

Paper Wins Suit To Obtain Documents

CH--After winning their legal battle with the University of Arizona over the release of internal investigation documents, two UA student newspaper staff members are still waiting to hear if the University must also pay their \$20,000 in legal fees.

A Pima County Superior Court judge ruled that as a state agency, the UA administration couldn't withhold transcripts from its probe of an athletic department slush fund. The University conducted the investigation last fall and issued a report November 11 but refused to give the student newspaper, the *Daily Wildcat*, copies of the investigating committee's transcripts. *Wildcat* Editor Judy Dunwell and reporter Phillip Matier then sued to obtain those documents.

The transcripts and the hearing in which they were obtained, produced several important new developments in the ongoing story of the athletic slush fund, which was first revealed during the trial of former UA football coach Tony Mason for misusing state money. The University failed to mention allegations of

a current slush fund in its official report, says Dunwell. The report also neglected to mention that the former UA athletic director confirmed previous allegations that current Athletic Director David Strack knew of the fund's existence, she adds.

"And the transcript showed that Fred Snowden, the basketball coach, was not very cooperative in the investigation, and in fact, threatened to sue the committee," says Dunwell. Snowden has since announced he will resign as coach this spring to take a UA athletic administration post.

After a University-requested delay, the hearing was held in mid-December, when the *Wildcat* had stopped publishing for the semester. To accommodate news revealed in the hearing, the newspaper published a special four-page "Extra," using contributions from faculty and newspaper staff members to pay for printing. We printed about 5,000 copies - our normal press run is 22,000 - and we realized later we should have printed five times that many," Dunwell says. "They were all gone by 10:30 that morning and people came in all day begging for copies."

The students' attorney, Brian Muldoon, has asked the court to order UA to pay his legal fees, says Dunwell, and a decision is expected shortly. She is optimistic the University will be forced to pay. "Otherwise, it will be a personal debt for myself and the other reporter," Dunwell says. "We had to sue as individuals since the *Wildcat* itself is part of the University."

New Opportunity For Student Writers

CH--A new national magazine, specifically aimed at "literate, intelligent, high school students," offers publication possibilities for college writers.

Highwire, published by National Community Services Inc. (P.O. Box 948, Lowell, MA 01853), runs general interest news pieces, features and humorous articles aimed at 14 to 19 year-olds, says Editor Ed Miller. "We saw a need for a national magazine for students that addressed them as mature, intelligent people, rather than pimply-faced, immature kids," says Miller. "There just wasn't a magazine in that category."

Highwire is about 70 percent student-written, and includes a regular feature, First Person Freshman, written by a college freshman about life at his or her particular school. "Our secondary goal is to provide an outlet for student writers," Miller says. "It's extremely difficult for young writers to get published these days."

Highwire was first published in May of 1981 and has appeared twice since then. The goal is to publish four times during the school year. It is currently distributed through mail subscriptions, some limited news-stand sales and through fund-raising subscription sales by high school and college groups. Highwire's publisher, NCS, is a national fund-raising company that works with school organizations to raise money primarily through magazine subscription sales, says Miller. Highwire currently has an actual distribution of 80,000 to 100,000. Exact paid circulation figures were not available.

Student writers are encouraged to submit query letters and obtain a sample copy of the publication before submitting articles. A sampling of the editorial content of the most recent issue includes stories on sexual equality in high schools, the Guardian Angels, schizophrenia, video games, a new performing arts high school in Chicago, the Ku Klux Klan Youth Corps and its recruiting efforts and pro and con perspectives on working for the CIA.

FSU Planetarium First Show

The FSU Planetarium held its first public show this past weekend.

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