

# A t h l e t i c s A r t s

## NCAA National Champions!

Softball—7  
Men's Basketball—1  
Baseball—3  
Women's Golf—2  
Men's Golf—1

- In 1997 and 1998, UA had 2 Pac-10 Championship Teams
- In 2000, UA had 4 Pac-10 Champs
- In 2001, UA had 3 Pac-10 titles

Herring Hall was the first gymnasium on campus



## UA has many alumni who are professional athletes, just to name a few...



**NBA**—Richard Jefferson (Nets), Damon Stoudamire (Trailblazers), Michael Bibby (Kings)

**WNBA**—Tatum Brown, Marte Alexander, Bonnie Dove

**MLB**—J.T. Snow (Giants), Trevor Hoffman (Padres), Kenny Lofton (White Sox)

**PGA**—Robert Gamez, Dan Pohl, Mike Cuning

**LPGA**—Annika Sorenstam, Leta Lindley, Chris Johnson

**NFL**—Frank Middleton (Raiders), Marcus Bell (Seahawks), Mile Lucky (Cowboys)

Bear Down gym is where the “nerds” slept when they were kicked out of their residence hall in the movie, “Revenge of the Nerds.”

The UA has long been a major center for arts and culture in the Southwest. Public programs in theater, music, dance and film range from lavish stage productions by international touring companies to programs by visiting artists, faculty, students and the community.



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# It Starts Here

Why was there a wall around the entire U of A campus? Portions can still be seen including the main gate, at University and Park.... To help keep the cows out!

On January 15, 1969, scientists at the UA Steward Observatory began scanning the heavens in search of an elusive kind of star that emitted a repeating pattern of energy bursts. Pulsars, as the stars are called, had been discovered just the year before by scientists using a radio-telescope. A 36-inch telescope located on Kitt Peak, West of Tucson was used in the search.



A new technique developed by a group of researchers at the Arizona Cancer Center opened the door in 1991 for a new generation of drugs that can combat cancer cells in human beings without harming surrounding healthy cells.



Astronomer A.E. Douglass began studying the growth ring patterns in the trees around Flagstaff in 1901. The work led to the establishment of the UA Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research in 1936 where scientists, to this day, use Dendrochronology to find out ever more about the Earth's past climate and history.



## Important People at the U of A Who's Next? You?

Native American artist Fritz Scholder.

Two UA faculty, **Professor Nicolaas Bloembergen** and **Professor Willis E. Lamb, Jr**, are the recipients of the **Nobel Prize**.

Comedian's Garry Shandling and actor Greg Kinnear.

Nine UA faculty, including UA President Peter Likins, are members of the **National Academy of Engineering**.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Achievement: \_\_\_\_\_  
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University of Arizona Music Professor **Craig Walsh** is the 2002 recipient of the **Lee Ettelson Composer's Award**, a prestigious national award.

The University of Arizona has 45 **Regents' Professors** and 18 **Distinguished Professors**.

A 1998 graduate of the University of Arizona, Natalia Komarova, is the winner of the first "Prize for Promise" award. The \$100,000 award is given by the Student Achievement and Advocacy Services in recognition of "young women of exceptional ability, ambition, boldness, brilliance and dedication within their field of expertise."

# Traditions



**Wilbur and Wilma Wildcat:** The first costumed-student mascot, "Wilbur", appeared during the 1959 football season and was an instant hit. Since then, Wilbur Wildcat's appearance has changed significantly. Today, more popular than ever, Wilbur even has a mascot wife: Wilma Wildcat.

**Our Colors:** UA's original colors were sage green and silver.

However, in 1900, student manager Quintas J. Anderson was offered, at an extremely low price, a set of solid blue jerseys trimmed in red. The team needed new jerseys and had very little money, so Anderson accepted the offer. While many shades of the colors have been used over the years, UA's official hues are cardinal red and navy blue.

UA got the name Wildcats because a California reporter said, "they fought like Wildcats," after losing to Occidental.

**"A" Mountain Whitewashing:** Each autumn the beginning of the UA school year is signaled by the re-painting of the "A" by the freshman class. Today, after more than 100 years, "A" Mountain remains a Tucson and Wildcat landmark.



**The First Fight Songs:**

***Fight! Wildcats! Fight!***

Arizona's first fight song was "Fight! Wildcats! Fight!", written in 1929 by Dugld Stanley Holsclaw, class of '25. Holsclaw went on to serve in the state legislature for many years. "Fight! Wildcats! Fight!" was officially introduced by the UA band at the 1930 Homecoming game and was also performed by Rudy Vallee and his orchestra over the NBC radio network that same year.

***Bear Down, Arizona!***

One day in 1952 Jack K. Lee, an applicant for the UA's band directorship, was leaving Tucson by air following an interview with university administration. From his airplane window, Lee observed the huge letters on the roof of the UA gymnasium. Inspired, he began to scribble down the music and lyrics to an up-tempo song. By the time his plane landed, he had virtually finished it. A few weeks later Lee was named the university's band director, andri September of that year, the UA band performed "Bear Down, Arizona!" in public for the first time. Soon thereafter, "Bear Down, Arizona!" became accepted as UA's fight song.

The first graduating class was 1895; there were three graduates: 2 women and 1 man.

**Ringling of the U.S.S. Arizona Bell:** *The preservation of the U.S.S.*

*Arizona bell in the tower is dedicated to the memory of the men who lost their lives on the battleship Arizona in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. This bell is one of the two original bells salvaged from the U.S.S. ARIZONA in 1941. In 1944, Wilber L. Bill Bowers, UA Class of 1927, discovered this bell about to be melted down at the Puget Sound Naval Yard in Bremerton, Washington. The bell was installed in this clock tower on August 16, 2002. This bell is to be rung seven times on the third Wednesday of every month at 12:07 p.m. to honor the achievements of the University of Arizona and its community.*

# A t t e n t i o n

To all incoming freshman,

*These upcoming years at the U of A are going to be one of the most incredible experiences in your life. As three graduating students we wanted to give you the information we wish we would have had as freshman.*

*During a class discussion we discovered that there are many things to be proud of as a Wildcat, and that many students cruise through their four years without ever seeing, doing, or realizing them. So here it is four fabulous pages of why you should be proud of your decision to attend the UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA.*

UA's fight song, "Bear Down Arizona" came after UA's star quarterback, John "Button" Salmon, was seriously injured in a car accident. He said, "Tell the team to bear down!"

Things to DO before YOU graduate!

- } Learn and sing the words to 'BEAR DOWN'
- } Shake Wilbur and Wilma's paw.
- } Sit on the steps of OLD MAIN and watch the sunset.
- } Live on CAMPUS
- } Visit the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum
- } Buy and wear an UA T-shirt
- } Meet your DEAN (they are friendly)
- } Attend the HOMECOMING PARADE
- } Eat a piece of pie on MT. LEMON
- } Go to a sporting event and chant U OF A
- } Stroll down 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- } Hike SABINO CANYON
- } Cruise SPEEDWAY
- } Join a CLUB
- } GO to a PLAY, DANCE or MUSICAL SHOW
- } Spend an afternoon on the mall (not at the mall)
- } Eat candy and go on a ride at Spring Fling
- } Brave an ARIZONA MONSOON (ask a local for guidance)
- } Flaunt the Arizona pride against all rivals (A S WHO?)



Somewhere there is a 'rule' that says that all of the buildings on campus have to be at least 80% red brick.