Finals Hell!

This is the scene around campus with a week and a half before finals as students scramble to prepare for tests. Pam Gilroy is no exception.

Vandals irk candidates as election reaches crest

R. Diane Moravek
Asst. News Editor

More than $200 worth of campaign materials were destroyed on campus during the past week. SBA candidates expressed their dismay at the acts of vandalism.

"I've been hit pretty hard by it," said Steve States, candidate for vice president of external affairs. States said 100 of the notice- es he posted in Houston Hall are gone. Only four staked signs and 25 other signs were left by Tuesday afternoon, he added.

Tim Pollard, Campus Coalition presidential candidate said, "I'm surprised someone would resort to this juvenile behavior.

Last week, he and his colleagues placed 150 posters around the campus and by Monday only four were left.

"It really disheartens me," said Jennifer Pendry, Unified Student Alliance presidential candidate. Pendry said she posted 200 notice- es in Wuben Hall and all were gone by Monday.

Rusty McClouth, presidential candidate did not post any campaign materials.

"I was surprised, I was shocked," said Debbra Holmin, presidential candidate. Holmin said she waited until this week to post her materials.

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**News Briefs**

**History students share knowledge on varied topics at conference**

Dudis, changing patterns in American childbirth, and medieval monasteries are among the topics to be presented by students from ten Colorado colleges on Saturday, April 23. History students will vie for prizes with research papers prepared during the 1993-94 academic year at this Phi Alpha Theta regional conference. Phi Alpha Theta is the international honor society for history.

This conference is a great opportunity for history students to share their research with others, according to Steve Schulte, associate professor of history. He encourages everyone to attend to see what kind of work other students are doing and how they are excelling. This is the first time MSC has hosted the conference.

Keynote speaker for the event is Professor Thomas Ettenomode of Fort Lewis College.

The conference, hosted by MSC's Alpha Gamma Epsilon Chapter, begins at 8:30 a.m. in Houston Hall and culminates with a luncheon scheduled for 12:30 to 2 p.m. No fee is charged for the conference, but the luncheon is $10. Registration may be made in advance, and same-day registration will be outside of Houston Hall on the north side.

For further information, call Schulte at 248-1818.

**Locker cleanup is scheduled, contents, locks must be removed**

All lockers in Houston and Webben must be cleaned out and locks must be removed by May 11. Any locks and locker contents left by that date will be removed by the Department of Public Safety.

Lockers will again be available at the start of the summer session.

**Playwrights earn opportunity to display winning creations**

The top four plays selected in the 6th Annual Mesa State One Act Playwriting Competition will be presented at 7 p.m. in the William S. Robinson Theatre on April 24.

The finale entry, "Who Could 'Tha Be?" is by Alan Minihill of Brooklyn, New York. "Lufatby,'" by Darren Anderson, came in second. In third place is "Out," a musical by Gerhard Hicks, and honorable mention was awarded to John Hicks for his play, "Yin Lawe." Anderson, Tegeder and Hicks are all MSC students.

Tickets for the four performances and a special bonus selection are $3 and may be purchased at the door after 6 p.m. on the day of the performance. For further information, call JoAnn Opie at 248-1333.

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**MSC puts Stanford, Purdue to shame**

Sholoh Glaz
Criterion Reporter

Mesa State College defeated top schools including Stanford and Purdue to take home 4th place in the 4th Annual Waste Management Environmental Resource Concerners (WERC) contest, held April 3-4.

Although the concept that "everyone competing is a winner" was prevalent at the competition, only the top five schools, out of twenty-six entered, took home a prize. First place went to Michigan State University. Other winners included Montana Tech, University, MSC, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The prize money began at $50,000 for first place and ended at $1,000 for fifth place, leaving $2,500 for the environmental restoration department at MSC.

MSC was the underdog of the event as the only school without an engineering program, and one of the few without a graduate degree program. However, MSC had the advantages of a program based on realistic, environmental situations. "Our program was different than most schools competing in that rather than emphasizing only engineering, we train students to participate in all aspects of the site investigation/remediation process," said Dr. Russ Walker, department of environmental restoration and waste management at MSC.

Students representing MSC said that at first glance the contest was intimidating. "We felt like we were in way over our heads when we walked in because of the magnitude of the schools we were competing against," said Susan Britton, representative at the WERC competition.

Engineering schools had packages to present their process that far outweighed the steel pots and glass flasks of MSC, but students may have learned it was what was inside the package that counts, "Simplicity was the key," added Britton.

The contest is designed by WERC to seek out new technology done in research programs, usually at universities. In doing so, it serves two purposes creating contacts for graduating students and finding innovative technology for companies. The competition incorporates all aspects of the field from community relations to remedial action, and is a realistic project for all areas of study including business, chemistry, economics, public relations, or environmental restoration. "The students participating in the contest experienced the intensity and frustration inherent in real life projects," said Walker.

Another advantage of participating is an aspect that cannot be taught in the classroom: interaction with other schools, professors, and judges who are in the field.

"The contest gave me points with judges who are in managerial positions. Now when they read my resume they will know something about me," said Martin Wachs, graduating senior in environmental restoration.

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Christian club not just for Christians

Cobi Johnson
Criterion Reporter

The Christian Student Fellowship is a new club on campus that consists of college students from around the valley. CSF began in January of this year and is a non-profit club that operates strictly on donations. The Western Colorado Christian Campus Ministries also helps to fund the club.

Mike Cooper, president of CSF, is currently working with many volunteers and students on campus to try and get the word out about the club. “Anyone who would like to get involved is more than welcome,” Cooper said. The club meets twice a week, every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the College Center Baccio Room for a bible study, and every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at different churches on campus for “food and fellowship.” Cooper explained, “We provide free pizza and pop on Sunday evenings and everyone is welcome to attend.”

CSF regan in January of this year and is a non-profit club that operates strictly on donations. The Western Colorado Christian Campus Ministries also helps to fund the club. According to Cooper, “Anybody who hasn’t had much church exposure is invited also.”

“CSF’s main focus is to be more or less of a support system for Christian students on campus who feel alone or feel there is no one to talk to,” he said.
Eggs away!

Brian Harvey
Features Editor

Hungry Dumpy sat in a box. Hungry Dumpy took some tricks. What physics students design to get is Hungry becoming an onion.

The fifth annual Egg Drop Contest, co-sponsored by the Mesa State College Chapter of Sigma Pi Sigma Society of Physics Students, is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Saunders Fieldhouse.

The contest involves dropping a packaged egg 60 feet. The winners are decided by whose egg drops to the ground in the least amount of time while remaining unbroken. The contest is open to any student or student group. There will be cash prizes of $50 for first place, $30 for second, and $20 for third.

The Ge Chapter of the Professional Engineers of Colorado has joined Sigma Pi Sigma in sponsoring the event. They are awarding the same prizes in the competition among seventh graders through high school seniors from the Western Slope.

Thomas Stalker, president of Sigma Pi Sigma, estimates there will be more than 40 entries for the event that is fun as well as educational.

"The egg drop contest has now become an annual landmark event in Grand Junction and attracts a large number of entries as well as visitors," he commented.

The deadline for entry is 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Rules and entry forms can be obtained from the Department of Physics, Wubben Hall, room 203C.

There is no fee for entering.

Earth Day celebration set for Sunday at Lincoln Park

The Grand Valley Earth Day Coalition has a day-long schedule of events planned for its fifth annual Earth Day Celebration Sunday, April 24, at Lincoln Park.

The event begins at 9 a.m. and last until 7:30 p.m. They feature music from local and regional acts, a recycling expo, earth-wise educational demonstrations and environmentally correct booths, according to Karen McCarty, entertainment coordinator for the coalition.

"An interesting variety of children's activities is also scheduled, including a children's all-species parade," said McCarty. The parade is scheduled for 1 p.m. and children are especially encouraged to dress in their favorite Earth Day costume.

"The Dances of the Universal Peace," which begins at 5:30 p.m., wraps up the celebration.

McCarty said Timothy Dobson of Boulder will conduct the dance and that he brings a "wealth of skill and experience as a teacher of the dances."

Boobs or brawn?

What it takes to be a cheerleader

Brian Harvey
Features Editor

Give me an "M." Give me an "E." Give me an "A." What's that spell? Work, work, work.

In the past, the college cheerleader has perhaps been maligned as having about full of air and bras full of... well, you get the idea.

Tena Preuss, Mesa State College's cheerleading coach, is working to dispel the notion that cheerleaders are chosen on the basis of looks.

"Lots of changes are being made," Preuss said of Mesa's athletic program. "There is going to be more emphasis on more traditional campus activities and they will involve the cheerleaders."

Gretchen Marner, a freshman who was a cheerleader at Battle Mountain High School, takes issue with people who stereotype cheerleaders as being ditzy. "I don't feel like I'm that type of a person," said Marner. "I have a 3.5 grade point average. We're not as dumb as some people may think."

Ann Colunga, a sophomore office administration and management student, plans to try out for a third year as a cheerleader. She estimates that she spends an average of six hours per week on cheerleading and related activities and said that Preuss is a stern taskmaster.

"She's a perfectionist," said Colunga, "and that's good because it makes us work harder." Colunga is more used to Preuss' work ethic than some new cheerleaders since she was a member of the Spirit Express, the national award-winning drill team Preuss also coaches. In fact, Colunga is more the exception than the rule because she was not a cheerleader in high school.

Mesa's cheerleaders do not compete in any contests and Colunga believes they should. "I think it would improve the school's image," she said.

Cheerleaders can have an off night just the same as athletes, according to Marner. "We can tell when someone is off by the crowd's response," said Marner.

Cheerleading goes beyond the fall and spring semesters. According to Colunga, cheerleaders who make the teams will be given a training tape to use during the summer. The cheerleaders then report to team camp three weeks prior to the beginning of school. One week is spent at the National Cheerleading Association Collegiate Camp and Competition in Dallas.

Tryouts for the 1994-95 squad will be conducted from 6 to 8 p.m. April 20-22 and Preuss expects from 20 to 30 competitors in addition to returning members.

Tryouts consist of clinic preparation and training on the first two days and the selection on the third. Preuss said 12 to 14 cheerleaders will be chosen. She added that additional tryouts are held in the fall for new students and that no current member is guaranteed a spot on next year's squad.

Preuss said Mesa provides uniforms and traveling expense, but that no other compensation is made. She added that the team generates some money through donations and fund-raising events.
Set designer works stage magic

Cox a hands-on kind of guy

Sheri LaPlante
Criterion Reporter

He makes a profession out of creating mountains and trees or bustling city streets. His hands build daunting towers for "Galileo" to look over, balconies for Juliet to beckon Romeo from, and camps to shelter families from the Great Depression. He has created countless scenes, sets and props...everything from lampposts to dragons. His name is David Cox and, as well as being a professor at Mesa State College, he is technical director, cinematographer, professor of theater and administration technician. He has held many other titles that translate to mean he does a lot of stuff.

Cox graduated from Mesa College in 1972. In 1978 he received a Master's in Fine Arts from the University of Utah. Aside from working with an architect for a year and going on a sabbatical last spring, he has spent 13 years designing and building sets as well as teaching at MSC. "He is probably one of the best teachers at this college," said theater major David Oaks. "He's tough, but good."

It is a safe bet that Cox has had a hand in every performance at MSC since coming here. He has been involved in roughly 98 percent of the technical work as a faculty member and worked on several of the shows as a student. His most recent project is this week's performance, "The Pirates of Penzance" to be performed Thursday through Saturday. His exceptional craftsmanship will be evidenced in both sets of the Gilbert and Sullivan tale. Cox says it is one of the smaller plays he has done as opposed to a play like "Grapes of Wrath" performed last fall with 17 sets. "It's got kind of a Vaudeville feel, set-wise," said Cox. One of the most prominent props is a wave making machine like those used in the Vaudeville days. It is a group of spiral tubes that, when moving, look like the undulating sea.

During high school, Cox had three professions in mind; architecture, archaeology, and art. Cox says he is lucky since the job he has now is "all three in one field." One of the most challenging things about building and designing sets is the time constraints. Cox stated that it usually takes three to four weeks to construct a set before opening night. Yet, according to Cox, he will work on the set until the night the play closes working out bugs and perfecting it.

Cox has a staff of students who help him construct, paint, and light the performances. The students are usually theater or art majors, but Cox welcomes anyone who has an interest.

Although Cox will not be seen in costume or make-up on opening night of "Pirates of Penzance," watch for him in the rocky shoreline of England, or the masts of a chapel on a hill. He's in the lights and shadows. He's there, behind it all, with imagination, creativity and a paint brush.

Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
• La Raza Cosmica, self protection, 7-8:30 p.m., Boettcher A&B.
• Career Services/Keystone Resorts, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Zeigel.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21
• Activities Council, 6-11 p.m., snack bar.
• Career Services/Keystone Resorts, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Boettcher A&B.

FRIDAYS, APRIL 22
• Phi Beta Lambda Advisory, 7-8 a.m., Boettcher A&B.
• Career Services, Division of Wildlife, interviews, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

SATURDAYS, APRIL 23
• Sigma Pi Sigma Egg Drop Contest, 9-11 a.m., Sanders Fieldhouse.
• Cheerleader Tryouts and Selection, 6-8 p.m., Sanders Fieldhouse.

Data Processing Management Association, March of Dimes Walk America, Riverfront Walk.

MONDAY, APRIL 25
• Day Care, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Fletcher A&B.
• La Raza Cosmica, 12-1:30 p.m., Boettcher A&B.
• Career Services, SOS Temporary Services, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., hallway.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26
• Career Services, SOS Temporary Services, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., hallway.
• Continuing Education, music rehearsal and show, 4-8 p.m., Liff Auditorium.
• Phi Beta Lambda, 7-9 p.m., Boettcher A&B.
• Student Nursing Association, 7-10 p.m., Fletcher A&B.

Wednesday, April 21, 1994

THE LITERARY REVIEW

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On sale in the
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Recycling simple and cost-effective

A great number of Americans have been looking to get involved in the preservation and restoration of the earth. One of the simplest, least costly and least time consuming options that many turn to is recycling. Recycling can be done right in the home and takes very little time and a minimal amount of effort. It is one of the few things in which the process of the product seems to far exceed the input. The act of recycling really speaks for itself, so we don’t need to be inundated with flaming rhetoric or statistical data. The great benefits of reusing whatever we can should be quite obvious to all.

In Grand Junction alone there are several recycling services. Recyclable goods may be sorted and separated at home and then taken to the recycler. If the trip to the recycler becomes too time-consuming, curbside services are also available. These companies may be found in the yellow pages under “Recycling Services.” Another curbside recycling service may be contacted through the public utilities company. This particular service costs only $1.50 per month.

There may be additional recyclables as well. Some of the plastics are used to engage in a recycling program themselves. If the store does participate, make sure it isn’t just through an aluminum can bin in the employee break room, but a store-wide effort that includes such items as cardboard boxes and both plastic and wooden pallets. There are several stores in the mall that funnel all garbage, cardboard, wooden pallets, aluminum, and white paper right into the dumpster. These products are compacted and will end up in landfills, where they are wasted rather than recycled.

A good way to recycle some biodegradable products at home is to build a compost pile. Several books at the library give instructions for the proper construction of an organic compost pile.

Finally, take recycling with you wherever you go. If hiking, for example, flatten and pack out any aluminum cans found. Once started, recycling is very fulfilling and allows for unlimited creativity. So don’t wait until New Years for another resolution. Start with an Earth Day resolution.

BRENT NELSON

letters to the editor

Double-check facts

Editor:

Whatever happened to interviewing the source one quotes and fact checking? I was under the impression a college education is designed to teach skills and a profession, not poor work ethics.

Unlike a recent article of yours (April 6), I would like to point out the facts regarding the topic you spoke of, as well as demonstrate the lack of facts and the presence of misleading subject matter in your article.

In the article, "Erickson stated the number of male applicants eligible to serve on residence life staff is limited because many of the male applicants for the positions have problems with their grades." I never spoke with Ms. Erickson, nor did I get this quote from her. If you are going to quote hearsay from another source, you should name that source or at least let the reader know the quote was taken from a third party.

You used the number 44 as the number of applicants who applied and 19 as those who were asked to continue in the application process. Both of these numbers were incorrect.

As for the staff member who inquired about the possibility of the "test" being biased, you failed to explain the application process and the reason for more females than males being on the staff at this time.

What happened to a quote that Erickson actually said in response to that complaint? Residence Life Staff positions are filled with the most qualified applicants regardless of their sex. GPA requirements exist and are the same for both male and female applicants. The interview process does not involve a "test," nor does it contain a bias.

I am curious to know why on-campus living and housing events are never printed, but the second there is any topic that can be misconstrued into some sort of debate, The Criterion is all over it. What about the many events put on for residents and the community? What about the 700-some students whose interests are basically ignored?

What happened to coverage of Donate-A­Meal, The Ritz, Trick-or-Treat Street, the CRA Easter Egg Hunt, educational programs ranging from self-defense and rape to AIDS and alcohol, and the other numerous events that take place on this end of campus?

I realize that a two sentence blurb or a caption giving the wrong organization name may sometimes be printed, but what about articles that truly show what the Residence Life Staff and Campus Resident’s Association are doing?

In conclusion, I would like to add that there are many exceptional candidates this year. Knowing that your article has caused some hurt and misunderstanding to these candidates, I would like to reassure them that many RLS members as well as administrators were impressed with their abilities and disagree whole-heartedly with the implications you made.

In the future I suggest you actually interview the subject you quote, that you use more than three out of a possible 22 sources, and that you attempt to keep the subject in the context it was originally placed.

— Raneen Sharshel
Asst. Resident Director

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Going for two

Sluggers drop four straight against USC

John Shaffer
Sports Editor

The Mesa State College baseball team was on the hunt for their second consecutive league championship going into a pair of doubleheaders against the University of Southern Colorado April 15 and 16. However, the Mavs learned how quickly things can change.

When they left Pueblo, the Mavs found themselves in a four game losing streak and in third place in the league. The Indians, who are in their first year as a varsity baseball program, scored 41 runs in the four games against the Mavs. The Mavs dropped to 20-15 for the season and 9-6 in the Mile High Intercollegiate Baseball League. They will try to get back into the win column against the Colorado School of Mines which is sixth in the league.

Cap on scholarships discussed at meeting

John Shaffer
Sports Editor

When the presidents of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference accepted the University of Nebraska at Kearney, a main concern was cost containment.

"Kearney expressed the same kind of concern about overall cost containment," said Dr. Ray Kieft. They were supportive to possibly limiting the maximum scholarship amount to equal tuition and fees, he added.

The RMAC discussed placing restrictions on the dollar amount of scholarships given in their meeting held April 11. Kieft, who was nominated as the chairman of the president's council, said that the league, along with the NCAA Division II schools, will be looking at limiting scholarships to tuition and fees. The NCAA will discuss the restrictions in their annual meeting in June.

Discussions of further expansion by the league was also a topic at the league meeting. The Colorado Athletic Conference (CAC), which includes Regis University of Denver, Metro State, Colorado Christian, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, University of Southern Colorado, and the Air Force Academy women's sports, has already lost Fort Lewis College to the RMAC. Fort Lewis will begin play in sports starting the fall of 1994.

Kieft said that the University of Denver has announced they will go into the NCAA Division II in two years, and the Air Force Academy women's sports will also be joining Division I within three years.

A league must have a minimum of six institutions to receive an automatic bid into postseason play.

Without the Air Force Academy and Denver, the conference will only have five institutions. "I am on safe ground to predict that over the next year," Kieft said, "there will be some applications to join the RMAC from schools in the CAC."

"As a conference we are very interested in receiving letters of application for admission into the conference, in particular from the CAC," said Kieft. "If that conference can expand to 12 schools, then we can divide into two divisions, an east and a west. It saves on travel costs, and it builds on your regional competition."

Going for two

Freshman Stacie McWilliams is forced out at second in the first game of a doubleheader against Southern Utah Monday. The Lady Mavs went one 4-3, and allowed two runs in the eighth in game two, losing 5-3.

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