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Ariz	ona State Res	ults
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 Feb. 13	Tennessee-Chattanooga# Sacramento State#	rained out W, 3-2
Feb. 13	Utah State#	W, 3-2 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 Feb. 26	vs. Northwestern^ vs. Notre Dame^	W, 1-0 W, 2-1
Feb. 27	vs. Notre Dame* vs. Kansas^	w, 2-1 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 March 12	vs. UC Davis\$ vs. Colorado State\$	W, 11-0 (5) W, 12-0 (5)
March 13	vs. Colorado States vs. California\$ (2/2)	W, 12-0 (3)
March 14	@ Loyola Marymount	W, 1-0 W, 2-1
March 14	@ Loyola Marymount	L, 1-4
March 16	vs. Syracuse+	L, 1-4 W, 4-0
March 17	vs. Oklahoma+ (8/10)	L, 1-6
March 18	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette+ (7/8)	
March 19	vs. Texas+ (4/5)	L, 0-1 (8)
April 1	California* (3/3)	7:00 p.m.
April 2	Stanford* (6/7)	7:00 p.m.
April 3 April 6	Stanford* (6/7) Arizona*	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
April 8	Oregon*	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
April 9	Oregon State*	7:00 p.m.
April 10	Oregon State*	1:00 p.m.
April 15	@ UCLA*	1:00 p.m.
April 16	@ Washington*	2:30 p.m.
April 17	@ Washington*	1:00 p.m.
April 22	@ Arizona*	7:00 p.m.
April 23	@ Arizona*	7:00 p.m.
April 29	@ Oregon State*	3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
April 30 May 1	<ul><li>@ Oregon*</li><li>@ Oregon*</li></ul>	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*	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.



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Wednesday, March 30, 2005

SUN DEVIL SOFTBALL

## No. 18/20 ARIZONA STATE OPENS PAC-10 SEASON HOSTING No. 3/3 CALIFORNIA & No. 6/7 STANFORD

**ON TAP:** The No. 18/20 Arizona State University softball team (25-7; 0-0 Pac-10) will open the 2005 Pac-10 Conference season playing host to No. 3/3 California (29-3; 0-0 Pac-10) on Friday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. ASU will then host No. 6/7 Stanford (24-5; 0-0 Pac-10) on Saturday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m.

SERIES NOTES: Cal leads the all-time series 53-34, however, ASU defeated Cal earlier in the season (3/13), 1-0, to claim the NIST championship ... ASU head coach Linda Wells and Cal head coach Diane Ninemire were coaches for the 2005 Greek Olympic National Team ... ASU leads the all-time series against Stanford 28-16 ... the three teams combined are 78-15 (.839).

**DEVIL NOTES:** ASU was picked to finish eighth in the Pac-10 Conference race ... ASU leads the Pac-10 in saves (4), doubles (40) and is second in strikeouts (253) ... the pitching staff's 1.02 ERA is fourth-best in the conference ... 13 of ASU's 25 wins have been shutouts, tied for third in the Pac-10 ... 14 of ASU's 15 players have at least one double ... opponents are batting .137 with runners in scoring position ... ASU is out scoring its opponents 44-6 in the first two innings.

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 of their games) 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. Within the toughest conference in the nation, ASU will face a top-25 team nearly every time out. Seven of the eight Pac-10 teams are ranked in the top-18, including Nos. 2, 3, 6 and 7. In non-conference play in 2005, the Pac-10 holds a 178-43 (.805) 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 (March 30)

	Pac-10		Overall		
Team	W-L	GB	W-L	PCT	Streak
Arizona	0-0	0.0	26-2	.929	Won 2
California	0-0	0.0	29-3	.906	Won 6
Stanford	0-0	0.0	24-5	.828	Won 1
Arizona State	0-0	0.0	25-7	.781	Lost 1
Oregon State	0-0	0.0	19-6	.760	Won 13
UCLA	0-0	0.0	19-6	.760	Won 3
Oregon	0-0	0.0	20-9	.690	Won 7
Washington	0-0	0.0	16-9	.640	Lost 1

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US	A Today/N	FCA T	Гор	-25
	Team (first place)	Record	Pts.	<u>LR</u>
1.	Michigan (22)	31-1	598	1
2.	Arizona (1)	26-2	575	2
3.	California (1)	29-3	554	3
4.	Tennessee	37-4	523	4
5.	Texas	26-4	496	6
6.	Stanford	23-4	471	5
7.	UCLA	18-6	442	7
8.	Oklahoma	33-6	428	7
9.	Texas A&M	31-2	402	12
10.	Baylor	31-4	397	9
11.	Alabama	36-7	382	10
12.		28-7	333	13
13.	Louisiana-Lafayette	22-7	299	11
14.	Florida	27-6	261	15
15.	Missouri	27-3	252	14
16.	Oregon State	19-6	250	16
17.	Washington	16-9	189	16
18.	Arizona State	25-7	188	19
19.	Georgia Tech	32-7	166	21
20.	Northwestern	18-9	121	20
21.	Fresno State	20-7	115	23
22.	Nebraska	20-11	94	18
23.	Auburn	32-9	66	25
24.	Iowa	25-5	55	NR
25.	Creighton	22-4	37	NR

Dropped Out: No. 22 LSU, No. 24 Florida State.

Receiving Votes: LSU (30), Oregon (29), Florida State (16), UNLV (11), Texas A&M-CC (15), Long Beach State (7).

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	Team (first place)	Record	Pts.	LR
1.	Michigan (17)	31-1	496	1
2.	Arizona (3)	26-2	480	2
3.	California	29-3	454	3
4.	Texas	26-4	438	4
5.	Tennessee	37-4	423	5
6.	Texas A&M	31-2	390	7
7.	Stanford	23-4	388	6
8.	Baylor	31-4	351	7
9.	Oklahoma	33-6	342	9
10.	UCLA	18-6	318	10
11.	Alabama	36-7	300	11
12.	Georgia	28-7	290	12
13.		27-6	234	14
14.	Louisiana-Lafayetto	e 22-7	229	13
15.	Oregon State	19-6	224	15
16.	Missouri	27-3	202	16
17.	Washington	16-9	155	17
18.	Fresno State	20-7	154	
19.	Iowa	25-5	136	21
20.	Arizona State	25-7	108	22
21.	Georgia Tech	32-7	101	23
22.		20-11	69	19
23.	Northwestern	18-9	63	24
24.	Creighton	22-4	38	NR
25.	LSU	17-11	36	19
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Dropped Out: Florida State.

Receiving Votes: Auburn (22), Southern Illinois (18), Florida State (15), Oklahoma St. (10), Long Beach St. (8), Illinois State (4), DePaul (3), Oregon (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 1,043-563-1 (.649) all-time record since the 1967 team posted a 5-1 record. ASU has recorded 23 season 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 tiles in 1972 and 1973.

HEAD COACH LINDA WELLS: Arizona State's storied tradition of softball excellence continues to flourish 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 season, is currently the 7th-most successful active coach in NCAA Division I history with 909 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 558-396 and has had seven players earn a total of 12 All-American awards. Her 558 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, and with the addition of three more All-Pac-10 selections in 2004, Wells has now coached 75 allconference players during her tenure at Arizona State, averaging five All-Pac-10 selections every season.

SERRANO TIME: Junior pitcher Desiree Serrano had an excellent nonconference run with a team-leading 10-2 record. She also posted two shutouts with a 0.95 ERA and 86 strikeouts. She is currently third all-time in career strikeouts with 520 and is ninth all-time with 44 victories. Serrano recorded her 10th win of the year against No. 7 Louisiana-Lafayette at the KIA Klassic. 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 Hawkeye's to record ASU's first no-hitter since Kirsten Voak accomplished the feat (2/29/01).

**KNABE'S D-FENCE:** Sophomore catcher **Heidi Knabe**, who has started all 32 games and played every inning except one, is the only Pac-10 catcher to have picked off two runners this year. She has also thrown out seven base runners (8 for 15), tied for tops in the conference and the eight stolen bases are tied for the conference low. Offensively, Knabe is hitting at a .301 clip (third on the team with 28 hits) with six doubles, a grand slam, 12 runs scored and 14 RBIs.

**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 104 of the 130 polls all-time. Additionally, ASU has been ranked in 100 of the last 109 polls. Arizona State climbed to a school-record No. 3 in the nineyear history of the poll during the 2000 and 2002 seasons.

ASU Career Lead	ers
<b>Batting Average</b>	
1. Phelan Wright (2001-04)	.381
<ol><li>Lisa Dacquisto (1994-97)</li></ol>	.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	
<ol> <li>Lisa Dacquisto (1994-97)</li> </ol>	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
<u>Doubles</u>	
1. Kara Brun (2000-03)	50
2. Phelan Wright (2001-04)	44
3. Kathy Escarcega (1984-87)	39
4. Valerie Sevilla (2003-present)	38
Missy Hixon (1999-2002)	37
Alyssa Johnson (1993-96)	37
7. Nichole Thompson (1999-2002)	29
Stolen Bases	
<ol> <li>Lisa Dacquisto (1994-97)</li> </ol>	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 already notched nine wins, including a no-hitter, a combined no-hitter with four shutouts and a Pac-10 leading four saves on the season. Overall in 19 appearances (87 innings), Burkhart carries a team-leading 0.64 ERA, allowing only 35 hits with 129 strikeouts (five double digit strikeout games and two nine K games), and has only walked six batters. Burkhart also leads the team in opponents batting average (1.19). 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 nohitter 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 doesn't always matter as she swings a big bat and possess a strong arm. Cowles is batting at a team-leading .352 clip with a team-high 10 home runs, 35 runs scored, 29 RBIs and a .773 slugging percentage. Cowles leads the team with 11 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 .500 with runners in scoring position. Cowles 35 runs scored, 10 home runs and 68 total bases leads the Pac-10, while her 22 walks are second and 29 RBIs third. Cowles is also perfect in stolen bases going 8 for 8, tying for the team-high. 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.

## **Arizona State Records**

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Longest Winning Streak8
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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 breakout junior year, senior outfielder Valerie Sevilla looks to continue that trend in 2005. Sevilla is currently hitting at a team second-best .340 pace with a team and Pac-10 leading 10 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 fourth in doubles (38) 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 člip 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 shut out 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 .299 and tied for the team and Pac-10 high in home runs with 10. Zaleski is second on the team with 26 RBIs, has scored 14 runs and holds a .667 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/Turface 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/ Turface 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 Turface. 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.