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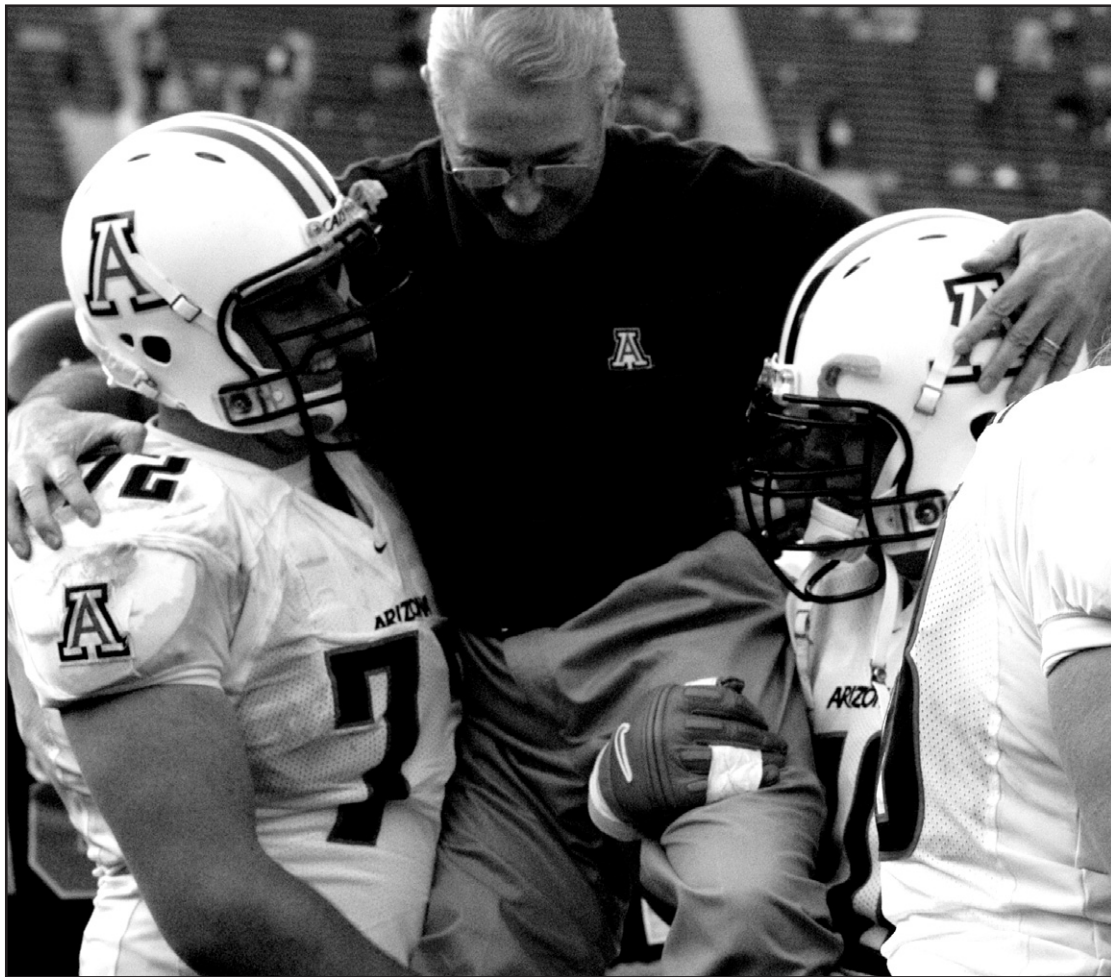
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## UA 52, Cal 41



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Head football coach John Mackovic is elevated by players Tanner Bell, left, and John Parada after the team's 52-41 win over Cal on Saturday. The win came after Mackovic's mid-week pledge to improve his relationship with the team.

## Likins to Mackovic: Work constructively, be humble

BY JOSE CEJA  
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Head football coach John Mackovic will be given a chance to redeem himself, but will have to abide by the "values" of college coaching to the satisfaction of President Pete Likins and athletics director Jim Livengood, Likins said in a statement Friday.

Likins, who met with 41 UA football players last week to discuss concerns about the coach, called on Mackovic to "practice humility in his relationships with others, and work constructively to open all lines of communication."

On Wednesday, Mackovic apologized for his conduct and said he failed to live up to his "own standards." Mackovic said much of the dissatisfaction with his behavior stemmed from com-

ments made after a loss to Wisconsin in September.

"I allowed my emotions to get the best of me," Mackovic said during the press conference.

In the statement, Likins said that while athletic competition places great stress on players and coaches, "abusive or chronically disrespectful behavior of student athletes is totally unacceptable behavior from a college coach."

Mackovic, who Likins credited for swallowing his pride and apologizing for his behavior, understands the importance of "a positive developmental experience for student athletes," but had to be confronted by a contingent of players and Livengood before recognizing his behavioral problems, Likins said.

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## A hard road to victory

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BERKELEY, Calif. — A few days after John Mackovic's players nearly brought him down, they hoisted their coach on their shoulders to celebrate the most improbable development yet in Arizona's dramatic week.

Jason Johnson passed for a school-record 492 yards and threw two of his four touchdown passes to Justin Levasseur as Arizona snapped a six-game losing streak Saturday with a 52-41 victory over California after a near-mutiny by half of Mackovic's team.

Nobody was sure what to expect from the Wildcats (4-7, 1-6 Pacific 10) this weekend after 40 players met with President Pete Likins on Tuesday night to express their distaste for Mackovic's abrasive verbal style and other concerns.

Instead of resigning, as many university insiders thought he would, Mackovic apologized for several mistakes during a tearful news conference. Three days later, the Wildcats played with more life than they've showed all season and scored more points than they managed in the previous four weeks combined in a cathartic, shocking victory.

"They showed unbelievable courage, character, heart, everything," said Mackovic, who got a brief postgame ride on two freshmen's shoulders before hugging athletic director Jim Livengood. "I don't think they'll ever forget this game. It will not necessarily be the biggest victory they ever have, but it's something they'll use as a lesson for a long time."

There was little trace of any bad feelings in the visitors' locker room at Memorial Stadium, where the players led a jubilant cheer that brought tears to Johnson's eyes.

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"We've been through so much this week that we felt like this game was about coming together and playing for ourselves," said Johnson, who broke the school record he set earlier this year despite a bum ankle and several bone-jarring hits. "For a lot of these guys in Division I football, the field is their refuge. You can put everything behind you out there."

Bobby Wade caught 11 passes for a career-high 222 yards as the Wildcats finished strong in a wacky victory over Cal (6-5, 3-4) that included touchdown returns of an interception, a blocked punt and a blocked field goal.

Levasseur, a backup tight end who was one of Mackovic's biggest detractors, caught his first two touchdown passes of the season, including the go-ahead score with 12:37 left. Earlier this week, Mackovic apologized to Levasseur for calling the tight end "a disgrace to his family."

"Coach said this was our game, and we should play for ourselves," said Levasseur, a native of nearby Antioch. "I always try to put on a good show for my family, and they were all here. That's what this game was about."

Though his numbers reflect Arizona's near-complete abandonment of a running game, Johnson had his third 400-yard game of the season, completing 31 of 45 passes. He outplayed Cal star Kyle Boller, who was 22-

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## Weekend highlights volunteerism

BY NATE BUCHIK  
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Nearly 600 UA students volunteered at 28 locations across Tucson on Saturday, pulling weeds, painting houses, dusting tables and talking to Alzheimer's patients, during the annual All-Campus Philanthropy Day.

Members from several clubs including Blue Chip National Honorary, Circle K International and Primus participated, while other students said they just came to give back to the community by volunteering at organizations like the Ronald McDonald House, Handmaker Jewish Services and the Boys and Girls Club.

The day started when volunteers met on campus at 9 a.m. to listen to keynote speaker Rev. Robin Hoover, president of the non-profit organization Humane Borders.

Students were then sent out on seven buses and 10 vans to volunteer

sites.

Some students said they feel it is especially important that students volunteer because of UA's many ties with Tucson.

"It helps people to see how lucky we are that we can even be in college and get a better grasp at what's going on outside of the college world," said communications sophomore Allison Aven.

Even simple tasks that students did, like pulling weeds or dusting tables, made a difference to some organizations because it allowed the full-time workers of the non-profit organizations to do more important services, Project Volunteer director Greg Billings said.

"We're instilling to the students that service is service. It's all beneficial at a higher level," Billings said.

Students worked at their sites for around three hours before returning to

campus for a free celebration with 800 slices of pizza, 1,600 sodas, 650 All-Campus Philanthropy Day T-shirts and one disc jockey.

Twenty-five percent of the costs for the day were covered by donations the Food Bank and other local organizations and the other 75 percent was paid for by UAB.

When they returned from sites, many students said they expected to return next year.

Pre-education freshman Herman Lee remembered his experience at Saguaro National Monument.

"We hiked through the desert all the way up a mountain to pull non-indigenous buffalo grass. In other words, we pulled weeds. It was kind of hard work, but it was fun," Lee said.

Billings said that, as their keynote speaker noted, students learned a lot

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Veterinary Sciences sophomore Sara Churgin speaks with James Mockbee for a service project at the Handmaker Center on Saturday.