NEW CONSTITUTION GETS STUDENT COUNCIL OK

by G. R. Kirham, Managing Editor

Student Balloting Set for April 18

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Letters To The Editor

Dear editor:

At the last meeting of Student Council, they demonstrated their ignorance of mind by passing the new Mesa College constitution. Only two Council members voted against it.

Under the present constitution, the new one will have to go before a vote of the Student Body.

The new constitution is a strong constitution. Stronger than the present constitution. I feel that it would be a great thing if the Student Body would reread this good piece of work.

The only reason that I am writing this letter is that if this constitution passes, we should remember that many students helped put it out and not just one individual.

There is no such thing as a personal victory. However, there is such a thing as a personal defeat.

What will it be? a group victory or a personal defeat?

Colin Mitchell

City Council of Mesa College

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Critical of the present government?

You write of a system of government where mistakes might conceivably be disregarded. This system is precisely what is not wanted. The present constitution is what is called a "catastrophe" and misleads the people. They can do little damage. Still, the opposition is strong. The opposition is present.

The policies and activities of the students on this campus can have only a limited effect. It is a good place to make mistakes, but do not let them happen. The examples of literary garbage which have been served up as "classics" during the past two years, are suspicious and I am not ready to explain away for a vote of the Student Body.

If the laws were legally enforced, might force parents to be responsible for the children. This would be a victory for all people who believe in a government of all elected officials. This opposition comes from some of the oldest quarters, too. Why are some people—some who should know better—afraid of having a government responsible to the voters? Will this necessitate creating an "impossible" government?

Yes, Mr. Faye, Circle K might capture control of the government under the new constitution. But, if it is approved, at least they will have to start all over again.

Now You Must Decide

The new constitution which you will be called to vote upon very soon represents a great step forward in student government at Mesa College. It is the end result of more than three years of study of what student government should be.

While it seeks to institute some of the ideas used in our own federal government, it also seeks to avoid some of the more obvious faults found in that government. Perhaps we should state some of these faults found in our government.

One of the more obvious faults found in our government is that the courts are as much to blame as any other factor because they all too frequently take an unrealistic view of either the criminal or the crime.

This was illustrated in Grand Junction recently when the press attempted to secure permission to use the name of a convicted juvenile delinquent who also was a fugitive. The judge in question would grant this permission on the grounds that it might embarrass or have adverse effect on the youth's family.

This seems to be rather absurd reasoning, carrying "protection of the innocent" to ridiculous extremes. It further serves to constitute recognition that a juvenile delinquent's family and parents are neither legally nor morally responsible for his acts in any way. Quite often this type of justice, we inherit it from our parents. Such laws are ridiculous by their very need. Perhaps there would be nothing to punish if the laws made parents legally and morally responsible for their offspring. Such a law, if enforced, might force parents to be a little more serious that what is called "cute" at the age of six can be terribly embarrassing at sixteen.

Opposition to the proposed new constitution seems to be strongly centered around a government of all elected officials. This opposition comes from some of the oldest quarters, too. Why are some people—some who should know better—afraid of having a government responsible to the voters? Will this necessitate creating an "impossible" government?

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Coffee Break

by Gaylord Kirkham

I don't like work, responsibility, taxes, overly ambitious governments, atomic energy, diagraming sentences as a method of teaching English, any of the tenets of contemporary society which include a new generation. People even if you don't like them and opening doors for females who are obviously in good health and perfectly capable of opening it themselves. On the other hand, I love going for weeks without shaving, smoking, good beer, sex, baseball, comic books, Hemingway, Huxley, Nab "KING" Cole. Why am I not a beatnik? Because I can't stand poetry. Poetry is like the Bible. People never decide it. They wish, not what they wish, but what they wish.

This is in response to a number of reviews of poems by Poe, Whitman, and Eliot which I've read recently. One of the most frequently used terms runs similar to this: "the reader is buoyantly carried out of doors into the strongly centered around a government of all elected officials. This opposition comes from some of the oldest quarters, too. Why are some people—some who should know better—afraid of having a government responsible to the voters? Will this necessitate creating an "impossible" government?

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Women Without Purpose

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following are the opinions of one individual and do not necessarily coincide with those of this paper.)

We believe, however, that there is much food for thought in the following statement:

Women have lost their place in society today. Time was when a woman knew what was expected of her, and even went without it, without asking the question as to the value of her contributions. Today, after 98 years of struggle, a few women have come upon the original idea that women are not a "higher place in society than being what society says they are." Even today has not fully run its course. The present woman, the modern girl, who, after all, is merely a product of the educational system and modern thinking, has not yet been able to see clearly the benefits of her new role.

Family, once the most important and primary position of a woman, has been removed from her. And have you any idea how difficult it is to change basic concepts of the role of a woman? Even the most radical thinkers in the field of sex roles have agreed that it is not easy to change the idea of what a woman is and what she should do. To do what they have always done, without any real thought of what they should do, is a very difficult task. But, if one can be convinced of the validity of their new roles, then it is not too difficult to change their ideas of the role of the woman.

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As women come more and more into these alien positions, they get mail, open their letters, and share in the experiences of others without any real idea of what these experiences are or what they mean to others. They may change their ideas of the role of the woman, but they will not change their ideas of the role of the man. The woman who denies her rightful position in the world and the woman who accepts her rightful abode, the home, may as well be considered equal. Motherhood, once the most important and primary position of a woman, has been removed from her. And have you any idea how difficult it is to change basic concepts of the role of a woman? Even the most radical thinkers in the field of sex roles have agreed that it is not easy to change the idea of what a woman is and what she should do. To do what they have always done, without any real thought of what they should do, is a very difficult task. But, if one can be convinced of the validity of their new roles, then it is not too difficult to change their ideas of the role of the woman.

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Nearly 500 Prep Stars To Compete in Mesa College Meet

Coaches from about 30 western Colorado and eastern Utah high schools will bring nearly 500 track and field contestants to the annual Mesa College high school invitational track meet Saturday, April 9.

Schools which had entered teams early this week are listed below, along with their coaches and the number of participants: Norwood, Duane Edwards, 12; Fruita, Jack Pollock, 18; Grand Valley, Duane Jackson, 6; Rifle, Gordon R. Cooper, 20; Carbon (Prince, U.), Bill Jamesson, 20; Meeker, Gary A. Eyre, 15; Cordendale, Alvin Darlen, 13; Glenwood Springs, N. J. Stubler, 25; Vail, Norm, 12; Basalt, Marv Sel, 8; Central, Bill Korveritz, 32; Grand Junction, Mickey Dunn, 20; Gaze, Glen, 25; Snowmass Springs, David Tellrit, 20; Paonia, Gary Noddings, 20; Hotchkiss, Clifford Votzke, 15; Crawford, Charles Hamby, 12; Cedaredge, Jack Kehmeier, 21; Montrose, Arthur Miller, 25; Grand, Mike Mar, 25; Basalt, Juan (Blanding, U.), Neldon Costner, 12; Moffat County (Craig), Herbert Ramey, 15; Ridgway, J. Q. Donahoe, 15.

Besides the track and field competition among the high schools, the day's events will include exhibition contests among some of the track and field stars from Brigham Young University and Mesa College. Each high school team is expected to bring its own cheering section.

These events include the sprints, 440-yard run, mile, pole vault, high jump, javelin, discus, shot put, and hurdles.

The competition will be the first of the season for Coach Jim Davis' promising crew.

Mesa To Host JC Invitational On April 16

The first annual Mesa College invitational track and field meet will be held in the Lincoln Park Stadium April 16.

Six teams have already entered: the meet, and three other schools are possibilities. Teams coming are: Pueblo, Port Lewis, Carbon, Snow, Weber and College of Southern Utah. Hopefuls are Trinidad, Delta, and Glenwood Springs. N. J. Stubler, 25.

Field events will be held in the morning along with several race trials.

Besides the regular field events, shot put, discus, pole vault, high jump, javelin, the javelin will also be thrown. Time for the javelin will be 1 1/2 minutes.

Admission will be charged and help will be needed in the baseball field during the meet.

Other events for competition will be the 100- and 220-yard dashes, 880-yard relay, mile run, 440-yard dash, the two-mile run and the mile relay.

Competition promises to be keen, and a trophy will be awarded to the first place team. Individual ribbons will be given to the first five places.

Mavs Open Baseball Slate With Two Wins Over Carbondale

Chuck Chamberlain and Bill Franks, possessors of perfect batting records after each appeared in the second game of the Saturday doubleheader at Carbon, lead Mav hitting early this week, collecting five hits.

Both Chamberlain and Franks, each with a pair of triples, and Eldon Miller, owner of two doubles, lead the slugging. Chamberlain took a 2-0 lead in the second inning of the first game and went on to whip the Eagles 5-3. In the second game, Mesa collected 16 hits in a 19-2 romp over Carbon. Chamberlain yielded only five ­- four hits in his five-inning stint.

It was a happy opener for coach Russ Bergman. He saw three members of his starting team hit over .500 for the two games. Randy Dow led the free-swinging Mavs with two triples, a double and a single in five times at the plate.

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