**Mesa Co-Sponsor With Grand Junction High In Slope Journalism Conference Saturday**

**Goldiggers Slated For Saturday Night**

The social highlight of the spring quarter will be a formal dance Sunday night. Entitled "Goldiggers Ball," this annual affair is traditionally sponsored by the Associated Women Students of Mesa.

"Goldiggers" is exactly what the members of this group are, for they are the women of Mesa who find the men of their dreams in the form of dancers to dance around in a whirl in a "Radiotonic Wonderland" to the music of the Town Meeting Band from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

If the dates have their dates, there will always be a wonderful time at "Goldiggers," so, gals, let's make this the biggest dance of the year said Gwen Bacon, AWS president.

Veterans or married students are cordially invited to bring their wives to the ball. Boys who are going steady with girls not in Mesa College may contact Gwen Bacon or Mary Lou Platt to have invitations sent. Alumni are also invited to attend.

Tickets at $1.00 per couple may be obtained from Carolyn Ayers and Mary Lou Platt. Tickets may also be bought at the door.

Mary Lou Platt was chosen as over-all hostess for the dance. The committee members are: programs and tickets, Carolyn Ayers and Maxine Thomas; refreshments, Janet Plyman and Maxine Reynolds; entertainment, Peggy Prevot and J. S. Gunderson; decorations, Joan Chiodo, Nelda Littlefield, and Eleanor Butner; publicity, Wilma Height and Joan Oliver; orchestra, Frankye Brezoni and Glenda Wilson (Rhythm Masters).

**Mistler Appointed To Vice Presidency**

Replacing Tom Worster as vice-president of Mesa College student body is Marilyn Mistler, sophomore student from Grand Junction. Miss Mistler's appointment was ratified at Wednesday's meeting of the council following announcement by ASB president Wayne Cheedle.

She will assume duties of the office immediately and continue in the position the remainder of the spring quarter. Her appointment to one of the general offices follows a policy laid down earlier this season when it was decided that all offices for the year would be appointed by the ASB president, with council approval, after a hot discussion, approved, by a slim margin, a motion to permit the president to appoint, with council approval, a new ASB treasurer.

Because of a constitutional amendment voted by the student body since then legalizing this procedure of appointment, Cheedle's action was unquestioned and Miss Mistler's approval was unanimous.

**CONFERENCE PREPARATION—Left to right: Jim Brouse, Carol Gross and Miss Lillian Larson of Grand Junction High School and Gale Speer of Mesa discuss plans for the first Western Slope Journalist Conference to be held at Grand Junction High School this Saturday, April 14. Criterion photo by Warren Barker.**

**Mesa Bible Study Group Formed: To Meet Every Monday Evening**

A Bible study group has been organized on the campus for interested students for all denominations. The group meets each Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the small lounge of the dormitory.

At each meeting there is a short passage from one of the Gospels for discussion. Though this incident from the life of Christ is the springboard, the questions and comments range far afield from the original passage. The object is, however, for the student to see how Christian teachings can be a help in everyday life and to help him find answers to some of the doubts and uncertainties he may have.

The meetings are planned for one hour, and anyone hard pressed by term papers, math assignments, history reading, etc., is free to leave at 8:30. Usually, however, some students who have further ideas to air linger for a while longer. Students who don't know much about the Bible and do not seem to get much out of reading it for themselves, try attending one of these informal sessions, where everyone feels free to bring up questions and express his views.

The Bible study group has no formal organization, no officers and no business meetings. All the time is spent in discussing the topic chosen for that particular meeting. Miss Margaret Arbenz is sponsor of the group.

**Untermeyer To Appear Here Today**

Mesa college students and the public are invited to a reception for Louis Untermeyer, America's foremost poetry anthologist, to be given by the English department at 3:30 this afternoon in the economics living room.

Untermeyer is in town in connection with the Town Meeting lecture series tonight at 8:00 in the Mesa auditorium, which is one of the outstanding cultural events in Western Colorado this week.

This afternoon's reception will include many of the students of Untermeyer's many works is invited to bring it for autographing.

Untermeyer is a keen wit and penetrating philosophy, the author-poet-anthologist is one of the most popular public speakers in the United States today. His poetry analysis has been used in numerous college and high school

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**BULLETIN**

Oren Williams, co-editor of the Mesa and College Criterion and several other persons miraculously escaped serious injury in a two-car accident west of Grand Junction early Sunday morning. The car in which Williams and three others were riding apparently struck the rear of another vehicle which carried two persons. The road was taken to a hospital for examination, the victims were released suffering only shock and minor head injuries.

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**Unedited Notes for Untermeyer**

The conference, the first of its kind, was initiated to help solve some of the problems confronting high school publications departments. The journalism cab is being staged at Grand Junction because it is considered center point of the Western Slope. The state wide conference at Colorado University proved to be too far a distance for some of the smaller schools. It is hoped that the new conference will turn into an annual affair.

Activities are scheduled to begin with registration at 9 a.m. with pre assembly in the auditorium for the opening address by Grand Junction principal Robert James, followed by a speech conference plans by Miss Larson, who will be in the auditorium at the general session.

Ray Kelly, KFXJ-TV news editor, is the keynote speaker, "Journalists Responsibility in Today's World," immediately after Mr. James' address. His talk will be followed by short speeches by the addressing, symposiums and panel discussions.

The conference is to be closed at 12:10 when the journalists will take time out for lunch. Lunch $1.00 will be charged for lunch, which also will cover all the morning and afternoon refreshments.

**Afternoon Activities**

The afternoon activities will include rotating discussion groups, symposium and panel topics. Each member of the conference will have a chance to sit in on two of these discussion groups, which will cover every phase of the subject. Five one-minute symposium speeches will be given by journalism students of Mesa, Western State, and Grand Junction High. The remaining speakers of the same group will attend the conference to give ideas on subjects and questions that may present problems to the high school journalists.

Abbott Fay, director of publications at Mesa, and Bill Lewis, director, will give evaluation speeches on the conference as a whole, which will wind up the afternoon.

Also included in the afternoon business is conducted tours of the Mesa and Colorado College studio.

Subjects that will be covered in the conference are editing a commercialized school paper, editing a yearbook, the mimeographed paper, managing financial aspects of school publications and operating a school news bureau. These are the main topics with each listing several subtopics to be discussed.
Editorials ... 

Candidates Should Have Solid Platforms

Let's hope that reasonable campaign programs and sensible proposals will be presented to the voters amidst next week's electioneering ballyhoo. It may be fine to have the most popular candidate on a slate or to offer the biggest lollipops to constituents before holding open meetings next Friday, but the student-in-the hall is aware that problems have come up during the past year which clamor for solution.

It isn't an easy job on the part of the various candidates to sit down and draft a good, workable platform which has the dual purpose of attracting votes; but it is a vital job. The students at Mesa are not, for the most part, ignorant of what's happening in school; they are concerned about solving problems for next year.

These candidates will attract the most votes who propose the best solutions and give evidence of good ability to carry out their promises on (a) constitutional revision, (b) freshman initiation (c) improving student participation in school activities, (d) ways of improving governmental efficiency, (e) several other hot issues. Generally speaking, the results of the up-coming primary election will be decided this week in the many caucuses and platform-drafting meetings of the different candidates.

We suggest that all the candidates choose their political ground with care.

Famed Pogo, Candidate For President

Knowing that each candidate must have a platform and some pertinent issues, a reporter was dispatched on a Pogo-to-Pogo interview.

Pogo: Ya-aa (puffing on the wrong end of a cigar).

Reporter: What is your platform?

Pogo: Green mahogany.

Reporter: Do you have an issue for the coming ASB elections?

Pogo: Ya-aa (puffing on the wrong end of a cigar).

Reporter: You mean the Centennial should improve its status?

Pogo: Ya-aa (puffing on the wrong end of a cigar).

Reporter: No, you just ast me if I had an issue?

Pogo: Ya-aa (puffing on the wrong end of a cigar).

Reporter: I-er-see. But how do you plan to overpower your chief opponent, President Eisenhower, without a definite cause?

Pogo: Ya-aa (puffing on the wrong end of a cigar).

Reporter: Ya-aa (puffing on the wrong end of a cigar).

Reporter: Yes, I was reared in the Swamp's and I's a born mud-flinger.

Reporter (changing the topic): What gimmick are you going to use to get the voters?

Pogo (munching on donut, bones clink—clank): I'm glad you brung that up. We'll make promises; we'll tell lies; we'll make the Pendergrass machines look like toys! (Excitedly blows wrong-side-out bubble with his Double Bubble Gum).

Reporter: (bored): Oh, I see.

Pogo: We'll move the "shack" onto the campus. We'll hold college dances past midnight on Saturday. We'll divert the Colorado River water to Russia! We'll—

Reporter (excited): You have tangible issues. Go on please.

Editor’s Note:
The object of this editorial is to exemplify the fact that all candidates in the upcoming school elections should have a definite platform.

Maverick Gym Site For Wrangler Dance

A square dance festival, being sponsored by the Maverick Wranglers, will be held April 28, in the Maverick College gymnasium. Square dances of all kinds will be called with clubs and students from the Western Slope being invited to attend and enjoy an evening of fun.

Among some of the local helpers backing this new club is the "Vampires," a square dance club from Grand Junction, "The Circle Eight," a square dance club from Paonia, and the "Callers Club" from Palisade.
Szymanski Says Governments Ought to Become Civilized

In Keynote to IRC Delegates

"Are we really making progress on the road to civilization?" asked Dr. Peter Szymanski, in a featured address before the delegates to the Annual Western Slope Construction Conference here at Mesa Saturday morning. And he went on to insist that governments have not yet taken "the final step of institutionalization that their people have.

At the conference besides the host, Dr. Szymanski, four resolutions from the Western Slope high schools were adopted. The resolutions included: "A World Safe for Mankind.

Denouncing what he called "national sovereignty in international relations," Dr. Szymanski explained that much of the "confusion and chaos" in today's world is the result of "78 nations acknowledging no higher authority" and so expressing "very little moral restraint" in their dealings with one another.

Speaking from a personal knowledge of the Russian people, the professor affirmed his belief that the Russian people are a good people, a moral people, a Christian people. Only the government has left civilized methods, he emphasized. "The idea that the people cannot tolerate the magma of morality on their government should not be allowed to continue."

Dr. Szymanski likened war to a football game which has left the playing field and is creating havoc among the spectators in the grandstand. It ignores the referee and the rules of the game. Under such conditions, he pointed out, people work over recognize the outdating of war and want to have done with it. Individuals have long since abandoned a way as a way to settle their disputes: why haven't nations done the same thing?

Wars have changed, but our thinking about them hasn't. Will you insist on modern thinking about war," queried Dr. Szymanski. "War is nothing but a brutal business of taking sides against each other."

The professor thought that we, as Americans, have not been sufficiently educated in world policy to demand our government to announce what national policy that would provide the leadership for the free nations of the world look to us.

Calling on the students at the conference for action, Dr. Szymanski said, "Your government needs your understanding. It would like to hear from you, for fortunately your government still listens to the people."

He pointed out that the United States is the leader in an experiment in democracy — an experiment which has not yet been successfully concluded.

Abbot Fay, social science in instructor at Mesa High School, in a brief summary address at the close of the conference, said that the need for universal education as an answer to one of the many problems involved in creating a "World Safe for Mankind."

**Mesa's Track Squad Has Tough Schedule**

Although not enough practice sessions are under its belt to make any pre-season indication, Mesa Maverick track aggregation is preparing for one of its toughest seasons in years.

According to Coach Wayne Nelson, Mesa should field participants in all but one event, high jump. Twelve aspirants are presently thinking to make the squad.

Included on Mesa's track slate is the Brigham Young University Invitational meet, April 21. "The Maverick "water skaters" are to enter a triangular meet at Gunnison. Other events featured in the meet at Western State B team and Ft. Carson Army outfit.

High spot for the season, also the conclusion, is the Empire Jun-ior College circuit thridced meet which Mesa hosts on May 12. It will mark the first time in several years that the Mavs play the role of hosts in the classic.

**Moyer Elected to Treasurer Office State F.T.A. Meet**

A state-wide spring convention of all college F.T.A. Chapters was held at the University of Colorado last weekend, electing Ralph Moyer, a member of the State F.T.A. Executive Board, Paul Shilow, President of Mesa's Chapter, and Jim Walton. Bern-ard Shaw, Norma Campbell, Mary Fuller, La Rue Brown and Don Szymanski all of Mesa were among students who participated.

**Brinker Is Entered in President Race**

Posing in his hat as another presidential candidate is Dale Brinker. A ten-year resident of Mesa County, Dale was graduated from Grand Junction High School last year and has attended Mesa for the past two quarters.

An active participant in school activities since enrolling at Mesa, Dale is president of the band organization and a member of Home-lets and Phi Theta Kappa. He is currently in the spring quarter play production, Lost Horizon. A four-star thespian in Drama Club activities, Brinker is a member of the Grand Junction High School Drama Club and is also vice-president of the Colorado State Congregational Youth Group and in past president of the Western Slope Association of that group.

For his musicianship in the high school band, Dale was made a member of the all-state band as a tuba player.

At the time of announcing Brinker, Dale also won an award for being the outstanding freshman chemistry student and is currently vying for state-wide honors in this field. Panning to attend Fort Lewis College, Brinker plans on joining the Western Slope Association once he becomes a member of the band organization.

**Johnson Heads 'Movocrats' Ticket**

Orval Johnson, 26-year-old Air Force veteran from Kit Carson, heads the "Movocrats" — one of the tickets that has nominated a platform for tomorrow student body election at Mesa College.

Among Orval's running mates include Gale Speer of Central, vice-presidential candidate; Frank Keyes, president; Kassig, treasurer and Beth Baugman, Grand Junction, a potential secretary.

Orval is attending Mesa as an electrical engineering major. Through his first two quarters at Mesa he has maintained a better than "A" average.

Following his graduation from Kit Carson High School, where he played baseball and basketball, worked on the school paper and yearbook and was vice-president of his junior class, Orval took up farming for five years.

At 25 he entered the Air Force, where he became a guided missile technician. Later in his service was stationed in De Moines and is presently employed by KFXJ-TV.

Johnson is swimming, skiing, philosophizing and photog-rapery.

A Mesa Coop took a classmate with her from college for spring vacation — an extremely attractive blonde and introduced her to her family, including her great-grandfather. "And just think, Jane," she said, "he's in his nineties!" "My early nineties," the old gent amended, with a gleam in his eye.

Since arriving at Mesa last fall, Orval has been busy in activities of both curricular and extra-curricular nature. Besides his excel-lent showing in engineering courses, Orval has been engaged in the Veteran's Club activities, where he served as treasurer and has served on this year's student council as Associated Men Students representative.

**Wilson Campaigns for S.B.A. Prexy**

Being one of the candidates going into the presidential pri-mary, Don Wilson feels that each candidate must have definite is-sues to his platform.

Vice-president El Toro, co-founder of the all-college chill suppers, and a member of the Constitutional committee, Don suggests that each student watch the posters of all the candidates and make that part of his judgment.

Don, a pre-med student, has spent almost half of his life in Grand Junction and is a gradu­ate of Grand Junction High School. While in high school he was junior class president, an officer in Boys League and the head photographer. He has been an officer in De Moines and is presently employed by KFXJ-TV.

These days, Don is swimming, skating, philosophizing and photog-rapery.
Baseball Starts: Mesa Wins Two

Lou Grasso Says . . .

"Let's Talk Sports"

Come the middle of April each year, baseball fans throughout the nation are looking forward to the start of their favorite sport. In Mesa, as in most places, it's a time of great expectations. But the first games, it seems, are always a bit of a letdown. When Mesa students go to the polls in a primary which will eliminate all but the top two nominees for each office. The final election will be held May 4.

Mavericks Have Easy Time With Utah Nine

Twin wins marked the opening of Mesa College's 1956 diamond campaign as Bus Bergman's charges romped over Carbondale College Eagles Friday and Saturday by 12-3 and 12-4 conquests. All hands making up the Mesa squad were tested in the two-game series.

Mavericks took full advantage of a second-inning lapse on the part of Carbon Friday afternoon as they romped to an 11-3 win.

Maverick Rally

Eleven Mavericks strode to the plate in the second, and nine made a complete round of the bases to build up an improbable 9-0 lead. Bruce Palmer, left gardener, blew the game wide open with a bases loaded single to send the first two runners home. Jim Moore and Jim Wilson also helped build the big inning. Deciding factor of the rally was Carbon's spotty play during the inning. Seven errors, four passed balls and two walks made possible the Maverick count.

Vaughn Shell pitched scoreless ball throughout his five-inning stint on the mound. Vaughn racked up eight strikeouts and issued two hits and a walk.

Don Lobato, pitcher, came on in the ninth, but handled a bit of control difficulty in the eighth. Cool stuff was in order with a bases loaded single to send Linkletter in for the game winning hit.

The Mavericks totaled 10 hits in the two-game series. Cleveland was 2 for 2 at the plate. Linkletter was 4 for 5, but was not credited with a hit. Lou Grasso, Warren Barker and Sam Eyre each had three hits.

Mavericks Entertain Western State Team

Mesa's Mavericks meet Western State's power Wolf Pack Friday and Saturday by 12-3 and 12-4 conquests.

Bus Bergman's squad, winner of the opening games over Utah, are in a doggie header of seven innings each, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Western State team has played eight games this year while in New Mexico on tour. A dorm crew is coached by Duke Barrett.

Coach Bus Bergman says that this game will be a very good one, it should give the boys competition and plenty of practice.

Elective Committee Tells Council Plans

Besides a gentle but firm "no" to Stepperette requests for letters awards and the approval of a new vice-president for the student body. Wednesday's meeting of the student council found time to discuss election plans and restrictions on student activities.

The election committee announced that a meeting would be held for all candidates and campaign managers to explain election plans and restrictions. The meeting will take place Thursday night at 8:00.

Senior Circuit

The senior circuit will be weaker this year. It is hard to see how this can be. St. Louis, Minn's return should see the Cardinals fly high again. Brooklyn . . . punch at the plate but Joe's got a sore arm and Podres is pitching for Uncle Sam.

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