per person, double occupancy or \$230.00 per person single rate. More information will follow from the Activities Committee.

Carol Moore

### Travel Humor

A group of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lively hillside where many goats were grazing. "These" she explained "are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce." ; She then asked, "What do you do in America with your old goats?" A spry old gentleman answered, "They send us on bus tours!"

Submitted by Corrine Irvan



## E-mail for ASU Retirees

### Your ASU E-mail Address – Good to Use!

Every ASU retiree is entitled to use certain ASU technology services. Perhaps the most useful of these for most people is your ASU e-mail address and the associated ASU Electronic Post Office (EPO). Here's why:

- The address retains your identity with ASU.
- Once you have notified everyone to use your ASU e-mail address, you won't ever have to do that again, even if you change the company you use for connecting to the Internet (your ISP, or Internet Service Provider) or if you change the e-mail product you use. Your ASU address stays constant, and is permanently yours. You need only change your Destination Address at ASU (see below), and that will take care of everything!
- You will be listed in ASU's on-line directory, so that your current and former ASU colleagues can find you easily.
- There is an automatic spam filter applied to mail sent to your ASU address (but don't expect this to remove all of the spam mail you receive!);
- You can use your ASU address with your existing e-mail service.

To set up and use your ASU e-mail address you need to:

- Have an active e-mail address and access to the Internet.
- Have and be able to use an Internet browser (such as Microsoft's Internet Explorer);
- Have an active ASURITE UserID and password. Steps needed to obtain this, if you don't already have it:
  - Request an ASURITE UserID at <http://www.asu.edu/asuriterequest> (use your browser to get to this address). After you have responded to questions about whether you are a current or former student or employee, you will be asked to provide your Social Security Number **or** your ASU ID **or** your Affiliate ID. If you have a retiree Sun Card, it has your ASU ID and your Affiliate ID printed on the front (ASU ID first). If you don't have a retiree Sun Card, then of course you can supply your Social Security Number.
  - If the ASURITE request system does not recognize you, you may need to call the HR Benefits Office at 480-965-2701 and ask to have them update your status in the Affiliate database (they'll know what this is even if you don't).
  - If you have problems with obtaining your ASURITE UserID and password, or if you have a UserID but don't remember your password, you can contact the ASU Computer Accounts Office at 480-965-1211 for assistance.

When you have the information in hand, you can do the following:

- Use your browser to navigate to <http://www.asu.edu/epoupdate>.
- Log in using your ASURITE UserID and password.

- On the Electronic Post Office Update Facility screen, enter your current e-mail address in the box labeled "Destination Address". Your screen will be similar to the following:

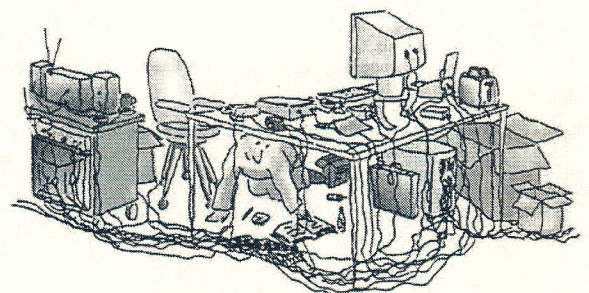
#### Electronic Post Office Update Facility

- Click on "Update", and you are finished!

#### Notes:

1. If you have an ASU Outlook/Exchange account in addition to an e-mail account with your private ISP provider, you may continue to get mail from other ASU Outlook/Exchange users that is not forwarded to your Destination Address. This is because Outlook/Exchange is an internal system that does not use the ASU EPO.
2. For detailed information on Spam (mass e-mails), see:
  - [https://techbase.asu.edu/wiki/index.php/Spam\\_Email\\_FAQs](https://techbase.asu.edu/wiki/index.php/Spam_Email_FAQs) and
  - [https://techbase.asu.edu/wiki/index.php/Spam\\_Filtering\\_Service\\_Overview](https://techbase.asu.edu/wiki/index.php/Spam_Filtering_Service_Overview).
3. For detailed information on ASU's EPO, see [https://techbase.asu.edu/wiki/index.php/The\\_Electronic\\_Post\\_Office\\_%28EPO%29](https://techbase.asu.edu/wiki/index.php/The_Electronic_Post_Office_%28EPO%29).
4. If you do a lot of buying on the Internet, you may not want to use your ASU e-mail address for that. You can use your "real" e-mail address for such things and your ASU e-mail address for correspondence. All of your mail will come to your single mailbox, but you are keeping your personal mail away from ASU and at an address that you can change without affecting your correspondents

By Connie McNeill



"Now, if you can find the power switch, flip it on."



## April Luncheon

Our 2008 Spring Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 30 at 12 noon at the Shalimar Country Club in Tempe.

We are so excited and honored to have Marshall Trimble as our guest speaker. Marshall is a noted historian, teacher and author and has published more than 12 books about Arizona. In 1997 Governor Fife Symington appointed Marshall Trimble as Arizona's Official State Historian.

We are expecting a great turnout for this luncheon. Checks in the amount of \$15.50 per person are to be made out to the ASU Foundation should accompany your RSVP to the ASURA office no later than April 15.

The luncheon menu includes Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Cottage Cheese and Fruit Salad. Dessert is Apple Crisp, Coffee or Iced Tea is included.

## Video History Project

Six more interviews have recently been conducted to bring the ASU Retirees Association Living History Video Project to a total of 48 personal perspectives on ASU's history and development.



Living Video History Project Team (l-r): Bob Francis, Manny Garcia, June Payne, Pam Stevenson and Dave Scheatzle

In early December, interviews were conducted for Leonard Gordon (Sociology), Betty Greathouse (Curriculum and Instruction), Bruce Mason (Political Science), Arlene Metha (Counseling Psychology), Wilma Schwada (former ASU first lady), and Linda Van Scoy (Provost's Office).

"We are anxious to convert these interviews to DVDs in the near future so that they can be available to the ASU Community and the public," said Bob Francis, chair of the ASU Living History Project. It is anticipated that DVDs will be available for "check-out" by members of viewing at the ASU Retirees Association office in the ASU Community Services Building (Mill Ave. and Curry Road), on the ASU Retirees web site and eventually located permanently at the ASU Libraries Archives.

"Nominations for retired faculty and staff as candidates for consideration for inclusion in the Living History Video Project are always welcomed. We hope to have another series of interviews sometime in late Spring or early Summer," said Francis. Nominations can be mailed to ASU Living History Video Project, ASU Retirees Association, PO Box 873308, Tempe, AZ 85287-3308, or messages can be left on the Association's office telephone, 480-965-7668

## Adopt-a-Family

The ASU Retirees Association is still very active in the Adopt-A-Family Program.

We have adopted a working mother who attends South Mountain Community College's nursing program and wholly supports five children who attend Tempe Schools.

We have also adopted an ASU student (and her two children) majoring in special education and working in the Adult Re-entry Department.

Our adoption program has provided them with food for their Thanksgiving and December holidays. It also gave each person clothing and toys in December and will answer their needs at Valentine's Day once in the Spring.

Wonderful thank you letters, some with drawings, have been received from each member of these families. They let us know how much they appreciate our help, especially at holiday times. One mother wrote, "although it has been years since Santa provided gifts in our household, my children truly appreciate Christmas now more than ever thanks to your generosity. One boy wrote, "this may be weird but I even like the towels. They are blue and not girly. My mom has all these old towels decorated with fish from the bathroom when we were younger and I am really sick of fish."

Your contributions for this program may be sent to the ASU Retirees Association, PO Box 872512, Tempe, AZ 85287-2512. The check should be to: ASU Foundation (ASURA), with a note for "Adopt-A-Family." Joan Leard, Chair of Adopt-A-Family

**Joan R Leard**



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## The Great "Flight from Earth" Hoax

The late Jimmy Creasman, who led the Alumni Association for many decades, loved to tell the story of an ingeniously contrived practical joke which has gone down in ASU lore as the "Flight from Earth" hoax. It was in 1950, he remembers, that he and fellow conspirators Gilbert Cady, Donn (cq) Kinzle, and President Grady Gammage (yes, presidents occasionally made time for a bit of tomfoolery in those long ago days) carried out the caper.

It was at that time that librarian Harold Batchelor and several Valley art lovers were starting to build the college's first art collection, to be housed in Matthews Library.

They had obtained several valuable paintings, including one by famed Washington portraitist Gilbert Stuart, but they needed some modern art to complement them. So Creasman and his team decided to fill that need with an outrageous fake. First, they enlisted Marlow Keith of the Technology faculty, who brought forth a welding exercise – a metal tube some two feet high, on which students had welded appendages of various shapes. Keith burnished each tree-like branch to glistening glory, mounted the object onto a polished oak base, and affixed a name plate reading "Flight from Earth, by Lo Keith."

Then the crew sent Batchelor a letter, supposedly from The National Museum of Modern Art in New York City, commending him on his interest in art and adding that a piece from the museum's collection was on the way to Tempe as a contribution. Then they boxed Keith's "sculpture" and had it delivered to Matthews Library.

Batchelor was delighted with the piece and, much to the delight of Creasman's crew, he set it up in a place of special honor in his collection. Not long thereafter, Walter Bimson, president of the Board of Regents and an eminent art collector and expert, came to the campus and told President Gammage he wanted to see how the new collection was progressing. Dr. Gammage was understandably shaken, and called Creasman, saying "Joke's over! Get that thing out of sight before Bimson gets there!" Creasman rushed to relay Gammage's instructions to Batchelor, but the librarian was reluctant to hide his prize acquisition. At that moment, both Bimson and Gammage arrived on the scene, and the president tried to apologize and to explain how "Flight from Earth" got there.

But, as it turned out, Batchelor was not alone in praising Keith's art work.

"I think it's pretty good!" Bimson declared.

There is an interesting post script to this story. Batchelor, with some embarrassment, hid "Flight from Earth" and it disappeared for two decades, until he had retired to his home at Payson. I was visiting him there one day when I strolled out to his back yard garden. There, in all its glory, mounted on a decorative base, was "Flight from Earth," a fitting monument to Batchelor's ability to take with good humor a joke on himself.

By Dean Smith

## 50 YEARS AGO

The following appeared in the *State Press*:

### BLAST AWAY

The formerly quiet area near Tempe Butte is now a bustle of activity with the start of the new stadium at the "saddle site." Work on the new structure is expected to be completed in time for the next football season  
January 8, 1958

### MANY "AS" CHANGES PREDICTED

Dr. Grady Gammage predicts that 1958-59 will see many changes at Arizona State, including expanded enrollment of 10,000, completion of the new stadium, and financial assistance to students and faculty. Continued rapid expansion of the physical plant include new physical and life sciences buildings, additions to men's and women's dormitories, and the conversion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Grammar School into the Payne Training School. Renovation of the present grammar school on Mill Avenue will result in added classroom space and an on-campus auditorium with a capacity of 300 or more persons. Arizona State has been without an auditorium since 1955, when the one in use was condemned.

Gammage expresses hope that "the institution will receive the official designation of Arizona State University as an accurate description of its academic program."  
-January 10, 1958

## ALMOST 40 YEARS AGO

The following items appeared in the *University Bulletin*:

### FACULTY BULLETIN CHANGES

Beginning with this issue, "*The Faculty Bulletin*" will be under the supervision of Dean E. Smith, Director of Publications. Announcements for the "Bulletin" should be sent to Mr. Smith at Room 103, Administration Building...The name *University Bulletin* will be used henceforth to emphasize the purpose of the publication as an informational organ for faculty, staff and students.

G. Homer Durham, President

-July 2, 1968

### PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits for 1968-69 are now available at the Business Office. Faculty and staff may pick up the permit by first paying \$5.00 to the University Cashier... -September 6, 1968

### FACULTY AND STAFF CHEST X-RAYS

Faculty and Staff who had their last chest x-ray two years ago, and new members who have just begun employment at A.S.U. may get x-rays at the Student Health Service.

September 17, 1968

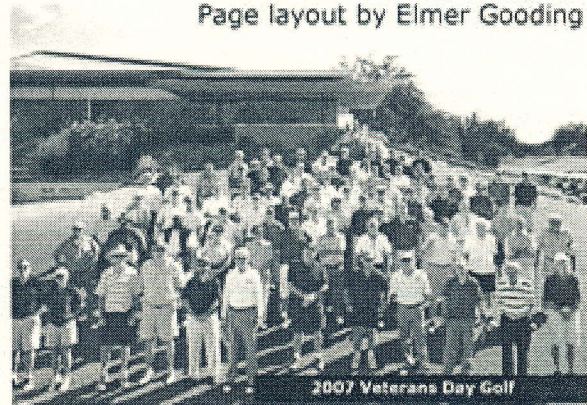
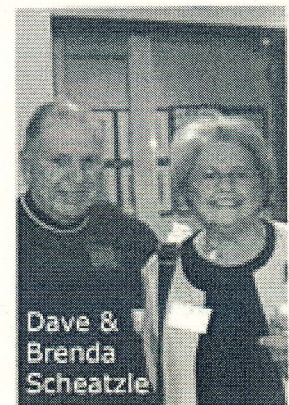
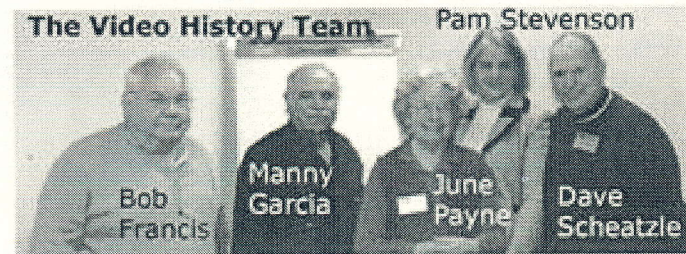
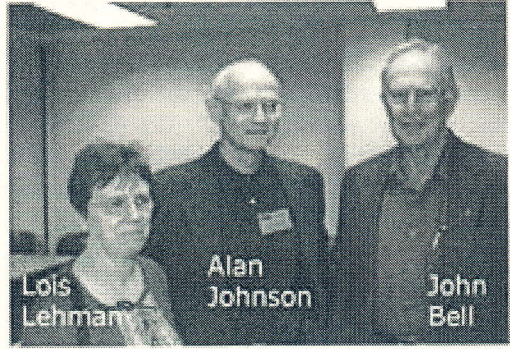
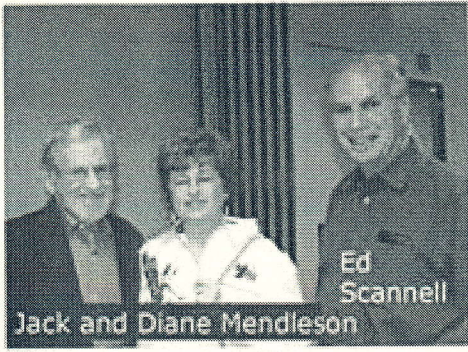
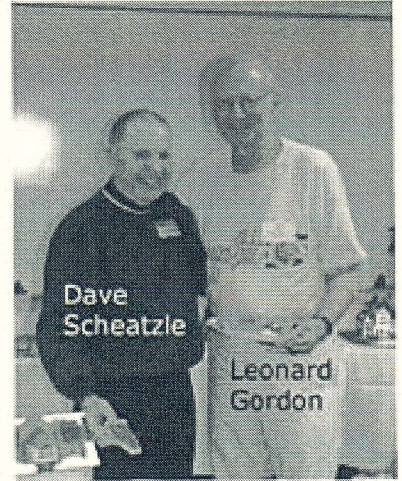
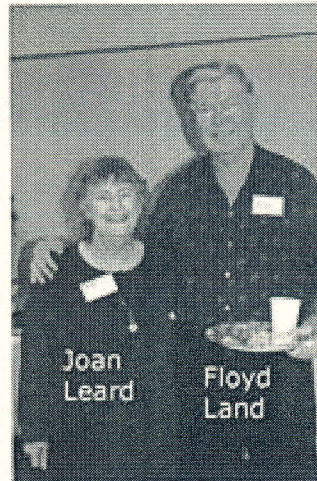
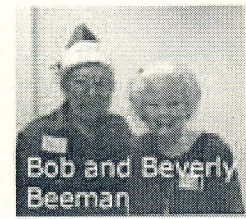
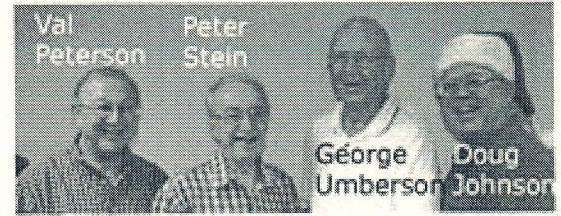
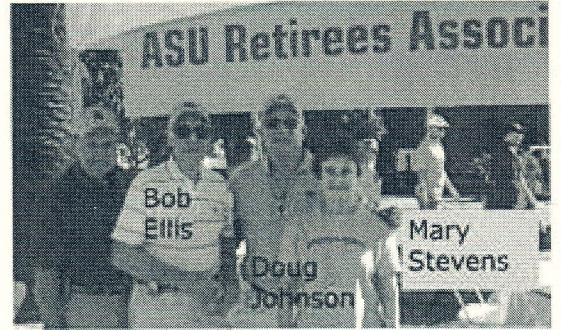
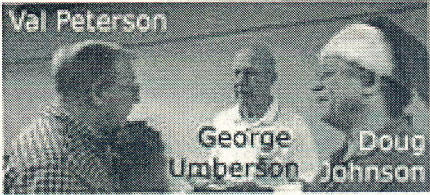
### OUTGOING TELEGRAMS

There have been instances of individuals and departments sending telegrams via campus telephone. To provide the necessary control, we have notified Western Union that only those bills covering telegrams sent over our teletype in the Comptroller's Office will be accepted. -September 17, 1968



Researched by Carol Moore





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## ASRS Survivor-Benefit Process

Until very recently when a member of the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) passed away, a period of sixty to ninety days could easily elapse before the member's beneficiary would begin receiving ASRS survivor benefits. Computerization is significantly decreasing the time required for all ASRS operations. In the category of Joint-and-Survivor annuities, the waiting period for survivor benefits is being entirely eliminated by a fundamental change of policy.

In the past, within ten days of receiving notification of a death, the ASRS sent a letter of condolence to the surviving beneficiary stating that in about thirty days he or she would receive a packet of forms to be filled out and returned together with a photocopy of the beneficiary's Social Security card and a certified copy (not a photocopy) of the deceased's death certificate. During the thirty days, the ASRS calculated the benefit due to the beneficiary. After the packet was sent and the survivor responded with the required information, the ASRS issued the first benefit check within two to six weeks. If the packet arrived back at the ASRS in the first half of any given month, the first benefit check could be issued at the end of that month. If the packet arrived in the second half of the month, the process of issuing the benefit check would often delay the first check until the end of the following month.

The ASRS offers two general categories of retirement plans to its retiring members: Life Annuity and Joint-and-Survivor. The survivor-benefit process for Life Annuities will retain generally the same sequence but will be much faster because of computerization. In the case of Joint and Survivor Annuities, the ASRS is now initiating the payment of the survivor benefit immediately upon receiving notification of the member's death. According to Ms. Rita Anne Johnson of the ASRS, "With the new automated system, if the ASRS has the survivor's social security number and can verify the social security number, ASRS will automatically switch the benefit from the deceased retiree to the survivor. (This is for a joint and survivor benefit only.)" The ASRS is likely to have the survivor's Social Security number because it is requested on the form which the member filled out when he or she elected the annuity at the time of retirement.

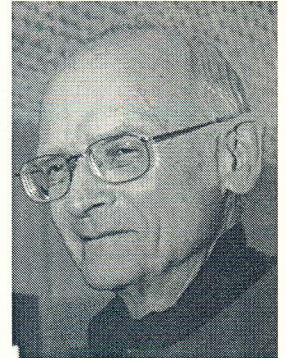
Ms. Johnson notes also that in the case of deaths late in a month a deceased member's own annuity check often is

already being processed and gets mailed out at the beginning of the month following his or her death. This money, she says, must be returned, but "the ASRS will go ahead and set up a Joint and Survivor benefit regardless of any overpayment if we have the survivor's SSN."

Finally, Ms. Johnson says, "Once the new process is in place, the survivor will still be sent a package of information to complete (tax forms, request for death certificate, the return of any overpayments, etc.) within two or three business days of the report of death." Submitting the required information, however, will not be a pre-condition for receiving the first benefit check.

What can the Joint-and-Survivor annuitant and the survivor-beneficiary do to insure a smooth, timely survivor-benefit process? The annuitant can, first, call the ASRS (602-240-2000) to make sure that it has the correct name and Social Security number of the intended survivor-beneficiary. Second, the annuitant should prepare a file, readily accessible to the survivor, containing contact information for the ASRS and other entities which will require notification—for example, the Social Security Administration (1-800-772-1213) and financial institutions in which the annuitant has holdings (e.g., other retirement plans, life insurance, savings, and investments). And, third, just in case there should be some delay in the survivor-benefit process, the annuitant may wish to set aside two or three months' financial support in a bank account or other location that will be readily accessible to the survivor.

If the death of the annuitant occurs at home, it should be reported to the local police. Also, the survivor-beneficiary should immediately notify the ASRS and the Social Security Administration of the death and should select a reliable funeral director. One of the funeral director's ordinary duties is to apply for a death certificate from the county in which the death occurred and to obtain a sufficient number of certified copies (usually about ten), one of which should be sent to the ASRS.



By Alan Johnson, ASRS Representative

## Email Humor

1978: Long hair  
2008: Longing for hair  
1978: KEG  
2008: EKG  
1978: Acid rock  
2008: Acid reflux  
1978: Moving to California because it's cool  
2008: Moving to Arizona because it's warm  
1968: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor  
2008: Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor  
1978: Seeds and stems  
2008: Roughage  
1978: Hoping for a BMW  
2008: Hoping for a BM

1978: Going to a new, hip joint  
2008: Receiving a new hip joint  
1978: Rolling Stones  
2008: Kidney Stones  
1978: Screw the system  
2008: Upgrade the system  
1978: Disco  
2008: Costco  
1978: Parents begging you to get your hair cut  
2008: Children begging you to get their heads shaved  
1978: Passing the drivers' test  
2008: Passing the vision! Test  
1978: Whatever  
2008: Depends



## 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 Jan 30, 2008. Check local newspapers for complete obituaries.*

**Karl F. Abel**, 91, passed away on July 23. He served in the US Army as a company commander in WWII. When he returned from the war he farmed in the West Valley with his brother Norbert under the name Abel Brothers. With Norbert and other partners in the Valley he created a bank, a cotton gin, and a service station, and contributed to the economy of his community in many ways. He served as the President of the Salt River Project from 1972 to 1982. In his retirement he was a prime mover in establishing ASU West and was the founding president of its Provost Club. He is survived by his wife Enid.

**William J. (Jim) Aker**, 82, Professor of Geography at ASU passed away Sept. 26, 2006. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Purdue University and his Master's and PhD from Syracuse University. He was in the Air Force during WWII and was recalled during the Korean conflict. He retired from the Air Force in 1970 while on the faculty at the Air Force Academy. He began teaching at ASU in 1970 and retired in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Katie).

**Astrid Lundquist Thomas**, 106, died on July 24, 2007. She was born in Sweden & came to the United States as a young girl. She grew up in Chicago, studied at the Chicago Art Institute and wrote an interior decorating column for the Chicago Sun Times. In Chicago she met and married Joseph R. Thomas, the future inventor of the Pullman Sleeper. After vacationing in Arizona for many years, they moved here in 1960. Astrid opened a small store at the original ASU Art Museum in Matthews Library and donated funds for the current Museum Shop. She continued as manager with her good friend LaReal Eyring as co-manager. She also purchased & donated a collection of 300 pieces of American Crockery to ASU. That was the first ceramic collection donated to what is now the Ceramic Research Center. The Center currently has one of the largest collections of American and British ceramics in the United States. Astrid is preceded in death by her husband Joseph R. Thomas. Donations in her memory may be made to ASU Art Museum.

**Morris Axelrod**, 90, died July 10, 2007. Morrie worked at the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center after receiving a PhD there. In 1972, Morrie moved to ASU to direct the Survey Research Laboratory. He loved ethnic foods and organized "ethnogastronomic seminars" at interesting restaurants with his friends, surveying the group's opinions after the meal. He showed his vision of equality in many ways, whether by supporting the ACLU, or being the first man to join the Maricopa County League of Women Voters. Morrie is survived by Zelma, his wife of 64 years. Contributions in Morrie's name may be made to the Hillel Jewish Student Center at ASU's "Tuesday Lunch Fund," 1012 S. Mill Ave., Tempe, AZ,

**Loretta Anderson Bardewyck**, 92, passed away on December 10. She graduated from The University of Minnesota school of nursing, and Cornell University with an M.S. Loretta moved to Phoenix in 1948 to be a Mental Health Nurse. In 1953 she became the Director of Nursing at Good Samaritan Hospital. Later she served as the Associate Director of the ASU Peace Corps project in Brazil. Loretta Hanner became Director of the new School of Nursing at Arizona State College in 1957. She developed the initial nursing program, curriculum, and faculty. In 1964 she became the first Dean for the College of Nursing. She oversaw the completion of the College of Nursing building. In 1970 Loretta married Arthur Bardewyck. Loretta retired as Dean in 1971.

**Frank Barrientes**, 63, died Aug. 29. He worked 15 years as an employee of ASU during the 1960s and '70s as a Grounds Department supervisor responsible for the maintenance and care of the university's several athletic fields.

**Lovatt Burges** 86, passed away, January 8. Burges was born in Dallas, Texas, and moved to Phoenix in 1941. He served in the US Navy during World War II and then returned to the Phoenix area to complete his education at ASU where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. After spending his early professional life as an executive in the insurance industry, he returned to ASU to serve in a variety of administrative roles.

**Nadine Ann Carson**, 76, passed away on September 23. She graduated from ASU in 1953 with a degree in home economics and served throughout her life as a community volunteer and philanthropist. In 1982, she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and was given three years to live, but volunteered for experimental treatments and served as a mentor for many who were similarly stricken. The Carsons supported ASU projects such as the restoration of Old Main where the Carson Ballroom serves as a legacy to the couple. Other projects were the Edward and Nadine Carson Presidential Chair, and the Ed and Nadine Carson Student-Athlete Center in Intercollegiate Athletics. Nadine was a leader in many organizations including the ASU Campaign for Leadership and served with the ASU Sun Angel Foundation Board. She received the honor of Doctor of Humane Letters from ASU and the Regents Award from Arizona Board of Regents for outstanding services to higher education. Nadine is survived by her husband, Ed, a son, a daughter. Donations may be made to one of the following: Nadine Carson Leadership Scholarship ASU Foundation.

**Nancy Jane Christian**, 67, passed away on August 1. Nancy earned a Master of Science degree in Agribusiness at ASU and then worked in the industry for a short time, then at ASU as a tutor for student athletes. Nancy is survived by her husband Jim Christian. Donations in Nancy's name may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Contribution information can be found at [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org).

**Ronald Raymond Clothier**, 83, passed away Tuesday, January 1. He was a World War II Veteran. He held a Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology from Fresno State University, a Master of Science Degree in Zoology from Montana State University and a Doctorate in Zoology from the University of New Mexico. He served as a Zoology professor at ASU for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy,



"Dottie." Donations in his name may be made to East Valley Hospice, 1820 East Ray Road, Chandler, Arizona 85225.

**Peggy Jean Collins** 63, passed away on July 11. Peggy retired from ASU after 25 years, the last 20 of which she worked in the athletic department. Peggy is survived by husband Ralph. Donations may be sent in Peggy's name to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix AZ 85014.

**Margaret Marie Glende**, 87, passed away Tuesday, July 31. She was a retired secretary for the Dance Dept at ASU in Tempe, AZ. Survived by her husband, Leo. Memorials may be made to the National Audubon Society, ATTN: Chapter Services, Building 30, Ft. Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59804.

**Reynaldo Gomez**, 57, died July 20. He was an associate professor of curriculum and instruction in the Mary Lou Fulton College of Education. Gomez joined ASU in 1980. Contributions may be made to the Rey Gomez Scholarship at the Mary Lou Fulton College of Education.

**Joyce Gooding**, 67, passed away on January 2. Joyce married Elmer Gooding in 1962 and they moved to Arizona in 1967. She earned a BA degree from ASU and an MA from NAU. Joyce taught elementary school for 5 years at Gethsemane Lutheran School and 21 years at Nevitt Elementary School in Tempe. Joyce is survived by her husband, Elmer; two daughters, two sons-in-law, six grandchildren. Contributions may be made to memorial funds in Joyce's honor to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1035 E. Guadalupe Rd. Tempe AZ 85283 or to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 2040 W. Bethany Home Rd, Suite 120, Phoenix, AZ 85015.

**Lyle Hanna**, 78, Arizona passed away on September 2. He is survived by his wife, Glenore. Lyle received his undergraduate degree in piano performance from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in 1950. During 1952 he served as a pianist on tour in Germany with the 7th Army Symphony. From 1957-1967 he taught piano and music theory at Park College, Missouri, eventually becoming chairman of the Department of Music. He received his PhD. from Indiana University in 1962. Lyle taught Music Theory and Musicology for 21 years at ASU, retiring in 1981. Donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society in his memory, 2929 E. Thomas, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

**Christiane Harzig**, 55, passed away on November 6. Chris served as an Associate Professor of History at ASU since 2006. Chris received the Ph.D. from the Technical University of Berlin in 1990. She is survived by her husband, Dirk Hoerder; one daughter, one grandson. Donations may be given, through the history department at ASU, to the Emma Goldman Fund, which will award travel monies to students doing work in women's history and/or migration studies.

**Billie Faye Haynes**, 86, passed away October 23. She is survived by two daughters and their families. Billie worked many years for Ramada Inn and retired from ASU in 1986.

**Jules Heller**, 88, died December 28. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gloria, two daughters & their families. Heller received his undergraduate degree from ASU and graduate degrees from Columbia University and the University of Southern California. He went on to become the Founding Dean of Fine Arts at both the Pennsylvania State University and York University (in Toronto, Canada). In 1976 he returned to

the Valley of the Sun to serve as dean of ASU's College of Fine Arts. Heller wrote two books that are still the standard references in their area: *Printmaking* (1958) and *Papermaking* (1978). The Jules Heller Archives are housed in the Print Study Room of the ASU Art Museum Gifts in Heller's honor can be made to the Jules Heller Print Study Room, ASU Art Museum.

**Cal Holman**, 76, died December 28. Cal attended Harvard College, AB; and Stanford Graduate School of Business, MBA. While working in the Banking Industry, Cal taught classes in Computer Software at ASU, where he was president of the Systems Management Association. In 1974 he was elected to the Arizona State House of Representatives and served for 10 years. Survivors include his wife Elizabeth Jordan Holman.

**Edith W. Huizingh**, passed away on September 2, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Dr. William Huizingh (ASU retired faculty), a son and family. Donations in her memory may be made to Desert Botanical Garden Endowment, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

**F. Juanita Johnson**, 59, died Thursday, July 5th. She is survived by two children, four siblings, one grandson and other loved ones. She began working at ASU in 1988 in Student Financial Assistance, and in 1998 joined the Registrar's Office where she worked until her death. Memorial services were held at ASU. Memorial gifts -- to ASU or Hospice of the Valley.

**Chad Joseph Konzal**, 30, passed away on November 30. He was an ASU graduate and his desire to further HIV/AIDS research led him to work at the ASU research lab, which he truly loved. Chad is survived by his mother and two siblings.

**Josh Mark Lang**, Lt. Col. USAF (ret.), 88, died January 4. From 1938 to 1940, Josh attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC. In 1941 he joined the Army Air Corp serving as an Aviator and helped set up several pilot training programs during WWII. He then earned a B.A. in Education from Stanford University and was drafted back into the Air Force retiring in 1965—his last assignment as AFROTC Commandant of Cadets at ASU. Earning an M.A. in Education, he continued working at ASU as an Asst. Dean. His wife Margo preceded him in death. He is survived by one daughter, and family..

**Dr. Paul F. Luenow, Jr.**, 89, passed away on July 8. He joined the faculty at ASU in 1958. In 1983 he retired as an Associate Professor teaching Latin American Literature. Contributions suggested to the ASU Foundation - Quino Martinez scholarship fund.

**Basil Nicolaenko**, a professor of applied mathematics at ASU, died Sept. 1. Nicolaenko earned a doctorate in mathematical physics from the University of Michigan and graduate degrees from the University of Paris. Nicolaenko joined ASU's faculty in 1988. In 2006, Nicolaenko was honored for his role in founding of the Center for Nonlinear Studies in Los Alamos, N.M. Because of his contributions to applied mathematics, ASU has created the Basil Nicolaenko Distinguished Nonlinear Studies Endowment, which will support a lecture series, scholarships and other programs in nonlinear studies.

**Audrey Mae Nissen**, 73, died on December 10, 2007. She graduated from Mesa Community College with a Library Science degree in 1979 and worked in their library as well as the ASU library. She is survived by two daughters and three



grandchildren. Donations may be made to the 1st United Methodist Church of Tempe, 215 E. University Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85281.

**Gladys Marie Rasmussen**, 83, passed away July 17. Her late husband, Robert, was an Animal Science Professor at ASU for over 30 years.

**Castle O. Reiser**, 94, passed away on November 21. He is survived by his wife Wynelle (Nell). Cas was Professor of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering at ASU when he retired.

**Domingo Marquez Rubio**, 80, passed away on December 24. Domingo was an employee at ASU for 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Celia, and many family members.

**William A. Ruch**, 67, passed away on December 11. Bill completed his Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate degrees in business at Indiana University. His teaching career at ASU was in Productivity, Quality and Operations Management. He was honored for his many achievements by the World Academy of Productivity Science in Stockholm in 1993. Bill is survived by his wife, Lana, two children, and six grandchildren.

**Eugene "Gene" Steinberg**, 60, passed away on August 9. In 1998, Gene began working as a plumber in the Maintenance Department of ASU, until 2007. Gene is survived by his wife, Linda DiStefano-Steinberg, three children, and a grandson.

**Daniel Stanton Strouse**, 57, Professor of Law and Faculty Fellow at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, died August 7. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Gonzales, and two daughters. He was a graduate of Harvard College and held a Master's degree from the Harvard and a JD from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the faculty at the ASU College of Law in 1990, and served as Director of the Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology from 1990-2001.

**Warren K. Sumners**, a national leader in performing arts management, and former managing director of Gammage Auditorium at ASU, passed away November 14. At ASU he was also director of the University Activity Center and Sun Devil Stadium. Warren is survived by his mother; his wife, Rose; two children and two grandchildren. Warren, was a freshman at Arizona State in 1955 and was ASU's Student Body President, serving as a major student advocate during the 1958 campaign which gave Arizona State College at Tempe its Arizona State University name in a statewide referendum election.

**Edith Blakey Sweet**, 90, died August 7. In the early '60s, Edie received both a B.A. and a Master's degree from ASU. After teaching in the English Department at ASU, she joined the English faculty at Glendale Community College where she taught literature and humanities and ran the Evening Division of the Liberal Arts Department. Edie's husband, Robert Blakey, died in 1978. She later married Arthur Burr Sweet. In memory-- contributions to the Edith Blakey Sweet Scholarship Fund at the Maricopa Community College Foundation.

**David Brian Tait**, 50, passed away on August 3. David was on the faculty at ASU for the last 13 years teaching courses in solar energy technology. He is survived by his wife, Betsy Tait; a daughter. Contributions may be made in David's name to: David B. Tait Memorial Fund, National Fenestration Rating Council, 6305 Ivy Lane, Suite 140, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Or: John Yellott Research Grant Endowment, at the ASU College of Design.

**Gertrude (Trudy) E. Thomas** passed away on October 14th. She graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Economics. Trudy joined the Red Cross during WW II and was assigned to Brisbane, Australia where she met and married Army Captain Ev Thomas. In 1960 the family moved to Arizona where she took a "temporary" job with the Memorial Union at ASU. Twenty-three years later she retired as Director of the Memorial Union.

**Monica Tucci**, manager for the bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies (BIS) program passed away Nov. 16. Tucci began working at ASU in 1997. Tucci also was dedicated to the care of her mother, Mildred Tucci, who passed away Nov. 18, 2007.

**Rudy H. Turk**, 80, passed away on August 14. An avid reader, historian and artist, Rudy found a career, joy and expression in the arts. Rudy retired after 25 years as the Director of the Art Museum at ASU. Rudy was also a prolific writer, lecturer and painter. He is survived by his wife, Wanda, four children and five grandchildren. A scholarship has been established in his name at the ASU Herberger College of the Arts.

**Donald M. Wahl**, 85, passed away on January 3, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marilyn, who is an ASU retiree and very active in the ASU Retirees Association. Mr. Wahl joined the Navy and then transferred to the Army Air Corps when in 1946 he flew the Berlin Air Lift. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked 20 years for the Veterans Administration. Gifts in memory of Mr. Wahl should be made to the Arizona Humane Society.

**Dr. H. William "Bill" Welch Jr.**, 87, passed away November 10. Bill is survived by his wife Scottie, two children and their families. He graduated from DePauw University with his B.A. in Physics in 1942. From 1943-1945 he worked and studied at Harvard University, which included a long stint in England working with the Royal Air Force in developing an electronic countermeasure device used to jam the German radar. Bill and worked and studied at the University of Michigan, where he was a Professor of Electrical Engineering. In 1948 he earned his M.S. in Physics from the University of Michigan, and in 1952 received his Ph.D. He came to ASU as a Professor of Engineering and Assistant Dean of Engineering until he retired in 1987. Donations may be sent to the Hospice of the Valley at 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014.

**Jo Ann Johnson White**, 72, died on July 30. After her husband, Ken, died in 1985, Jo Ann began her 20-year teaching career at ASU in the graphic design program. Jo Ann is survived by two children and families. Donations -- the Kenneth L. and Jo Ann J. White Memorial Scholarship through the ASU Foundation at the ASU College of Design.

**Rose Weisman Zaslow**, 99, passed away on July 13. Her husband, Dr. Bertram Zaslow, Professor Emeritus at Arizona State University, preceded her in death. She retired from Valley National Bank after 30 years of service. She was active in faculty wives' associations.



## Retirees Day – February 16

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### Presentations

Retirees Day will offer six presentations in two sessions. The first session from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. will include Los Valdes on improving your well being through Chi Gong complete with an exercise session, Professor Bruce Merrill on politics and the very active current campaigns, Professor Sommerfeld will discuss the study of algae as an alternative source of oil for biofuels.

The second session from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. will offer presentations on the use of pets in therapy by Jane Conrow, Librarian Emeritus, weather oddities by Professor Randall Cerveny and an overview of current Alzheimer's research, clinical studies and programs for caregivers by a representative of the Banner Alzheimer's Institute.

### Carpools

ASURA Vice President, Val Peterson, is coordinating carpools for anyone who needs a ride or can offer a ride to others. The carpools will leave from and return to the Community Services Building located at 200 East Curry Road, south of the Mill Avenue Bridge and east of Mill Avenue. There is a sign for the Community Services Building on the north side of Curry Road. The road to the building is up the hill north of the sign. Special arrangements will be made for those individuals

who are unable to drive to the Community Services Building by calling Val Peterson (480) 659-6668 or sending an email to [val.peterson@cox.net](mailto:val.peterson@cox.net)



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### Directional Signage and Parking

There will be signs set up for our event along Williams Field Road, which is the entry road to the Polytechnic campus. Signs will indicate each turn to make to reach the Student Union. The Cooley Ballrooms are the first doors reached on approaching the Union. Free parking is available in the parking lot on the east side of the Union.

### Cost

Members are encouraged to bring spouses and/or friends. The cost including lunch is \$22.00 per person. Please send in your registration form, if you have not done so.

### Registration Deadline

The deadline to register is February 8, 2008.

**Directions to Polytechnic campus.** If you can access Mapquest.com on a computer, the address to enter for the campus is 7001 East Williams Field Road.

From Tempe Campus: East on Apache Dr. to Price Road.  
 South onto Price Rd. Slight left to enter the AZ 101 South ramp  
 Merge onto AZ 101 South to exit 55 to US 60 East.  
 Merge onto US 60 East via exit 55A on the left toward Globe.  
 Exit at Power Road, exit 188  
 Turn south (right) onto Power Rd.  
 Turn east (left) onto E. Williams Field Road and follow the signs to the Student Union.