

Arizona State Results		
DATE	OPPONENT (rank)	RESULT
Feb. 4	Texas-San Antonio	W, 8-0 (6)
Feb. 5	Texas-San Antonio	W, 4-2
Feb. 6	Texas-San Antonio	W, 5-4 (8)
Feb. 11	Buffalo#	rained out
Feb. 11	Massachusetts#	rained out
Feb. 12	Sacramento State#	rained out
Feb. 12	Tennessee-Chattanooga#	rained out
Feb. 13	Sacramento State#	W, 3-2
Feb. 13	Utah State#	W, 11-2
Feb. 16	Hawai'i	L, 6-8
Feb. 16	Hawai'i	W, 2-0
Feb. 18	Illinois State%	W, 3-0
Feb. 18	Iowa%	L, 0-2
Feb. 19	Iowa%	rained out
Feb. 19	Long Island%	rained out
Feb. 20	Long Island%	rained out
Feb. 25	vs. Long Island^	W, 14-0 (5)
Feb. 25	vs. Bethune-Cookman^	W, 6-1
Feb. 26	vs. Northwestern^	W, 1-0
Feb. 26	vs. Notre Dame^	W, 2-1
Feb. 27	vs. Kansas^	L, 0-3
March 2	Eastern Michigan	W, 2-1
March 2	Eastern Michigan	W, 6-2
March 4	San Diego State!	W, 1-0
March 4	Southern Utah!	W, 5-0
March 5	San Diego State!	L, 0-1
March 5	Southern Utah!	W, 8-1
March 6	Southern Utah!	W, 8-0 (5)
March 11	vs. Rhode Island\$	W, 8-3
March 11	vs. San Jose State\$	W, 2-0
March 12	vs. UC Davis\$	W, 11-0 (5)
March 12	vs. Colorado State\$	W, 12-0 (5)
March 13	vs. California\$ (2/2)	W, 1-0
March 14	@ Loyola Marymount	W, 2-1
March 14	@ Loyola Marymount	L, 1-4
March 16	vs. Syracuse+	W, 4-0
March 17	vs. Oklahoma+ (8/10)	L, 1-6
March 18	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette+ (7/8)	W, 5-1
March 19	vs. Texas+ (4/5)	L, 0-1 (8)
April 1	California* (3/3)	L, 2-4
April 2	Stanford* (6/7)	L, 1-2
April 3	Stanford* (6/7)	W, 2-0
April 6	Arizona* (2/2)	L, 0-1
April 8	Oregon* (25/nr)	L, 0-1
April 9	Oregon State* (13/12)	L, 1-8
April 10	Oregon State* (13/12)	L, 2-3
April 15	@ UCLA* (13/13)	L, 0-4
April 16	@ Washington* (24/nr)	L, 0-8 (5)
April 17	@ Washington* (24/nr)	L, 4-12 (6)
April 22	@ Arizona* (4/3)	7:00 p.m.
April 23	@ Arizona* (4/3)	7:00 p.m.
April 29	@ Oregon State*	3:00 p.m.
April 30	@ Oregon*	3:00 p.m.
May 1	@ Oregon*	1:00 p.m.
May 6	Washington*	7:00 p.m.
May 7	UCLA*	7:00 p.m.
May 8	UCLA*	1:00 p.m.
May 12	@ Stanford* (FSN)	7:00 p.m.
May 13	@ California*	1:00 p.m.
May 14	@ California*	1:00 p.m.
May 18-22	NCAA Regionals	TBD
May 25-29	NCAA Super Regionals	TBD
June 6-12	College World Series	TBD

Ranking are by USAToday/NFCA & ESPN/USA Softball.

* Pacific-10 Conference game.

Kajikawa Classic, Tempe, Ariz.

% Littlewood Classic, Tempe, Ariz.

^ Palm Springs Classic, Palm Springs, Calif.

! Louisville Slugger Triangular, Tempe, Ariz.

\$ National Invitational Tournament, Sunnyvale, Calif.

+ KIA Klassic Tournament, Fullerton, Calif.

ASU ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

SUN DEVIL SOFTBALL

No. 24 ARIZONA STATE TRAVELS TO No. 4 ARIZONA FOR TWO-GAME SET

ON TAP: The 24th-ranked Arizona State University softball team (26-16, 1-9 Pac-10) will travel to Tucson to take on fourth-ranked Arizona (31-6, 5-4 Pac-10) on Friday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.

SERIES NOTES: UA leads the all-time series 87-72 ... UA won the earlier match-up this season in Tempe, 1-0, scoring an unearned run in the first inning ... ASU last defeated UA on March 16, 2002.

DEVIL NOTES: ASU was picked to finish eighth in the Pac-10 Conference ... ASU is tied for first in the Pac-10 in saves (4), is second in batters struck out (313), and third in doubles (48) and walks (106) ... 14 of ASU's 26 wins have been shutouts, third in the Pac-10 ... 14 of ASU's 15 players have at least one double ... opponents are batting .180 with runners in scoring position ... ASU is out scoring its opponents 46-21 in the first two innings ... ASU is 21-2 when scoring first and 12-2 when scoring in the first inning.

TOUGH SCHEDULE/TOUGHER CONFERENCE: As in any season, Arizona State will face many of the nation's top teams and traditionally holds a high RPI. Last year, ASU played 29 games (nearly half) against Top-25 teams, while 16 games were against Top-10 competition. This year is no different as ASU will play several non-conference/Pac-10 regular-season games against nationally-ranked teams. After this weekend's games against UA, ASU will have played 15 straight teams ranked in the Top-25. Within the toughest conference in the nation, ASU will face a Top-25 team every time out. All eight Pac-10 teams are ranked in the Top-25, including Nos. 2, 4, 7, 10 and 11. In non-conference play in 2005, the Pac-10 holds a 185-43 (.811) mark. Additionally, the Pac-10 placed seven of its eight squads in the NCAA Tournament last season, with three teams advancing to the WCWS. For the fourth consecutive year (11th time overall), two Pac-10 teams squared off in the National Championship game, giving the conference its 17th title and fourth straight.

PAC-10 CONFERENCE/OVERALL STANDINGS (APRIL 20)

Team	Pac-10		Overall		
	W-L	GB	W-L	PCT	Streak
Oregon State	8-2	—	29-8	.784	Lost 1
Stanford	6-2	1.0	31-7	.816	Won 3
California	6-3	1.5	39-6	.867	Won 1
Arizona	5-4	2.5	31-6	.838	Lost 2
UCLA	4-4	3.0	23-10	.697	Won 4
Washington	3-5	4.0	21-14	.600	Won 2
Oregon	3-7	5.0	25-16	.610	Lost 3
Arizona State	1-9	7.0	26-16	.619	Lost 7

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USA Today/NFCA Top-25

	Team (first place)	Record	Pts.	LR
1.	Michigan (22)	44-3	574	1
2.	California (1)	38-6	550	3
3.	Texas	32-7	509	4
4.	Arizona	31-6	507	2
5.	Oklahoma	41-8	484	5
6.	Texas A&M	39-4	456	7
7.	Stanford	31-7	444	8
8.	Alabama	48-9	398	9
9.	Tennessee	45-9	385	6
10.	UCLA	23-10	359	13
11.	Oregon State	29-7	350	10
12.	Baylor	39-7	331	11
13.	Georgia	41-9	324	12
14.	Louisiana-Lafayette	32-7	265	14
15.	Northwestern	30-9	243	16
16.	Florida	34-12	223	17
17.	Missouri	32-8	220	15
18.	Georgia Tech	40-9	173	19
19.	Creighton	36-4	143	22
20.	Fresno State	29-10	135	18
21.	Auburn	39-13	110	20
22.	Iowa	37-9	94	23
23.	Washington	21-14	81	24
24.	Arizona State	26-16	36	21
25.	Oregon	25-16	24	25

Dropped Out: None.

Receiving Votes: Nebraska (18), Southern Illinois (16), Long Beach State (15), UNLV (5), Notre Dame (2).

ESPN.com/USA Softball

	Team (first place)	Record	Pts.	LR
1.	Michigan (18)	44-3	492	1
2.	California (2)	38-6	472	3
3.	Arizona	31-6	450	2
4.	Texas	32-7	441	4
5.	Texas A&M	39-4	422	5
6.	Oklahoma	41-8	398	6
7.	Stanford	31-7	362	9
8.	Baylor	39-7	343	8
9.	Oregon State	29-7	328	10
10.	UCLA	23-10	316	13
11.	Tennessee	45-9	301	7
12.	Georgia	41-9	297	11
13.	Alabama	48-9	287	12
14.	Louisiana-Lafayette	32-7	222	14
15.	Northwestern	30-9	206	17
16.	Florida	34-12	200	15
17.	Fresno State	29-10	153	16
18.	Georgia Tech	40-9	152	19
19.	Missouri	32-8	143	18
20.	Iowa	37-9	135	20
21.	Creighton	36-4	102	21
22.	Southern Illinois	37-9	71	23
23.	Auburn	39-13	58	24
24.	Nebraska	27-15	41	25
25.	Washington	21-14	37	NR

Dropped Out: Arizona State.

Receiving Votes: Arizona State (15), DePaul (14), Oregon (11), BYU (8), Florida State (5), Long Beach State (4), Syracuse (3), Oklahoma State (1).

*TEAMS IN **Bold** INDICATES 2005 OPPONENTS.

SOFTBALL HISTORY: One of the nation's founding programs, the Sun Devils are in their 39th season on the diamond in Tempe. ASU holds a 1,044-572-1 (.646) all-time record since the 1967 team posted a 5-1 record. ASU has recorded 23 seasons of at least 30 wins and six with 40 or more victories, including an all-time high of 46 in 2002. The Sun Devils have earned 16 postseason bids, fourth all-time in the Pac-10 Conference, and has made four trips to the College World Series. Prior to the current NCAA format, ASU went to seven WCWS, claiming back-to-back national titles in 1972 and 1973.

HEAD COACH LINDA WELLS: Arizona State's storied tradition of softball excellence continues under the tutelage of 16th-year head coach **Linda Wells**, one of the most prominent and successful coaches in NCAA history. Wells, who will be retiring at the end of the 2005 season, is currently the 7th-most successful active coach in NCAA Division I history with 910 victories (9th all-time). Wells has led the Sun Devils to 11 (seven consecutive 1997-03) NCAA Regional appearances in 15 seasons, including two trips in the past six years to the College World Series (1999/2002). While at ASU, Wells has compiled a record of 559-405 and has had seven players earn a total of 12 All-American awards. Her 559 wins are the most victories all-time in ASU's storied 39-year history, surpassing coaching legend Mary Littlewood's 536. Wells earned the victory with a 3-2 win over Sacramento State (2/13/05). Wells' vast coaching experience and tireless work ethic has not gone unnoticed by the country or by the world as she was named the head coach of the Greek Olympic National Team that competed in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. Wells has coached 35 career .300 hitters at ASU in her 15 seasons, averaging a combined .335 — not an easy accomplishment in the pitching-rich Pac-10 where games are traditionally low scoring. With the addition of three more All-Pac-10 selections in 2004, Wells has now coached 75 all-conference players during her tenure at Arizona State, averaging five All-Pac-10 selections every season.

SERRANO TIME: Junior pitcher **Desiree Serrano** is leading the pitching staff with a team-leading 10-5 record. She has posted two shutouts with a 1.90 ERA and 101 strikeouts. She is currently third all-time in career strikeouts with 535 and is ninth all-time with 44 victories. Serrano recorded her 10th win of the year against No. 7 Louisiana-Lafayette at the KIA Classic. She pitched in relief for three innings, allowing only two hits with two strikeouts. Serrano combined with Burkhart to no-hit UC Davis at the NIST and in three appearances at the Louisville Slugger Triangular, Serrano went 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA with 20 strikeouts, including a career-high 14 against Southern Utah. She allowed only three hits in 11 innings and walked only one batter. At the Littlewood Classic, Serrano pitched one of her best games all-time as she recorded a complete game, five-hit shutout over Illinois State. She struckout 11 and walked only one batter. Last year she led the pitching staff with a 2.21 ERA in 200 innings, making 28 starts in 41 appearances. Serrano, who averaged over seven strikeouts per contest, recorded a team-high 16 wins with eight shutouts and struck out 208 batters, eighth all-time in a single-season. She also posted five double digit strikeout games, including a season-high 13 against Illinois State, pitched a two-hit, 10 strikeout game against Wisconsin and a one-hit, 11 strikeout game against Princeton. As a redshirt freshman, Serrano made a Pac-10 second-best 49 appearances on her way to an 18-15 overall record, including seven shutouts and nine saves (second all-time in the Pac-10 in a single season). Serrano, an honorable mention All-Pac-10 selection, also posted 226 strikeouts (fourth in the Pac-10 and fifth all-time in a single-season at ASU), while holding opponents to a .209 batting average. To end her initial season, Serrano was named to the NCAA Region III All-Tournament team after posting a 0.38 ERA in 18 innings. In her no-hitter against Iowa, Serrano faced one batter over the minimum, and was just an infield error short of a perfect game as she struckout five Hawkeyes to record ASU's first no-hitter since Kirsten Voak accomplished the feat (2/29/01).

THE ROCK: Sophomore catcher **Heidi Knabe**, who has started all 42 games and played every inning (278) except one, is one of only two Pac-10 catchers to have picked off two runners. She has also thrown out eight base runners (13 for 21), tied for second in the conference, while the 13 stolen bases are fourth lowest. Offensively, Knabe is having a career year with a team-high .331 average with 40 hits, a grand slam, 13 runs scored and 16 RBIs. She is second on the team with eight doubles.

DEVILS' NO. 8 ALL-TIME: The National Fastpitch Coaches Association announced the USA Today/NFCA All-Time Top 50 poll. The poll was compiled using weekly rankings from the 1995 season to the final poll of 2003. To date, Arizona State University, which accumulated 36,613 points for a No. 8 all-time ranking — just 12 points behind seventh-place California — has been ranked in 106 of the 132 polls all-time. Additionally, ASU has been ranked in 102 of the last 111 polls. Arizona State climbed to a school-record No. 3 in the nine-year history of the poll during the 2000 and 2002 seasons.

ASU Career Leaders

Batting Average

1. Phelan Wright (2001-04)	.381
2. Lisa Dacquist (1994-97)	.378
3. Leanne Easley (1972-75)	.377
4. Rachel Brown (1991-92)	.362
5. Jodi Rathbun (1985-87)	.361
6. Kara Brun (2000-03)	.350
7. Peggy McAbee (1978-79)	.349
8. Valerie Sevilla (2003-present)	.333
Nichole Thompson (1999-2002)	.333
10. Raja Woods (1997-98)	.332

Home Runs

1. Phelan Wright (2001-04)	40
2. Kara Brun (2000-03)	34
3. Erica Beach (1999-2002)	27
4. Valerie Sevilla (2003-present)	21
5. Suzie Gaw (1979-82)	16

Runs Batted In

1. Kara Brun (2000-03)	165
2. Phelan Wright (2001-04)	162
3. Erica Beach (1999-2002)	153
4. Chris Gill (1997-99)	115
5. Alyssa Johnson (1993-96)	108
6. Kathy Escarcega (1984-87)	95

Hits

1. Lisa Dacquist (1994-97)	296
2. Kara Brun (2000-03)	266
3. Phelan Wright (2001-04)	260
4. Nichole Thompson (1999-2002)	253
5. Ann Rowen (1988-91)	245
6. Kristin Farber (2001-04)	238
7. Missy Hixon (1999-2002)	228

Doubles

1. Kara Brun (2000-03)	50
2. Phelan Wright (2001-04)	44
3. Valerie Sevilla (2003-present)	39
Kathy Escarcega (1984-87)	39
5. Missy Hixon (1999-2002)	37
Alyssa Johnson (1993-96)	37
7. Nichole Thompson (1999-2002)	29

Stolen Bases

1. Lisa Dacquist (1994-97)	102
2. Kristin Farber (2001-04)	80
3. Erin Hull (1994-98)	52
4. Raja Woods (1997-98)	47

SPECIAL K: Freshman pitcher **Katie Burkhart** has made an immediate impact on the pitching staff. She has notched 10 wins (tied for the team high), including a no-hitter, a combined no-hitter with six shutouts and a Pac-10 leading four saves (10th nationally) on the season. Overall in 27 appearances (128 innings), Burkhart, who strikes out 9.3 batters per 7 innings, carries a team-leading 1.04 ERA (fourth in the Pac-10/28th in the country), allowing only 61 hits with 170 strikeouts (six double digit strikeout games and two nine K games), and has only walked 14 batters. Burkhart also leads the team in opponents batting average (.140/third in Pac-10). She tallied her first Pac-10 win against No. 6 Stanford, shutting out the Cardinal on four hits with eight strikeouts. Burkhart was named the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week (3/14) after going 3-0, including a complete game two-hit shut out over No. 2 California to lift ASU to the NIST title. She won three of ASU's five games, combined for a no-hitter and did not allow a single run to score the entire tournament. In four appearances, Burkhart pitched 16 and two-thirds innings, posting a 0.00 ERA and allowed only two hits with 30 strikeouts. She also held opponents to a 0.38 batting average. In the championship game against Cal, Burkhart recorded her third win at the NIST, allowing only two singles with nine strikeouts. Burkhart threw her first career no-hitter, including 13 strikeouts (eight strikeouts through the first four innings of work) as ASU topped San Diego State, 1-0 in the first game of the Louisville Slugger Triangular. It was the first no-hitter at ASU since Desiree Serrano's performance against Iowa (2/16/03). Earlier in the week against Eastern Michigan, Burkhart was just one out away from a perfect game as she allowed just one hit with 12 strikeouts, including striking out the side in the fourth inning. She also fanned four EMU hitters two or more times. In her past four starts (27 innings), Burkhart is 3-1 with two shutouts, has allowed only nine hits, no walks and two runs with 44 strikeouts. Burkhart made her first career start against Hawai'i and did not disappoint. She pitched a complete game, two-hit shutout with 13 strikeouts, and walked only one batter. At the Palm Springs Classic, she recorded a shutout win along with making two saves. Burkhart went unscathed through the tournament in 12 innings, recording a 0.00 ERA. In three appearances she allowed only seven hits, did not walk a batter and struck out 23. Burkhart notched her first save of the tournament against Bethune-Cookman. Burkhart pitched the final three innings, facing nine batters, allowing no hits, no walks with seven strikeouts. Burkhart then had her best outing of the season as she shutout Northwestern on five hits while fanning a career-high 14 batters. Burkhart struck out the Wildcat side in the first inning and struck out the side again in the fourth inning on just 11 pitches. Following that game, Burkhart recorded her second save of the tournament against Notre Dame. ASU had just taken a 2-1 lead when Burkhart came in relief in the bottom of the sixth and retired the Irish in order. She then finished off the seventh as well. She gave up only two hits while striking out two more.

MIGHTY MOUSE: Despite only standing 5'4", freshman infielder/pitcher **Mindy Cowles** proves size does not always matter as she swings a big bat and possess a strong arm. Cowles is batting at a team second-best .318 clip with a team-high 10 home runs, 37 runs scored, 30 RBIs and a .664 slugging percentage. Cowles leads the team with 12 multi-hit games and eight multi-RBI games, including two games with four RBIs and one with five RBIs. She is also batting a robust .458 with runners in scoring position. Cowles 37 runs scored is tied for the Pac-10 high (29th nationally), her 25 walks are second (18th nationally), while her 10 home runs and 73 total bases are fifth. Cowles also leads the team and has only been caught once trying to steal (11 for 12). In Palm Springs, Cowles batted .313 with two home runs, one double, five runs scored and eight RBIs. She was 3 for 3 in stolen bases and fielded her position flawlessly, making 11 putouts and five assists. To open the tournament against Long Island, Cowles went 3 for 3 with a grand slam and a three-run home run to tally seven RBIs on the day. She also scored three runs and walked once. Cowles accounted for half of the team's runs as ASU won 14-0. Cowles, who plays third and second base in the infield, also pitched 1.2 innings allowing no hits with one strikeout. Against Bethune-Cookman, Cowles again led ASU with a 2 for 4 game, including a double, an RBI and two runs scored. In two games against Hawai'i, Cowles went 4 for 6 with two home runs, four RBIs and three runs scored. Her back-to-back home runs carried ASU to a 2-0 win. To begin the season against Texas-San Antonio, Cowles proved her might as she batted .500 (4 for 8) with all four hits going as extra bases, including two home runs and two doubles. Cowles drove in a team-leading five RBIs and was the starting pitcher in the final game, going four and two-thirds innings.

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DEVILS ON THE WEB: All of ASU's 10 Pac-10 home games at Farrington Stadium will be available via LiveStats on ASU's home website at www.thesundevils.com.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES: Once again Arizona State University was among the top schools to carry a high home attendance figure in 2004. ASU finished No. 4 in the country and No. 2 in the Pac-10 Conference in total home attendance with 18,045. ASU finished fourth on the west coast and 11th nationally in average home attendance with 582. The Sun Devils also set the No. 1 and No. 2 all-time attendance records at Farrington Stadium against rival Arizona. The two-game series (April 9-10) combined to bring in over 3,300 fans as the record of 1,663 (1,535 capacity) was set on the first night and 1,641 on the second night.

MEDIA INFORMATION: All publicity for the ASU softball team are coordinated by Assistant Media Relations Director **Will Phillips** at (480) 965-1237. Any interviews with ASU softball players or coaches should be arranged through Phillips with at least 48 hours notice.

SIZZLING SEVILLA: After a break out junior year, senior outfielder **Valerie Sevilla** looks to continue that trend in 2005. Sevilla is currently hitting at a .309 pace (third on the team) with a team and Pac-10 leading 11 doubles, along with six home runs. Sevilla hit the game-winning home run to lift ASU to a come from behind 2-1 win over Notre Dame in Palm Springs. She also hit a game-winning, two-run home run against Loyola Marymount. In the three-game series against Texas-San Antonio to open the year, Sevilla hit two home runs and drove in three runs. She is currently fourth all-time in home runs (21), tied for third in doubles (39) and tied for eighth all-time in batting average (.333). As a junior, Sevilla earned NFCA second-team All-Region honors, second-team All-Pac-10 accolades and was named Pac-10 Player of the Week (3/19). Remarkably, Sevilla had never hit a home run before last year as she slugged three grand slams and tied the single-season record for home runs (15). She also tied the single-season record for doubles (17), finished fifth all-time in a single-season with 46 RBIs and seventh with 70 hits. Sevilla hit at a .363 clip and led the team in hits (70), home runs (15), doubles (17), runs scored (36), total bases (132) and tallied a team-leading 21 RBIs with two outs. She led the team in multi-hit games (19), multi-RBI games (12) and batted a team-leading .421 with runners on base (.380 with runners in scoring position).

ZALESKI'S BIG WEEKEND: Named Pac-10 Player of the Week (3/14), **Sharee Zaleski** was one of the main offensive players to carry ASU to five straight wins, including a game-winning home run in the championship game as ASU shutout No. 2 California, 1-0 to win the National Invitational Softball Tournament title in Sunnyvale, Calif. In the tournament, Zaleski batted .600 (6 for 10) with four home runs, five runs scored and 11 RBIs. She had 18 total bases and a slugging percentage of 1.800. She also had an on-base percentage of .583. In the championship game against California, Zaleski tallied the only run of the game in the fifth inning as she took Cal pitcher Kristina Thorson's ball over the center field fence. In the quarterfinal game against UC Davis, Zaleski went 2 for 2 with two home runs, including a grand slam with five RBIs. In the semifinal game against Colorado State, Zaleski went 2 for 2 with another home run and five more RBIs. On the year, Zaleski is batting .248 and is tied for the team high in home runs with 10. Zaleski is second on the team with 27 RBIs, has scored 14 runs and holds a .541 slugging percentage.

OLYMPIC CONNECTION: Three members of the ASU staff either coached or played for Greece in 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. **Linda Wells** was the head coach of the host Greek National Team, while assistant coach **Stacey Farnworth** was team's catcher and administrative assistant **Jessica Bashor** was the starting outfielder.

STADIUM & FIELD AWARDS: For the third time in the past four years, Arizona State was honored with another award. Alberta B. Farrington Stadium was named the 2003 Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) Softball Field of the Year in the College/University division. The commitment to excellence in overall field quality, safety, playability and appearance earned Farrington Stadium the top honor. The Field of the Year is the highest honor STMA bestows upon a facility. In 2002, Farrington Stadium was named the college/university winner of the NFCA/Turfcare Grounds Crew Field Maintenance award. Dedicated in April, 2000, Alberta B. Farrington Stadium is a 1,535 seat facility that includes 500 back seats. Among the stadium's many features are sunken dugouts, home/visitor/umpire locker rooms, offices, trainers room, concession stands, a team shop and a team room. ASU also won the 2000 NFCA/Turfcare Grounds Crew Field Maintenance award. The field maintenance staff is headed by Pete Wozniak. Award winners were chosen by a panel of independent judges made up of grounds maintenance professionals selected by the NFCA and Turfcare. Additionally, Farrington Stadium was awarded "The Crescordia" (To Grow In Harmony) honor in 2000. The honor is for Environmental Excellent in building and structures awarded by the Valley Forward Association and Honeywell.