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Olson gets 500th UA win after NAU rout

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Twenty years ago today, UA head basketball coach Lute Olson coached his first game at the helm of the Wildcat program when Arizona squeaked by Northern Arizona, 72-65, in McKale Center.

Two decades later, on the same court and against the same opponent, Olson picked up his 500th career win with the Wildcats, a feat matched by just one other basketball coach in school history.

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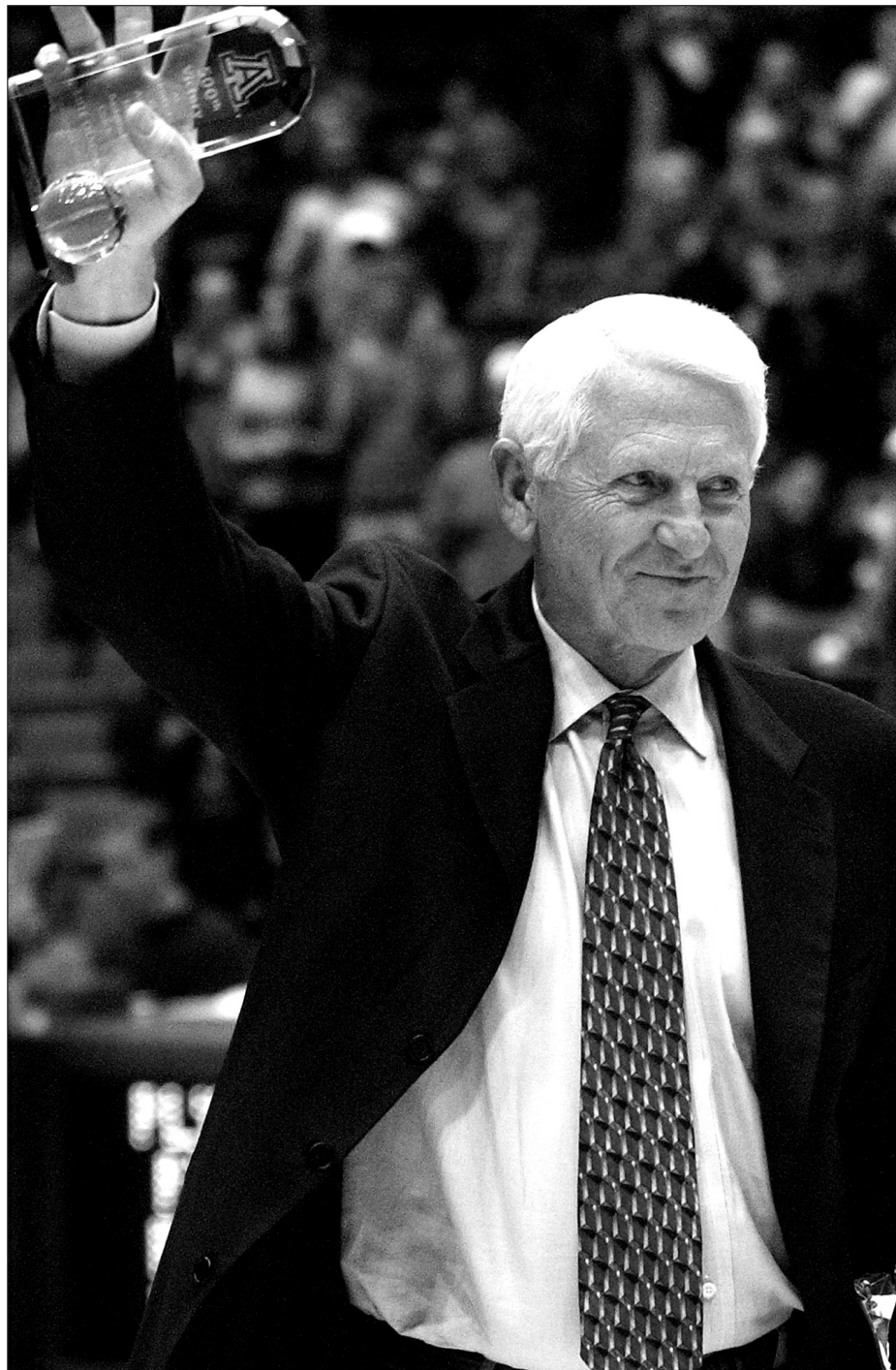
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ries for me and this program."

Olson said he's most proud of his program's ability to stay among the best in the nation.

"I'm happy to be able to be consistent," said Olson, whose teams have won 10 Pacific 10 Conference titles and have made 19 straight NCAA tournament appearances. "When I first came I said, I don't want to develop a team, I want to develop a program."

Athletics director Jim Livengood honored Olson during a brief ceremony



SAUL LOEB/Arizona Daily Wildcat
Head coach Lute Olson holds up an award commemorating his 500th UA win after the Wildcats 107-73 win over Northern Arizona last night at McKale Center. Olson is the second UA basketball coach to achieve the milestone.

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Agencies go after underage drinkers

By Victor Garcia
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City police have made it a point to crack down on underage drinking this semester, and now state agencies have joined forces to embark on their own campaign.

The Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, the governor's office and the Arizona Highway Patrol plan to target underage drinkers in bars and restaurants around the three state universities.

This is the first year the DLLC will work with the governor's office and the highway patrol.

Bars and underage students may be subject to misdemeanor penalties and fines.

Although the DLLC is not specifically targeting college students, it has been made clear that UA students will not be excluded.

"College students are included in the areas; we're just enforcing the statute," said Leesa Berens-Morrison, director of the DLLC. "The best thing I can say about our holiday enforcement is that it's the law. If you're underage, you shouldn't be drinking."

Brandon Sato, a pre-pharmacy freshman, said he doesn't think the crackdown is a big deal.

"There's a lot of underage drinking going around, especially for the holiday when people are going home," he said. "If people are going to do that, they're taking a risk."

Tim Christensen, an engineering physics freshman, said that he thinks the joint effort might deter underage drinkers from going to the bars.

"If they find out, I don't think many people will do it," he said.

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Journalism, comm drop minor degrees due to budget cuts

By Elizabeth Thompson
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Both the communication and the journalism departments have announced plans to temporarily suspend their minor programs in an effort to increase class space for majors.

The journalism department enacted its suspension on Nov. 14, and students had their last chance to declare a communication minor last week.

Both of the minor suspensions, according to each department, come as a result of the massive budget cuts imposed throughout the UA campus in 2001 and 2002.

These budget cuts have limited the amount of faculty within both departments during a time when each has seen dramatic growth.

In the journalism department, student enrollment is over 600 with only five full-time faculty, said Paul Johnson, the journalism academic adviser.

There are 945 majors and 169 minors in the communication department and 10 full time faculty, said Michael Dues, the head of the communication department.

With few faculty members and an increase in students, each department has been forced to offer fewer sections of classes.

Jim Shockey, associate dean of instruction for SBS, said that although communication and journalism have grown faster than Social and Behavioral Sciences had ever expected, they are doing their best to provide for students within the departments.

"The provost office is doing everything they possibly can to help our college maintain the number of courses to meet the demand of student enrollment," Shockey said.

A decrease in available classes has been challenging for communication and journalism students, especially juniors and

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UA students protest McCain's lack of funding for AIDS cause

By Alexandria Blute
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Members of the Student Global Aids Campaign sold \$50 million cookies and \$100 million brownies yesterday to protest Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain's vote to table \$900 million intended to fight the global AIDS pandemic.

Group members, who wore signs reading "McCain, keep your promise: Fight global AIDS," said they hoped the fictitious bake sale would compel the senator to rethink his decision to vote against the funding.

The bake sale was a means of raising awareness in a community that group members said is generally unaware of the global threat AIDS presents.

"People do not read very much about events that occurred there and the state of it, so I don't think you even have to see it first-hand to feel passionately about it," said group member Anandani Nellan, a molecular and cellular biology senior. "If you were to read the health reports of these countries, it would be hard not to take a stand."

The six women who make up the UA chapter of the SGAC, a



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Students march to Republican Sen. John McCain's office in downtown Tucson yesterday morning to protest McCain's voting record on AIDS issues.

nationwide organization, said they are dedicated to raising funds to combat the spread of HIV and AIDS.

The protesters chanted all the way to the door of McCain's downtown office and presented one of the senator's representatives with a letter asking President Bush to set aside even

more funds for the cause.

SGAC members said they hoped McCain would personally send Bush the letter.

In May, President Bush allocated

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