Mother’s Day baby goes to college

Fredy DaCosta came into this world with his future as an ASU West student already secured. As the first baby born at Maryvale Hospital on Mother’s Day, Fredy received the promise of an ASU West education, thanks to a collaboration between the Maryvale Hospital Auxiliary and the campus.

The Auxiliary has donated a $2,000 “It’s Your Future, Baby” endowed scholarship. By the time Fredy is ready to enter ASU West, the amount of the scholarship will cover a significant portion of his tuition.

Campus loses longtime supporter

The ASU West community lost one of its most important longtime supporters June 5 with the passing of former Arizona legislator Anne Lindeman.

Lindeman was the first legislator to join the Westside Citizens Committee for Higher Education, which Barbara Ridge founded in 1972. The group spearheaded an intensive 12-year campaign to build a public university campus serving the West Valley. The effort culminated in 1984 with passage of legislation officially establishing ASU West.

The campus literally owes its location to Lindeman. In 1982 she became aware of 300 acres of state trust land at 47th Avenue and Thunderbird. Lindeman arranged a series of land trades that resulted in the land being owned by the Arizona Board of Regents.

“We were all so saddened to learn of the loss of Anne Lindeman,” says Provost Elaine Maimon congratulates Suzana Vandik on the birth of her son (and future ASU West student) Fredy DaCosta.

Enrollment grows for freshmen

ASU West appears to be on track to meet its goal of a 200-student inaugural freshman class, with nearly that many students having registered as incoming freshmen by early June.

“Classes are filling rapidly, and there are at least 25 more students who have made appointments to register,” says Emily Cutrer, dean of collaborative programs and interim dean of students. “While the fact they have registered doesn’t guarantee that students will attend classes, the...”

PaloVerde showcases student creativity

A memoir of Latino life in the West Valley, colorful photographs of flowers, and a story of a couple coping with advancing age are among the creative works on display in PaloVerde, ASU West’s literary magazine. For the second year in the publication’s nine year history, PaloVerde is being published exclusively in an online format at www.west.asu.edu/paloverde.

“Publishing online allows us to reach a worldwide audience, and it enables us to present...”
Freshmen, from page 1
personal contacts recruitment and
advising staff have had with these
students leave us fairly confident
that the percentage who ultimate
ly enroll will be high.”

The learning community
concept has proven popular with
incoming freshmen. Approxi
mately 85 percent of those not
planning to major in the sciences
have signed up for a learning
community, in which a cohort of
students takes linked classes and
works with an instructional team.

“The large number of
required courses, even in the
freshman year, makes it difficult
for science students to enroll in a
learning community,” Cutrer says.
“However, we’ve added a stand-
one section of the one-credit
student success seminar so that
science majors will share at least
some of the experiences of learn-
ing community students.”

Freshman enrollment may
climb further during the summer,
as staff contact potential students
who have incomplete applications
and admitted students who haven’t
signed up for registration.

The quality of incoming
freshmen is high, according to
Cuter. “About one-third of
registered students were awarded
merit scholarships,” she says.

La Sala project to improve acoustics

Acoustic and sound system
upgrades are under way in La Sala,
with the work scheduled to be
complete by Aug. 6.

“This project should signifi-
cantly improve acoustics for the
types of programs most often held
in La Sala,” says Russ Flaherty,
director of financial and auxiliary
services. “It will improve the
ability of audiences to hear and
understand the spoken word.”

La Sala’s walls are being
reconstructed to reduce sound
reverberations, and an upgraded
sound system is being installed.

Scholarly activities at ASU West

GRANTS

- Kathleen Anderock, recreation
  and tourism management, received a
  grant from the Arizona Office of
  Tourism to assess the impact of
  Glendale’s visitor information fulfill-
  ment program on visitation to Glendale.

- Ron Zambo, education, received an
  Arizona Board of Regents grant for
  “Between the median and the mean,”
  designed to increase teachers’ content
  and pedagogical knowledge related to
data analysis and probability.

PUBLICATIONS

- Shirley Bell, nursing: “Professional
  nurse’s portfolio” in Nursing Administra-
  tion Quarterly.

SERVICE

- Members of ASU West’s Baccalaure-
  at Student Nursing Organization
  (BSNO) participated in the annual
  Special Day for Special Kids, sponsored
  by the Scottsdale Sunrise Rotary Club.
  The group conducted a “play hospital”
  for participating children. Lasca Beck,
  nursing, is BSNO’s faculty advisor.

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Factbook addresses women’s health

Women are 33 percent
more likely than men to die from
AIDS, because treatment usually
begins much later for women.
Recent figures show that nearly
three-quarters of Arizona women
and children requesting shelter
from domestic violence are turned
away due to a lack of beds. These
and other statistics are reported in
the Arizona Factbook on Women’s
Health Issues, developed and
produced by the Partnership for
Community Development (PCD)
in the College of Human Services.

The Factbook compiles
statewide and national data in
categories including reproductive
issues, cancer, heart disease,
musculoskeletal pain, psychological
issues, domestic violence, head-
aches and migraines, and nutrition
and exercise.

“The publication introduces
readers to some of the most
pressing health issues affecting
women,” says John Hultsman,
PCD director.

For a free copy of the
Factbook, call 3-6600.

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“All of us who have worked
with Millie know that she will be
a distinguished college president,
and we wish her every success,”
says Maimon, who will appoint a
search committee this fall to
identify García’s successor as
vice provost.