Recreation Management Program at ASU’s Tempe Campus
Earns Continuing Accreditation

(Tempe, January 3, 2005) – The National Recreation and Park Association/American Association for Leisure and Recreation (NRPA/AALR) Council on Accreditation has granted continuing accreditation through October 2009 to the Bachelor of Science degree program in recreation management, offered by the School of Community Resources and Development at the Tempe campus of Arizona State University.

The Council commended the program’s administrative leadership at all levels, its comprehensive long-range plan and vision for the future, and the commitment to maintaining a diverse group of faculty members to instruct the program. The School has offered undergraduate education focused on professional preparation for parks and recreation management since 1955. The current program enrolls nearly 300 students and 160 minors focusing on three general areas of study: parks and recreation resources; tourism development and management; and nonprofit leadership and management. A master’s degree in recreation is also offered by the School.

Director Randy Virden noted, “Our faculty is committed to producing the research, community partnerships, and informed graduates that will improve communities and the resources which sustain them. The relevance of our degree programs and scholarly work reaches not only into Metro Phoenix and Arizona but to the world.”

A comprehensive list of accredited programs in recreation, park resources and leisure services education is published in the February 2005 issue of Parks & Recreation magazine, which is the official publication of the National Recreation and Park Association and on the NRPA website www.councilonaccreditation.org.