Olson gets 500th UA win after NAU rout

By Brett Fera

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.

“It was great to get my 500th win at Arizona tonight,” Olson said. “It has been a long haul; there have been a lot of games and a lot of great memories 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 are the best in the nation.

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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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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 License 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.

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

By Alexandria Blute

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 passionate 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 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 more funds for the cause.

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There are 945 majors and 110 minors in the communication department and 10 full-time faculty, said Michael Dues, the head of the communication department.

“Each of our faculty members has an increase in students, and all of us have larger classes,” said Dues, who added that the communication department has been forced to temporarily suspend their minor degrees.

Both the communication and 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 advisor.

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