MSC experiences growth

Students "dial 9" and get busy signal

Matthew E. Tezak
Managing Editor

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Callista Pearson
Staff Writer

As returning students meander across campus, they may notice that there appears to be more students wandering around. That would be due to the new student enrollment increasing by 3.57 percent.

Compared to last year's zero growth rate, this year is a pleasant surprise for Mesa State College. "The staff has worked really hard through a tough year to reach our goals," said Paul Jones, dean of enrollment management. Jones commented on how the school had been hoping for a 2.5 percent increase in new students each year.

This year MSC reached above and beyond its goal. The Admissions Office received a 4.5 percent increase in new student applications this past year.

One contribution to the increase in students is the Unified Technical Education Campus (UTEC) which added a culinary arts certificate program. UTEC in general had to offer more courses and hire a full-time recruiter due to the increase of students.

Another program for recruiting students is the Mesa at Night program. "This is set up basically as a one stop office," said Krista Summers, admissions counselor. Mesa at Night is designed for people who work full-time and want to work on completing general education requirements first.

MSC has much to offer to new students besides a great small town location, reasonable class sizes, and quality faculty. MSC offers the resources of a larger school at a more affordable price.

Even though MSC is currently growing, there is no reason for apprehensiveness of the diversity and change this growth will bring. "I think the Deans have been doing an excellent job at accommodating the needs for growth and will continue to," Jones said.

Students are experiencing the growth at MSC this semester. September 3, census day showed that enrollment was up 3.5 percent. The freshman class has increased significantly this semester.

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Media must enforce its code of ethics

Richard Marcus

Has the media gotten out of hand? Most people agree that the media has recently gotten out of hand. As a result, legislators are working on laws to deal with this problem, responding to the cry of the public. Some of the cries of celebrity and regular citizens alike. But is the media at fault, and are these new laws the most effective way to deal with the situation?

As a member of the media, this concerns me greatly. And since the media tries to champion itself as the protectors of our First Amendment rights as well as acting as the government watchdog, it should concern everyone. Here is the problem: Overzealous photographers and reporters have been known to stalk celebrities, public figures, and private citizens that step into the limelight. Occasionally, these photographers and reporters violate trespassing and/or privacy laws in an attempt to get the story or the picture. Now, in the light of Princess Diana’s death, as well as pressure from the Screen Actors Guild, legislators are proposing laws to change the way photographers and reporters collect news.

These attempts will only hurt our ability to report the news. The problem does not lie within the nature of a free media, but in those who support the activities of the rabid, overzealous reporter. A picture of a celebrity’s new baby, or a unique shot of a citizen suddenly shoved into the limelight is worth a lot of money to a magazine or newspaper. When money begins to decide how a reporter or photographer is going to act, a problem in ethics arises.

Most trained members in media try to follow a code of ethics that helps to keep them in line. The problem lies in two situations. First, some enterprising individual, who realizes they can make more money taking photographs than in data entry, and does not have any prior mass communication training, decide to become a photographer. Second, editors (or producers) do not use enough discretion and sec- tion of a $1.00 Pepsi® for at least 10 more years.

Students have no imagination for finding things to do. In fact, when students first came to MSC for a concert two years ago, students only took up 1,200 of the 2,000 tickets that were given away. We will bet if No Doubt came to Mesa State and had a concert in the Bookcliff Snack Bar, about 20 people would be there. Actually, you could get 50 people, but only if there was a free keg of Honey Brown beer there.

And then, God forbid if you had an accident

caused by some unfortunate drunk, you probably could not get a line off campus to put grass in the front of the new Science Building? First, there is the curriculum that is one of the state’s finest. Then, there’s the campus’s Residence Life staff, who, although they will not allow a beer bottle on campus, they at least make plenty of attempts to make life bearable for the students living on campus. Finally, there is the athletic staff, who, although they beg students living on campus to study, there? Dirt, rocks, dead grass, and lots of it.

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Opinions

September 9, 1998

Reading improves educational performance

Have you ever wondered why American students consistently fall below average on basic skills tests when compared to the rest of the world? I have, and I believe this phenomenon is caused by a simple and tragic reason—few young people read anymore. Many people think that reading is not needed beyond directions and assignments, but nothing could be further from the truth. Reading exercises the mind, and like any muscle, the mind needs to be used or it atrophies.

From my experience, most people between the ages of 10 and 25 read only because they have to. In fact, I hear people state that they hate to read all the time, but there are certain undeniable assets in regard to reading for fun. Reading builds vocabulary, enables learning, and activates the imagination. I believe that the person who reads for fun benefits greatly from these perks.

I was talking to a friend the other day who said he didn’t even open his book during the entire semester of his English 111 class. It was almost as if he was proud of limiting his ability to learn. I asked him how he did in this class, and he proudly replied, “I did good, I got a C.” So I asked him if he got a C and never opened his book, imagine what he could have accomplished by reading. He thought about it, and said he’d rather get a C than read and get an A. Needless to say, I was shocked.

I read constantly, and yet I’m always coming up against a word whose meaning I don’t know. When this happens, I look it up, thus increasing my vocabulary. As I walk from class to class and settle down to do homework on the quad, I often hear people struggling to articulate their thoughts. This exasperating circumstance could easily be alleviated by reading for pleasure and looking up the words that are unfamiliar. This may not seem like a big deal now, but in a job interview situation, failure to adequately express oneself could be grounds for a denial.

In the technologically advanced era in which we live, people seek entertainment from machines, TV, movies, and mindless video games. While there’s no direct evidence linking the lack of reading for pleasure to the decline of American educational performance, I can’t help but infer an association between the two. The most lamentable aspect of this problem is there’s no reason for it.

If people spent one hour a day or five hours a week reading just for fun, it would exercise their minds and improve their vocabularies. In fact, I think it would improve the overall performance of American students.

Letters to the Editor

Committee announces date

Dear Editor,

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the 1998-1999 academic year graduation ceremony being planned.

The 1999 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 9, 1999 at 9 in Stocker Stadium. As with last year, this will be a campus-wide ceremony for all graduates (Bachelors, Associates, and Certificates). The single ceremony is fundamental since the Mesa State College mission includes one, two, and four year programs. And, with the start of our first graduate degree program last fall, the ceremony this academic year may include the awarding of graduate degrees. The commencement speaker is chosen by one of the schools on a rotating basis. Dean Phillips, School of Professional Studies, will select the commencement speaker.

The 1999 Graduation Planning Committee will initiate detail planning shortly to update last year’s ceremony to reflect the changes recommended last May. Our meetings are open to all and notification of scheduled meetings will be announced in the MSC Criterion.

Chad Grabow
Assoc. Professor of CRST

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No air conditioning in dorms
Where's the air in Pinon Hall

Ronnie Jordan
Assistant Editor

Relief will not be coming quickly for residents of Pinon Hall who are having to endure high temperatures in their dormitory since the building's air conditioning system failed earlier this semester.

Students are having to improvise in order to combat the high temperatures within the dorm. Andrea Silveira, a student residing in Pinon Hall, said, "Without a fan, we would be, like, dying." Mesa State College has provided some residents in Pinon Hall with fans, but other occupants remain on a waiting list without any means of cooling their rooms. Some students have resorted to purchasing their own fans. "We got put on the list, so we haven't got one yet," Silveira said. "If we didn't have our own, we would probably still be dying."

Some students are expressing frustration with the college, saying the administration has made little effort to remedy the problem. "We've been talking about writing letters and stuff like that, and asking for refunds," Silveira said. She says that even though air conditioning problems persist, steps have been taken to make the situation more bearable. "We got movie passes and ice cream coupons, and they do stuff out in the courtyard, like movies and stuff like that. They're trying to help, but it's not in their control to get it fixed really fast," she said.

When the air conditioning system failed in Pinon Hall, MSC administrators had various options for resolving the problem. One option involved removing the existing system, having it sent out of state for repair, and then returning it later in the semester to be reinstalled. The administration chose not to pursue this particular option, due to the expense combined with the need to update the entire system.

Rather than having its present system repaired, Pinon will be equipped with a new, updated system. Instead of using an air conditioner which utilizes water to cool the interior of the building, the new system will be air-cooled. With a water cooler, there is the risk of the equipment freezing during the colder seasons. The new air-cooled system can operate year-round, without the risk of freezing.

Pinon Hall is one of several buildings at MSC slated to have air conditioning systems repaired or replaced. Dr. Michael Gallagher, president of MSC, said many of the existing systems are outdated and in need of replacement. "There is maintenance to be done for the next three years," he said. Concerning the current situation in Pinon Hall, he said, "Unfortunately the days are a little hotter than what they typically are this time of year."

Dr. Gallagher said that work crews are making outstanding efforts to stay on top of the air conditioning problems. He said that with the equipment failure in Houston Hall, once the parts needed to repair the faulty system arrived, crews had the situation immediately under control. "In less than two hours it was up and running," he said.

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Albertson's Managers have complained about students parking in its parking lot. Managers have agreed to let students park behind the Albertson's building. Students will begin finding tickets on their vehicles if parking there continues.

Managers of a grocery store located near Mesa State College are asking students to refrain from leaving their vehicles in the store's private parking lot. The director of Albertson's grocery store, located at 1830 North 12th St., has contacted members of the MSC administration, asking them to spread the word that students are not to leave their vehicles in the store's parking lot. Patti Picha, College Center director at MSC, was contacted by the store director, asking her to advise students to find other parking arrangements.

According to Picha, the manager she spoke with was very polite about the issue, and only wished to resolve what they perceived to be a serious problem which interfered with their store's daily business.

Michael Michalke, Albertson's store director, said the congestion caused by students parking in the store's lot has caused his business to lose customers and money. "We've had customers come in and say 'I'm not going to shop at your store because I can't find a parking space,'" he said. He added that even though he must ask students to avoid leaving their vehicles in the store's parking area, he doesn't want the matter to get blown out of proportion. "If I don't want to be negative," he said.

Michalke said he can appreciate the need for students to find parking areas near the college, but must insist that students refrain from using the lot intended for customers.

Although Albertson's managers are asking students not to park in the lot directly in front of the store, they add that if needed, students can use the large parking area located directly behind the store.

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J.P. Me tiger
Sports Editor

Forty-three punk, rock, and alternative bands rocked the Douglas County Fairgrounds last Friday and Saturday at the fourth annual Vision '98 concert in Castle Rock, Colo.

Because so many bands were crammed into such a small period of time, the event utilized two separate stages. As soon as one band would finish its short 20-30 minute set, the crowd would stop pumping its fists and quickly scatter across the fairgrounds to the other stage where another band would be ready.

Bands headlining the concert included: Five Iron Frenzy, P.O.D., Stavesacre, CoPilot, The Channel Surfers, SMA, headed by singer/guitarist Jim Blevins, and the Insyderz.

Another one of the 43 featured bands was Grand Junction's own SMA (Sha'drach Meshach Abed-Negro). According to many fans in attendance, this rowdy punk/alternative rock band was one of the big hits at Vision '98.

SMA, headed by singer/drummer Kevin Decker, played a 35 minute set on Saturday afternoon to a riled up crowd. By the time the show was over, the crowd had erupted in a huge din of punk/alternative rock, featuring a lot of new friends, and I would like to go back.

SMA will play Sept. 20 at the Mesa Theater, located at 538 Main Street with Halfway There and Decanonymized. For ticket information call 241-1717.

Sports Editor

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NINA'S STORY SETS THE STAGE
Mary Labadie
Staff Writer

"I'm a Russian-Cuban girl...I grew up with lots of volume around me." At age 25, Colorado native Nina Storey exercises her own volume when she sings. Whether it's center stage at the Aspen Jazz Festival, the Montrose Jazz Festival, the Elitch Theatre, or her latest CD, Shapestraight, Nina's voice is widespread. In fact, if I hadn't seen her sing myself, I would have thought she was the fifth and black. In a phone interview in February, Nina wasn't phased by this comment. "I take it as a complete compliment. Thank you," she said. Growing up on everything from John Denver to Aretha Franklin, she was touched by music that had soul. Like breathing, singing is natural for Nina. "I've always sung to express how I felt."

Nina's first experience on stage with an audience occurred in her first talent show as a child in Crested Butte. She remembers being miserable, singing a cappella, and running offstage crying. After winning first place, Nina realized early in her career this singing was a "freeing" experience. If you can harness the energy, it's like riding a wild horse...if you can get ahold of the reins, you're in for an incredible ride."

Nina shares this ride with those closest to her: Her family. Her mother and father, Jan and Bill, are also Nina's business partners. Nina feels lucky to be born into a music-conscious family with over 20 years in the industry. She remembers watching her mother, also a singer, rehearse in the studio. The family business, known as Red Lady Records, includes the talents of all three Storeys, and requires trust, communication, time, and money. A Colorado "Indie" label, Red Lady Records was created in the early 80's by Jan Storey for her album, Eleven Storeys High. Now she diverts her attention to her daughter's career, and Nina said she and Jan spend most of their time on the phone promoting Shades. "It's hard to get people to take your calls," she said, "I hear 'No' a lot. Just sending a CD to a radio station doesn't guarantee airplay."

Because of her busy singing career, Nina is single. "I don't really date," she admits. Nina says she's a hopeless romantic and wants someone to know her as a whole person. "I'm not some rock star...I don't do well with the dating scene." Nina goes so far as to call herself a "nerd" when it comes to dating. Foremost in Nina's life is her career. "I'm always involved with the business...I'm not some figurehead," she said. Nina, Jan, and Bill are gratified in keeping Red Lady Records aloft. "It's really about the musical moment...and enjoying what I'm doing." She added, "I'm just another goofy, struggling artist."

The Nina Storey Band will play Friday, Sept. 18 at the newly-renovated Mesa Theater. Tickets are on sale now. Contact the theater at 241-1712, or drop by 538 Main St.

 featured at the grill.

Hold on to your taste buds, this one is a wild ride! The mild salsa was pleasantly spiced, and so was the hot. With the first bite I was delighted at the creaminess and cheesy flavor of the hot salsa, so I proceeded to take a big spoonful. Then I noticed it was a creeper salsa with the heat intensifying in time.

Next was the pork green chile sauce, with just the right amount of chile flavor, big slices of onions and hearty chunks of select pork, a true delight. The Jamaican jerk sauce featured a tasty ginger essence, and the jalapeno cream sauce and ancho sauces were a dream.

I finished my excursion by sampling the famous cheesecake: white chocolate ginger. My mouth screamed in delight at the creaminess and cheesy flavor. My stomach begged for more with every bite. If you go to Cruisers, don't skip this pleaser for any reason!
Sports

Ramunno era begins with win
Penry and company hold on for 28-25 win over Panhandle

Chris Day
Assistant Sports Editor

If Saturday night’s game is any indication, Mesa State women’s soccer team knew that their trip to Bakersfield, Calif., would be tough. They also knew that they could win. They did win...once. Unfortunately, they played two games, despite their loss, coach Jim Buchan was very pleased. “We played quite well against San Bernardino and we played awesome against Bakersfield,” he said.

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National powers spike MSC volleyball team in Florida

J.P. Menger
Sports Editor

Usually when a team loses four straight matches over a weekend, it is a bad thing. Well, it is true that the Mesa State volleyball team went 0-4 this past weekend at the North Florida Invitational. It is also true that in the team’s first two matches against the University of Tampa and Mankato State University, it was outscored 90-27. So what? Those statistics are not troubling MSC. The team is taking solace in the fact that three out of the four teams it played this weekend were nationally ranked.

“Playing better teams makes us better,” coach Rusty Crick said. “They were some of the best teams in the nation. It was a great experience.”

At the North Florida Invitational on Saturday, the Mavericks opened up against the second-ranked University of Tampa. Nothing could get going for the team as they lost in straight games, 1-15, 2-15, and 6-15. Later that evening MSC faced Mankato State and had the same results. The Mavericks lost 6-15, 9-15, and 3-15. The Mavs lost to eighth-ranked Northwood University 3-0 and only won one game against the 24th-ranked University of North Florida on Sunday.

The Mavericks will have a chance to avenge last weekend’s goose-egg as they open up RMAC play this weekend at Adams State on Friday and Fort Lewis on Saturday.

“After losing to eighth-ranked Northwood in the semifinals, we’re excited to get into this,” Crick said. “We’ll match up well against them. We are all ready to travel and watch some John Wayne movies on the way.”

The Maverick is currently 2-6 overall on the year and Fort Lewis is posting a 1-7 record.

The Lady Mavs couldn’t maintain the same tempo in Sunday night’s loss to Cal State-Bakersfield. The Roadrunners ousted Mesa State 13-6. Bianca Clinch scored the lone goal after a Mesa State turnover.

The Lady Mavs also had two other players named to the all-tournament team: Kim Blewins and Cheryl Bates. MSC will look to rebound this week with a pair of home games. They first take on Evergreen State on Thursday at 4 p.m. before opening RMAC play against Fort Lewis at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Both games will be at Dixon Field. It’s Durango versus Grand Junction. I don’t care if they’re playing Tiddly Winks, there is going to be some temperament there,” Buchan said.

Why do 50% of the people who start exercise programs drop out before realizing the health benefits they were looking for? Here are the four keys to sticking with your exercise plan.

**Have fun**
Choose an activity that itself is satisfying, not just for the benefits it promises. You’ll be more likely to stick with it after the newness has worn off. Emphasize the “want” rather than “should” in your choices of activity. Satisfaction comes from achieving a level of competence, or from simply performing the activity.

**Find a friend**
It’s okay to grit your teeth and be determined to do it on your own, but the support network is important, whether it’s at home, in the exercise class or in the work environment. To keep your progress consistent, be accountable to a friend. Your friend will encourage you to continue when you don’t feel like it.

**Write it down**
Knowing exactly how much exercise you are getting as well as how often makes it harder to slack off. Without a record, it is easy to overestimate your activity level and to let other things interfere.

**Make it important**
People who make the exercise a priority rather than an “add-on” are likely to integrate it into their lives and keep it there. Having a regular workout time also helps. A flexible workout schedule often backfires—once a person has missed one session, it’s easier to miss others.
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