MSC seeks alternatives to facility overcrowding

Matthew Tezak
Assistant News Editor

Mesa State College is looking for a few good houses. Facilities providing child care are in demand by students, and as a result, MSC is developing a plan to solve the overcrowding problem.

Members of the Board of Trustees will be traveling to a variety of institutions to devise a concept plan that might work for MSC. They will look at cost, architecture, and the overall layout of child care centers. After examining several plans, the board members will ask MSC faculty to look at the plans, and college officials will make the best decision.

“We have a few houses that are newer that might be suitable for a new center, or maybe we could turn an old dorm into a new child care center,” said MSC President Michael Gallagher. “It is not whether or not we like the house but whether or not it stands to code,” said Kathy Beran, director of Little Mavs and Toddler Tech. “Building a new center would provide more unity for staff and children, and it would allow us (Little Mavs/Toddler Tech) to be a permanent part of the college."

There are a couple of issues currently facing the child care facilities. The land where the center is currently located needs to be used in another capacity, and the current location is not able to meet the needs of and provide services to all students with children. Little Mavs now serves 52 children, and 56 are on the waiting list. At Toddler Tech, 34 children are enrolled, and 54 are on the waiting list. Although the idea of a new center is appealing, certain drawbacks may be involved. "The problem with building a new child care center is we would have to charge every student a fee," Gallagher said.

By the summer of 1999, MSC can expect a new child care center that will provide enough service for all students with children. "We are looking at several alternatives for the project," Gallagher said. "It is not the highest priority, but it is a priority."

MSC students will be represented at the fall representative meeting of the Colorado Student Association at the University of Northern Colorado on Nov. 16 to discuss how to best proceed with issues that pertain to students in the Colorado State Legislature.

Sergio Gutierrez, ASG vice president for external affairs and MSC’s CSA representative, said although he expects to be discussing issues such as tuition policy, post-tenure review and technology issues, issues that make up CSA’s platform, he expects an assault by the University of Colorado-Boulder’s student representatives to include affirmative action as a platform issue.

Gutierrez said although he does not argue the merits of affirmative action, he believes “CU is taking the wrong approach to the issue.”

ASG passed a resolution Oct. 27 to leave the CSA platform issues alone and not include affirmative action.

Affirmative action stance causing stir within CSA

Dani Weigand
Copy Editor

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Nov. 3 that it was constitutional for the state of California to ban current affirmative action policies. California’s Proposition 209, which was passed by voters last year, prohibits state and local government agencies to give preferential treatment to women and minorities for education, employment or contracting.

The issue of affirmative action is causing concern among some of the current Colorado Student Association (CSA) members, including MSC’s Sergio Gutierrez and the University of Colorado’s Greg Benn. Students from CU-Boulder elected not to show up for the CSA spring representative assembly in May when the five platform issues for CSA were presented. Platform issues presented were 1) graduate and non-traditional student issues, 2) faculty accountability, 3) financial aid, tuition control and student fees, 4) credit transferability and reciprocity and 5) capital construction, controlled maintenance and technology.

According to Benn, CU students were not aware of the neutral stand on House Bill 1299 until the day before the (legislative) lobbying breakfast on Feb. 14. In protest, students held signs rallying to meet

SLIDE SHOW

Would you give a dollar a day to let these children play? Little tykes frolic at the Little Mavs Daycare Center playground. Ninety children are on a waiting list to enroll in Little Mavs/Toddler Tech.
Two sides to v-ball story

Two weeks ago, volleyball coach Rusty Crick served up 11 suspensions which cost him and his team the remainder of the season.

It wasn't until I was told by an unnamed source that it was the team's drinking policy that was broken. I won't take a stand with either side, because it is not my position to do so. What I will do is make a case for both sides.

First, I want to address the coaches' point. The team policy says players are prohibited to consume alcohol, and each one of them individually agreed to the policy. With this in mind, I agree with the suspensions because I think you have to unconditionally follow the rules. Collegiate athletics is not just about wins and losses; it is a learning experience.

On the other hand, I disagree with this. He has told me that he did not do it on purpose. I do not happen to everybody, but it does happen to most. If the team went on a drunken rage, and it affected the way a player practiced, played a game, or studied, then she screwed up. But the team did not, and the players were not even drunk. They controlled themselves, in a mature fashion.

Finally, I want to address the rumors about Crick suspending his players because they would end up with a suspension, and he wanted to take the easy way out. I disagree with this. He has told me that he did not do it for that reason. He did it because they broke the rules.
Fitness courses encourage students to succeed in future

Dear Editor,

Ignorance isn’t bliss, it can be unhealthy! The Criterion’s opinion article entitled, “Is physical education a necessity in college?” is a great example of what not to do as a journalist, i.e., a) display your ignorance and b) reveal to the world that you didn’t investigate the facts.

If Dani Weigand would inquire first and write later, her articles may evolve from fiction to fact and/or ignorance to enlightenment. Since she neglected to explore the facts, I felt a rhetorical question is in order: “Why isn’t methods of badminton a necessity in college?” Well, Dani Weigand, the School of Professional Studies at MSC offers a B.A. degree program concentrating in K-12 physical education.

Obviously, we need to offer a plethora of method courses that deal with teaching physical education. With a little investigation, you would have realized this and avoided the terms “methods” and “physical education,” to name a few. An appropriate question for you to ask is, “Are courses that teach college students how to incorporate physical activity into their daily life really necessary?” As we all know, enhancing our abilities to be successful in the future is why we attend college. However, physics, biology, western civilization, etc., are just a few aspects of higher education that help prepare the “Bobs” in this world to be successful.

Furthermore, intellectual preparation is only one facet. We cannot forget all the other components of life/wellness that allow each of us to have a full, productive future. If neglected, these components will work against us and stymy “quality of life,” in turn attenuating future successes.

It is our (faculty of MSC) hope that “Bob” will understand what he has learned in college well enough to apply the information in the real world, including the joys of human movement.

Opinionated Weigand, I’ll bet “Bob” will not fully enjoy the aspects of his life (employment) where he is forced to apply those other academic subjects that unfortunately have little or nothing to do with human movement.

However, rest assured, throughout the rest of his life he will enjoy incorporating what he has learned from the department of human performance & wellness into his daily life.

For instance, throughout “Bob’s” life he will strive, as we all will, to enhance his quality of life. “Bob” understands, because of the required course Health & Wellness 100, there are several components related to optimal wellness, and by incorporating physical activity into his life he may some day actually achieve this (optimal wellness).

Because of the required courses related to physical activity and its benefits “Bob” is more likely to pursue an active lifestyle. From his involvement in various physical endeavors, “Bob” can expect: 1) to live a relatively free from disease (physical wellness), 2) meet others with similar interests (social wellness), 3) minimize his stress level (mental wellness), 4) improve his emotional well being and, again, (physical wellness), and 4) as “Bob” discovers peak lifetime experiences while striving to improve his physical skills and health, meeting wonderful individuals, and reducing his stress level through enjoyable activities, he will experience the grand daddy of all the components of wellness, the spiritual aspect.

Now, because he has continued to move closer to optimal wellness, his quality of life is wonderful. “Bob” still doesn’t really enjoy his work, but “Bob’s” life is great, beyond mediocre, because he participates in a number of outside physical activities, activities he was fortune enough to learn while at MSC.

Stay Healthy - BeActive
Keith R. Faiz, Ph.D.
Aast. Professor, Dept. PE/PH

Student questions Crick’s decision to forfeit season

Dear Editor,

I have several questions in regard to the Mesa State College volleyball team. First, I wonder why the “facts” have not been presented to the student body. Mesa State athletic teams are representatives of the student body and we have the right to know exactly what is going on. So far all I have heard are rumors. What were the violations? When did coach Crick become aware of the violations? Were the violations proven through some sort of due process? I also have to question the decision of coach Crick to cancel all the remaining games. Were there no other options? Will this decision “uphold the integrity of MSC and of the volleyball team?” I think just the opposite.

Hard work and determination is the best way to work through problems. Crick says they will “be back with a vengeance,” but I wonder if any of the girls will even want to play for a coach that abandons them rather than working with them. Will prospective players want to come to MSC to play volleyball for such a coach? There could have been several other options considered besides quitting. Perhaps a public apology to the students. (Girls, if you did break something could just as well have been preserved the team integrity. I think coach Crick had several options. It seems he took the easy one and quit. I wonder if Crick’s paycheck will reflect the early end to the season, or if he is just enjoying a self-assigned paid vacation. Maybe we should cancel Crick and find a coach that will stand by his team and “work” with them through situations.

Brian Nash
Jennifer Barton
Staff Writer

A comparison between Madonna and President Clinton was just part of the lecture given Monday night by Dr. Bruce Miroff, professor of political science at the University of Albany, N.Y. Miroff was the featured speaker at the first annual Jose Peer Memorial Lecture on politics Monday night at the science building lecture hall.

Miroff discussed President Clinton and the decline of presidential leadership. Miroff, however, did not blame Clinton for the public's view of the president's political power.

"Clinton was part of the decreasing leadership image," Miroff said. He added that "leadership" in this case did not literally mean the ratings in public opinion polls, but instead the overall image of the Commander-in-Chief.

Miroff believes that during Franklin Roosevelt's presidency, the public had appreciated the office of president. After all, the president at that time had relieved the Great Depression. But Miroff believes times have changed. "We no longer look up to the office of president," Miroff said.

Miroff discussed President Clinton for the leadership decline because of several aspects of the office he "walked into," including a fragmented and confused Democratic party and an unusually unified Republican party.

Miroff does not believe Clinton should be totally excused from blame completely, though. "Saying that Clinton was dealt a good hand and made the best of it is giving Clinton too much (credit)," Miroff said.

Part of the reason Clinton has not brought up the prevailing image of the presidency is because he has changed his image every year he has been in office, Miroff said. "He has taken on many styles and forms during his career just like Madonna has," he said. Miroff attributed this to the fact that Clinton is a "post-modern performer."

Miroff believes Clinton has finally portrayed some popular images, although he said no one knows what lies behind Clinton's shifting personas. A post-modern president produces suspicions for the public, he said. He also believes part of Clinton's problem might stem from the fact that the president has subordinated politics to economics, not just lately with Wall Street, but also during the early part of his presidency and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) debate. In essence, he said, Clinton "junked" his populist approach to the economy to put financial markets first.

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Members of the Mesa State College Repertory Dance Company dance gracefully at a recital on Nov. 6 at the Walter Walker Fine Arts Center.

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advisor to the Political Science Club, which sponsored Miroff, said Miroff was correct in his assessment of Clinton. Gizzi said Clinton has "sold out the people who elected him" by allowing economic issues to drive his administration. He added that Miroff's criticism was "pretty harsh," but that the criticism was deserved.

Joe Haynes, a senior political science major, said he liked Miroff's lecture and agreed with the perception that Clinton has changed throughout his administration.

Gizzi said he hopes the Political Science Club will sponsor a debate in the spring and invite candidates for state legislative positions.

A few items from the MSCPD blotter

On Nov. 5, a student from Rait Hall was transported to St. Mary's Hospital by ambulance. On Nov. 7, an 18-year-old female student reported that a male student in her class had been harassing her. On Nov. 9, during building checks, several residents were attempting to joy ride in three facility golf carts.

On Nov. 9, a student was assaulted by his roommate. The student declined to seek prosecution.

On Nov. 10, unknown persons removed the contents of a vending machine without payment and without the owner's permission.

News items must be submitted to the Criterion by Nov. 25 to ensure publication in the final fall (Dec. 3) issue.

Crime Stoppers seeking auto, convenience store thieves

This week Crime Stoppers is looking for two kinds of thieves.

Crime Stoppers is helping the Fruita Police Department in looking for a car thief.

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, someone stole a purple 1995 Ford Escort that was parked and locked in front of 922 E. Harrison Ave, in Fruita. The car was found two days later at 25 Road and the desert. The stereo was taken, the windows were broken, and the undercarriage was severely damaged.

Crime Stoppers is also looking for the person who robbed a convenience store on Friday, Oct. 24, at 8:30 p.m. A male subject entered the C & D Food Store located at 2685 Unaweep Ave. He pulled out a black semiautomatic handgun and demanded the clerk put the money in a paper bag. He then left the store and walked east-bound.

The robber is described as an Hispanic male, five-feet-six-inches tall, 135 pounds with short dark hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a three-quarter length brown jacket with a vinyl appearance and pants that matched. He had on a blue stocking cap, and his face looked like he had had bad acne at one time.

Your information could help solve these crimes. Call 1-800-221-STOP, or 241-STOP.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to $1,000 for information about this crime or any serious crime or fugitive.

**Crime Stoppers**

Crimes are listed below.

- **Auto Theft**: A purple 1995 Ford Escort was stolen on Oct. 1.
  - Stolen on 25 Road and the desert.
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  - Demand for money in a paper bag.
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**Pascal's Wager**

A few Pascal's Wager items from the MSCPD blotter.

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Is pleased to offer MESA STATE STUDENTS a discount

Present this coupon for a 35% discount on all fountain dispensed beverages.

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**THE VENETIAN TWINS**

By Carlo Goldoni

Translation by Michael Feingold

A delightful farce by the master of Italian comedy

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6:00 p.m.

William J. Robinson Theatre
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CAMPUS RUSH!

Purchase a ticket on Wednesday, Nov. 19, for Wednesday's 8:00 p.m. performance and pay only $2 for MSC students and $5 for MSC staff & faculty. (Must show Gold Card.)

$9 Adult
$7 Senior / Staff / Faculty
$4.50 Student

248-1604
**Food drives for needy taking place**

Food drives are underway to help the needy in Mesa County this holiday season. Various departments and organizations at MSC have accepted a challenge by Mesa County government employees and the Colorado Department of Rehabilitation that they cannot beat them in collecting the most food. Thus far, the athletic department, Marriott, UTEC, and the Business Office have all risen to the challenge.

The food drive will end Monday, Nov. 17, and donations can be made to various boxes that are placed in various locations on campus. There is also a drop box located in parking lot J (corner of 12th and Elm Streets.) For more information on this project, contact Mare Wilson at 248-1811.

**ASG promotes food drive, support bus**

Approving the Commission on Fee Assessment Reform’s proposal was just one order of business for the Associated Student Government on Monday.

ASG vice president of internal affairs, recommended the expenditure to the executives and representatives, who in turn approved her motion.

Breyfogle also announced that the women’s soccer team will be funding a bus to transport 30 students to and from the team’s first round playoff game at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16 at Dixon Field. She said the bus is specifically designed for students living on campus who otherwise would not have transportation to the game.

**Graduation petitions need to be submitted**

Seniors intending to graduate next spring need to have their graduation petitions submitted by Dec. 11. However, several department chairs have asked that petitions be turned in by Nov. 14 to allow time for the petitions to be processed to ensure they will be seen by all advisors, department chairs and the Records Office before Dec 11.

**Gold Card required to access cafeteria**

Marriott Food Service director Dave Erickson said Tuesday that residence hall students who are on a meal plan must present their Gold Card in order to eat in the cafeteria. No exceptions will be allowed to this policy.

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**In Honor of Children's Book Week,**

**ALL CHILDREN'S BOOKS are 10% off Nov 12-21**

at the MESA STATE BOOKSTORE

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**S.H.A.C. TALK**

Oh my, you’re at college now. Finals are approaching fast...and you’ve never studied a day in your life. You have a “D” in algebra, and your parents are threatening your very existence. The panic has set in.

That pounding in your chest, the sweats, the nervous jitters you get before a test; everyone has experienced those symptoms at some point in their lives. It is a perfectly normal reaction, but what if you felt that way all the time? What if you felt that nervous about leaving your room or going to the mall? If you feel this way about some normal life functions, you might have an anxiety disorder.

Anxiety disorders are the most common of all mental disorders. They are characterized by symptoms of excessive worrying or anticipating disaster that won’t go away. These worries are sometimes accompanied by trembling, muscle tension, nausea, and a general over-stressed feeling. If you have any of these symptoms, see your doctor. Anxiety disorders are treatable with medication and/or counseling. You don’t have to live the rest of your life in fear.

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**Two clubs to train mascot**

Jaylene Keeler  
Special to the Criterion

The newest MSC mascot, Cisco, a six-month-old Texas Longhorn, will be trained by the Rodeo Club and possibly the Rugby Club, as well.

According to Rodeo Club public relations person Becky Raines, the Rodeo Club was asked by the Activities Council to help with the training of Cisco.

Jan Williams, Rodeo Club advisor, said she believes this will be a joint effort between the Rodeo and Rugby Clubs to train the bull. She said both clubs will be working “hand-in-hand” on the project.

Williams said no one has contacted the Rodeo Club as to when the training of Cisco will begin. She said the training will include getting Cisco used to being led around by a halter, being groomed, and performing in front of crowds.

Erin Hale, Cisco’s owner, said she is still working with the bull on a daily basis, and so far his training is going well. Hale said he can be "a little stubborn at times.”

Hale said she plans on contacting the two clubs after the first of the year.
KMSA JUNGLE JUICE RECIPE:

- 5 cups of alternative
- 3 pints of electronic music
- 2 cans of hip-hop
- 2 cups of hot blues and jazz
- 1 stick of reggae
- 3 bars of heavy metal

Stir in 3000 watt transmitter for an hour, serve cold.

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Grasping the magic of sleep

Curing insomnia is simple with the right techniques

Ever lie in bed telling yourself to sleep, yet tossing and turning with the energy you wish you had when morning comes? If so, you are like millions of others with insomnia.

There are natural cures to insomnia. No addictive medications, just simple life-style changes are all most people need.

It is more than counting sheep

For people who have difficulty going to sleep at night, several remedies may be tried. Substances containing caffeine, like coffee, tea, colas, and chocolate, should be avoided after 5 P.M.

Instead of a large evening meal, try eating a light snack before going to bed. Some people find that a small glass of warm milk helps sleep arrive quicker.

Low impact physical exercise early in the evening, such as a leisurely walk, helps others. Walking clears the mind of the day’s worries and activities. A warm or cool bath encourages sleep for some. Repetitious thinking, such as counting sheep, works for a few people. Reading and meditating can relax the mind allowing sleep to come.

Stop midnight awakenings

For people who awaken during the night and cannot return to sleep, several remedies may be tried. Avoid drinking fluids after the evening meal to reduce the need to go to the bathroom during the night or in the early morning hours. People who take diuretics should take them in the morning instead of the evening to prevent bathroom trips at night.

Don’t touch that SNOOZE button

People suffering from early morning insomnia should attempt to go to bed earlier so that their rest is completed by their morning waking time. Rather than remaining in bed and perpetuating the focus on not sleeping, it is best to get up and do productive activity.
Twin play rivets campus with laughter

Juliet Heniford
Staff Writer

Look out, the twins are here and they are ready to tickle your funny bone! Mesa State College's theater department's next play is Carlo Goldini's "The Venetian Twins," directed by Peter Ivanov. The Italian comedic play, written in 1743, centers around twins who are developmentally disabled at birth, turn up in Verona, Italy, and are mistaken for each other. The resulting confusion includes duels, spats, betrayals, arrests, and a casket full of stolen jewels.

"My favorite aspect of working at MDS is taking the clients out in the community," she said. "We go bowling, shopping, out to dinner, or to the movies. During the summer we go up on the Grand Mesa or to the Colorado National Monument." Last summer Benning and two other MDS staff took all the clients on a vacation to Salt Lake City, Utah, where they went to the zoo, ate out at restaurants, shopped, and took in the sights. "Everyone had a really good time," she said. "It was great watching these guys have so much fun."

Benning, who transferred to MSC from Metro State College in Denver, said she chose sociology as her third major. "I chose it mainly because when I first started working with the developmentally disabled in Denver, I knew this was the population I wanted to work with," she said.

"My greatest rewards from my job are when one of my guys learns to do something new," Benning said. "Or when I'm having a bad day and one of the clients comes up and puts their hand on my shoulder and says, 'I like you, Nikka.'"

Benning is also completing her internship with Grand Mesa Partners. "I put in an average of 16 hours a week. I pretty much shadow two of the case managers. I do senior partner interviews, Nexus interviews with kids who are next in line to be paired up with a senior partner, and a lot of paper work," she said. "I like to talk to the kids and like to do Tuesday activity nights with them. I like that it helps the kids."

Benning, who will be graduating with her bachelor's degree this December, said she rarely has any free time these days. "Sometimes I get frustrated and stressed out to the max, because sometimes it seems like nobody understands," she said. "People want me to do things with them, and my schedule is really tight. I just don't have the time."

One thought helps keep her motivated when things get difficult, "I keep thinking about the end of the line. It just keeps me going," she said.

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People from all over the Western Slope will have the opportunity to view many different crafts by artists from Utah and Colorado.

“We will have a little bit of everything,” said Suzi Rhae, coordinator for the fair. A little bit of everything includes pottery, beads, jewelry, silver chains, tapistry and some Christmas decorations.

This is the 26th year the craft fair has been held. In past years it has only been open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. This year, however, the public will also be invited to attend on Friday night.

“We’ve had up to 3,000 people attend before, so Friday night should be a good night to attend, because it might be less crowded. In other years it has been wall to wall all people in,” Rhae said.

To attract for the event, Rhae goes through many different venues. She hands out bulletins around town and purchases radio ads. “Since I am an artist, I have a lot of friends who are artists, so I contact them and ask them to submit works to the craft fair,” she said.

The fair will be juried, meaning works the artists have submitted will be judged. The craft fair will hold a little something for everyone, so if anyone is looking for something to do this holiday season, the craft fair might be just the thing.

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(divvy it up)
MSC opened against Saint J.P. Menger breaking loss to the Mustangs on Saturday.

Disney Classic in Orlando, Fla. basketball team went 1-2 at the Western New Mexico defender for one of his three Lady Mavs finish 1-2 at Disney Classic, place sixth team's performance against this past weekend to finish in the tournament, coach Steve Kirkham is pleased with his Kirkham is unhappy with his team's performance against the RMAC champion Western State College Mountaineers at Stocker Stadium at 1 p.m. Western State clinched the title last weekend when New Mexico Highlands (5-2 in RMAC) lost to Nebraska-Kearney in double overtime. Although Western State is champion, the Mavs still have a chance to prevent the Mountaineers from hosting a playoff game. The Maverick players, however, do not want to think about all of the possibilities. "It is a rivalry game, so first of all we want to beat them and not worry about anything else," said quarterback Josh Penry, who passed for 211 yards and added 103 yards on the ground in Saturday's game against Western New Mexico. "They've had a great season this year, but they had a great season last year, and we went up there not nearly as talented as we are this year, and we gave them all they could handle," he added.

Saturday was another scoring fest at Stocker Stadium, as MSC lost a heart-breaker to Western New Mexico 43-41. Mustang kicker Mike Wallace nailed a 25-yard field goal with 17 seconds on the clock to down the Mavs to 2-5 in conference, and 3-7 overall. The Mustangs' winning drive was helped by a Maverick personal foul penalty that took them from the 28 to the 16 yard line.

Despite the losing record in the tournament, coach Steve Kirkham is pleased with his team's performance against the top teams in Division II. "I was really happy with the way our team played in the tournament," Kirkham said. "I am proud of our effort and I think that we competed very well."

MSC opened against Saint Rose College, New York, on Nov. 7, and lost 78-34. Mandy Miller was the high scorer for the Lady Mavs with 13 points, and Jamie White led in rebounds with seven.

St. Rose ended up winning the tournament. The Lady Mavs rebounded in the second game on Saturday, as White scored 24 points to lead the Lady Mavs to a 69-53 victory over Gardner-Webb College, North Carolina. "Gardner-Webb is more comparable to the teams that we will play in the conference this year," Kirkham said. "They were not as huge as the other two teams we played." With the win, MSC advanced to the fifth-place game against Bellarmine College, Kentucky. The Lady Mavs lost the game; 79-65, and as a result, finished in sixth place overall. Lisa Sprod led the Lady Mavs with 10 rebounds in the game, and Susan Luecke led the team over the weekend by averaging eight rebounds in each game.

Kirkham is unhappy with the team's free throw percentage in the tournament, and he feels that it was a big factor. MSC shot only 48 percent from the line in the tournament. Kirkham also feels that there needs to be more production from players off of the bench. The team will not play again until Nov. 21, when the Lady Mavs travel to Topeka, Kansas, to play Washburn University.

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**MSC basketball teams picked to win division by coaches poll**, page 13.

**Sports Radio** 1340 KQIL Maverick Zone 12:25 p.m.

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**Practice Makes Perfect**

Redshirt freshman forward Ben Johnson (left) and junior forward Mike Vig get ready for the 1997-98 campaign for the men's basketball team. The Mavs play their first game of the year Nov. 28 in the annual Tip-off Tournament. Read the Criterion next week for a complete season preview of the Mavs.
Coaches tab MSC basketball teams to win division titles

Compiled by Chris Day
Assistant Sports Information Director

The Mesa State College men’s and women’s basketball programs are in for a successful season if RMAC coaches are correct in their predictions. Both teams were picked to win the Western Division in a recent RMAC preseason coaches poll. Here is a list of the voting results:

**RMAC men’s basketball coaches poll**

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(form first place votes in parentheses)

**Jefferson Sweeney’s personal NCAA top 10**

1. FLORIDA STATE (9-0) Beat #9 North Carolina 20-3. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Nov. 15.
2. MICHIGAN (9-0) Beat #10 Penn State 34-8. Next: at Wisconsin, Nov. 15.
3. NEBRASKA (9-0) Beat Missouri 45-38 OT. Next: vs. Iowa State, Nov. 15.
5. TENNESSEE (7-1) Beat Southern Mississippi 44-20. Next: at Arkansas, Nov. 15.
8. LOUISIANA STATE (7-2) Beat Alabama 77-0. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 15.
9. NORTH CAROLINA (9-1) Lost to #1 Florida State 20-3. Next: at Clemson, Nov. 15.
10. PENN STATE (7-1) Lost to #2 Michigan 34-8. Next: at Purdue, Nov. 15.

**Former MSC two-sport star named Phillips 66 Honor Athlete**

Misti Brady
Staff Writer

The RMAC Scholar Athlete Award sponsored by Phillips 66 was presented to Matt Imel, a Mesa State College senior.

This award is the highest achievement for a student-athlete in the conference. Candidates for the Scholar Athlete Award must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2; must have participated in one collegiate sport for two semesters; must have earned one letter; and must be a starter or key reserve of good character.

Imel, originally from Princeton, Kan., transferred to MSC his junior year from Hutchinson Junior College. He came to MSC because of football, but the location and the outdoor activities in the area also drew him to MSC.

Imel will graduate in December with a bachelor’s degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. Post-graduation plans include veterinary school “hopefully at Kansas State,” Imel said.

At MSC Imel has played football and basketball. “Playing sports has taught me to deal with people...here (at MSC) I have been able to see...”

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