

Law Library just plain ugly building

As I made my daily hike to find my car, parked in the next county as usual, I spotted a monstrosity like no other.

This monstrosity is a \$9.5 million hideous mass of gray is known as the Law School Library.



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I am neither criticizing the law school nor the library's contents. The old library had to be replaced, and no doubt the staff and materials within the library are good reflections of the schools' quality. Rather, my words are directed towards the architectural wizards that created a spectacle comparable to the crowning beauty of the starship *Enterprise*.

Some may claim the building is on the cutting edge of architectural design. I would argue that it will be in style for no more than three months. Since it was completed this summer, ASU is already out of luck. So much for the cover of *Modern Campuses Monthly*.

I am a lover of modern architecture, and I tried to look at every angle of this construction aesthetically. Unfortunately, there just isn't much to love about it.

One side of the deformed mass is a silver oval appendage with a circular window, with a startling resemblance to a half-buried beached whale, starting at Lot 40. Of course, most whales don't have armor plating. This may have been a wise decision, as the armor plating protects against motorists tempted to take pot-shots at future lawyers.

Criticism of Greek system wards parents' opinions

I am writing in regard to Christy Bison's letter to the editor that appeared Oct. 15. Ms. Bison was concerned about the apparent lack of concern exhibited by students on our campus. What Ms. Bison failed to realize is that she is part of the problem, not the solution.

Oct. 15, the day the *State Press* decided to run her article, yet another in a long stream of Greek bashing articles, was coincidentally the first day of Parents' Weekend. Now maybe Ms. Bison's parents didn't care enough about their daughter (with the sprained knee) to attend, so I'll describe a typical family weekend for her.

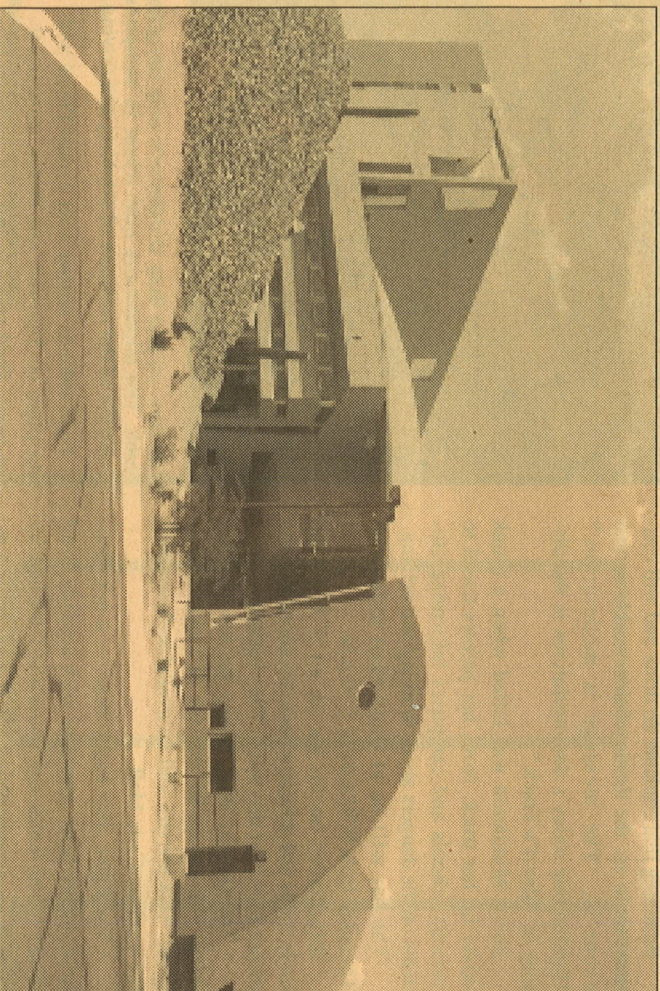
This is the time of year where parents from all over the U.S. come to ASU to reaffirm themselves that their tuition money is being well spent. Upon arrival on campus the parents and their son or daughter might possibly pick up a copy of our school paper to see what the current issues are on campus. They need not look any farther than the front page to see what those top stories are.

Are we as students concerned with increasing enrollment, tuition raises or decreases in class availability? Obviously not, because the only story for the past eight or nine weeks has consisted of nothing more than allegations that the largest student organizations on campus is composed of nothing but elitist, racist, spoiled, winning alcoholics. What kind of message does this send to our parents, local business and the community about ASU?

In response to this, I offer a challenge to Ms. Bison, the *State Press* and my fellow students: If you have any pride in our school, even a little bit, then think before you submit another article belittling our school or our campus organizations — including the Greeks and ASASU. If you have something good to report, then by all means promote it through whatever means you see fit, but if it is negative keep it to yourself.

Now I am going to lower myself to your level, Ms. Bison. If you consider people in the Greek system so shallow, then examine closer your friends who simply get "in the sack" with a sorority girl. As for your major, sociology, it teaches objectivity, a value you obviously do not possess. Maybe you should consider a less opinionated major like museum administration.

Ms. Bison and her fellow authors have succeeded in doing damage again this week, although it wasn't against the group they so adamantly despise, it was against ASU and its students. Remember that, Ms. Bison, next time you're on campus and wonder why the lack of concern is so appalling.



Tragically, this whale-like figure cannot quite see the entire lot because there happens to be a mound of rocks blocking the view.

This waste of space may have been put there for a purpose, but it looks like a mistake. It seems as if the construction company did not have any place to haul the dirt that remained after the dig so they put a bunch of expensive sandstone and saguaro on it to make it look like a work only the finest sculptor could create. They failed.

When you make your way around the building, you see a wall that must have been caused when the architect's protractor slipped. Not only is the wall emulating the Leaning Tower of Pisa,

but its many holes makes it resemble a punch card. For \$9.5 million, one would think they could make a building that stood upright.

It is nice to see the University is recycling, because the windows for the Great Skewed Wall seem to have been made from melted-down Coke bottles. This is about the only part of the building with any appeal at all, so when it collapses maybe they can salvage the glass for the next library.

Proceeding inside, we see a sterile interior that resembles the padded white rooms of insane asylums. Granted, the bright white interior might make it easier to read, but it's about as appealing as disco. It should be highly recommended to

Letters to the editor

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Undergraduate degrees need to be more specific

In December of 1992, we graduated from ASU with our degrees in accountancy. We worked extremely hard to earn such a degree, and we were looking forward to hanging our diplomas on our walls. However, we were sadly disappointed when we received our diplomas and they simply read "Bachelor of Science." Bachelor of Science in what? Basket weaving?

We wrote a letter to Lattie Coor, President of ASU, in May of this year, asking why there was no reference to "Accountancy" on our diplomas. He promptly responded with a letter stating that he understood, but that ASU simply does not state the area of emphasis on its undergraduate diplomas.

We then wrote to him again in June to propose the following. We would incur the cost to have new diplomas printed if Mr. Coor would provide us with the proper wording, the ASU seal, and his signature. Again he responded stating that he understood our disappointment, but that he could not accept our offer to customize our diplomas.

Unfortunately, Mr. Coor obviously does not understand our disappointment. We worked four and a half years, including summer school, and spent thousands of dollars in tuition (in-state and out-of-state) to earn our 3.2 and 3.4 GPAs in accountancy. We hardly think that printing one extra word on our diplomas to recognize our efforts is too much to ask. Whether a student is an accountancy major or any other major, earning a college degree is tough and requires a great deal of time, effort and dedication. We feel that each person should be recognized for their individual achievements.

For those of you who will be graduating soon, or have already graduated, and share our concerns, please write to President Coor or anyone else who may be able to assist us in this matter, so that we can clear up this obvious misunderstanding of our disappointment.

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Real facts of rape need to be better understood

Alan Holcomb's October 13 column makes several reckless generalizations. While I agree that Antioch College's rules of sexual consent seem rigid and potentially problematic, the rates of rapes and violence against women continue to escalate. This is also a growing problem on college campus, one that is very real, and not as Holcomb asserts, a figment of the feminist imagination. Holcomb's belief that, "these types of rules allow and encourage women to relentlessly pursue the *covered* status of victim," (*italics mine*) leads me to doubt whether he has any understanding whatsoever of the female gender.

Holcomb delivers a statistic that one in four women will be raped and attributes it to that vague group, the feminists. Actually, current numbers predict that up to one in three women will be raped in her lifetime. Moreover, feminists can't take credit. These statistics are based on police filings. Should Holcomb ever find time to consult the US Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics for any in the past twenty years, he will see a consistently increasing percentage growth rate of rape. A 1987 UCLA study interviewed college students and found that more than forty percent of the males considered it justifiable to force sex on a female should he buy her dinner.

I encourage Holcomb to visit a women's shelter or a police precinct of any metropolis on any Friday night before he attempts to expound on this subject again. His conclusion oversimplifies and even denies a tremendous problem that is in fact much larger in America than in other industrialized nations. True, our country has a growing rate of other types of violent crimes also. Finally, I say directly to Holcomb who writes, "... if you do not want to have sex with someone, then don't." Thank you for that piece of advice, but perhaps you should invest in a dictionary and look up the definition of rape.

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Question:
"Do you support putting a 'hemp legalization initiative' on the state ballot?"