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# ASU to construct freshman village, renovate MU



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The construction of the Lattie F. Coor Hall building is just one of the re-innovation projects taking place during the summer of 2003.

## Construction part of \$1.5 billion capital development plan

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ASU Facilities Planning and Management officials are working on a series of construction projects designed to accommodate the expected enrollment explosion at ASU.

The growth is estimated to exceed 57,000 next fall on all three campuses combined, university officials said in a report.

As part of ASU's \$1.5 billion Capital Development Plan (CDP), development officials from Adaptive CM Contracting are constructing McAllister Academic Village.

The new residential halls will facilitate the needs of freshman by meshing "living / learning environments through involvement and sense of community," according to Mike Matthews of ASU East food services.

The project expands residential living availability for freshman enrollment this fall that may surpass 6,900. McAllister Village will also

include classrooms and tutorial spaces.

Funding for the project results from residential life income, as well as borrowed money on bonding, Senior Project Manager Richard C. Morehouse said.

"This village will really function as a microcosm of the campus for incoming freshmen," Morehouse added. "It is a new concept that facilitates a significant amount of residential growth...It's our intent to have 10,000 beds available, but it's more likely we'll have about 6,000 as only part of the solution to the problem (increased enrollment)."

In addition, CM Contracting said Phase I of a proposed \$15 million refurbishing of the MU will include the addition new dining options by autumn 2003.

Development officials say the addition of several new restaurants, such as Pandini's Pizza and Salad Eatery, Salsa Rico Fresh Mexican Grill and a remodeled Chick-Fil-A, will give a fresher look to the MU and the Orange Mall courtyard.

"We're energizing Orange Mall with the intent of mak-

ing it into a community," Morehouse said. "It will function as a community center. It'll even have a video wall system."

Morehouse added that first phase renovations are running at \$2.9 million, although developers have yet to determine the number of phases necessary for the \$15 million plan.

Included in the package is the reconfiguration of MU restrooms in the food court and updated furniture.

Developers are also undertaking one of seven major renovation projects aimed at the incoming freshman class.

Currently under construction is the seven-tier Lattie F. Coor Hall, located adjacent to the Stauffer Communication Arts facility on ASU Main.

The project, with an estimated cost of \$ 5.7 million, according to Ted Cary, director of Capital Programs Management Group.

The building is a tribute to former ASU President Lattie F. Coor and will accommodate Asian and Latin American studies, speech and hearing, philosophy and political science

classes.

"It (Lattie F. Coor Hall) is kind of strange because there's going to be a level underground and six above tier," said Craig Carey, SUNDT Construction Inc. contractor.

He added that the facility will be completed by November 2003, and prepped for classes by January 2004.

Additional CDP projects include construction of the \$69 million AZ Biodesign Institute that will provide laboratory and office space for research in neural rehabilitation, genomics and molecular biophysics, according to the plan's executive summary.

The institute will function as a revenue catalyst for Arizona's economy and contribute to the creation of new industries, said the Office of University Initiative's Web page.

Research-driven programs at universities serve as critical engine power for regional economies, the site added.

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## Landmark vandalized; transient arrested

Severe damage done after 23 years of restoration

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Saint Mary's, commonly referred to as the "Old Church" by its numerous members, has been restored over the last 23 years. The need for the restoration hit a new high after the church was vandalized Monday evening.

The building has been a historic landmark in downtown Tempe since the early 1900s. The church celebrated its centennial anniversary earlier this year and is still serving as a stronghold for many local residents.

Amarante Ramirez, a 24-year-old male transient, is being accused of the crime that occurred on Monday, June 2.

Ramirez allegedly entered the church through an unlocked door, said Rev. Nathan Castle, the pastor of the church.

He added the incident "was extraordinary in that it seems he had more than five hours undisturbed." Nathan further explained that the church is usually locked and

it was accidental that it was open.

The damages allegedly caused by Ramirez vary from broken windows to shredded hymnals. Castle revealed that seven stained glass windows were damaged, three severely, including the irreplaceable rose window. The window is just as historic as the church. The woodwork is from the original building and the color of the glass, which has been tainted by the blazing desert sun, is incapable of being perfectly matched.

Along with the windows, hundreds of hymnals were destroyed. Pages were ripped out and scattered throughout the interior of the church. Volunteers spent hours going through each hymnal ensuring that all the pages were intact. Other items damaged included sound equipment, furniture and office material.

Ramirez appeared to be waiting for the police when they arrived on the scene and was arrested on two felony charges.

"He was arrested for aggravated criminal damage," said Tempe Police Sgt. Dan Masters. "When the

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## Judges to decide destiny of smoking ban petitions

Criminal charges against individuals also being pursued

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Judges will be deciding June 23 and 27 if the petitions to get the Tempe smoking ban back on the ballot will be tossed out or if there is need for a 100 percent review of the petitions, according to Kathy Matz, Tempe City Clerk

Consequences for 2,700 duplicates, numerous alleged forgeries and trickery will be decided in court, Matz added.

"Judges are pursuing criminal charges against individuals and paid solicitors," she said.

Nearly 20,000 signatures gathered by the Citizens for

Fair Non-smoking Laws in Tempe were challenged by the discovery of duplicates and alleged forgeries. The Arizonans Concerned About Smoking filed an appeal challenging signatures earlier this year.

"The biggest thing we're going by is that people said their names were forged and [some names were] duplicated," said Leland Fairbanks, smoking ban advocate who conducted the investigations.

During an interview with Fairbanks, he explained how solicitors went about getting their signatures. Solicitors gathered at public places, asking passersby about their feelings toward the smoking ban. If the passerby said he or she liked the ban, the solicitors would allegedly lie about the petition saying it was in support of the ban.



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Although the smoking ban is in effect in Tempe, many people continue to break the law.

Conversely, if the passerby was against the ban, the solicitors would say the petition was for a revote of the ban.

Tempe resident, Karen Blackbird, was one of the

misled. She revoked her signature after discovering the true purpose of the Petitions.

"I was told at that time

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## Title IX makes its mark on Arizona State University

Athletic Department eliminating discrimination

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An associate athletic director of the ASU Athletic Department said it is taking

steps to becoming Title IX compliant, while at the same time making sure not to eliminate any men's athletic programs.

ASU has developed more women's sports such as water polo, while hindering the men's soccer team's attempts to become a varsity sport. They have also balanced scholarships and

shortened the gap between the budgets of male and female coaches. Overall, ASU's relentless enforcement of the 1972 law has led to a total of 45-50 more female athletes at ASU each year that would otherwise not have had a chance to compete.

Title IX, a law adopted in a time period of little oppor-

tunity for women in sports reads, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial

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