Three for ASG
Student government considers fee increases

Mike Wiggins
Editor-in-Chief

Three proposed student fee increases are now before the Associated Student Government (ASG), all of which could be implemented by next fall.

The increases came at the recommendation of Janeen Kammerer, vice president of financial and administrative services, and Paul Rowan, director of management information services. The ASG will consider the proposals, which suggest increases in recreation center fees, computer technology fees and general student activity fees, on Wednesday, March 4, at 3 p.m.

There are two proposed increases which will be decided upon by the ASG. The first one asks that student fees be increased by $22 for the 1998-1999 academic year in order to offset the student recreation center budget deficit, which currently stands at $83,000. Another proposed increase to be considered by the student government, which would also be implemented next year, is an increase of $18 in the general student activity fee.

Students may have the final say about the third proposed increase. If approved by the ASG, a referendum regarding a $36 increase over the next three years in the student technology fee would be voted upon by the student body during the special elections of April 6, 7, and 8. The proposal calls for fees to be raised $16 in 1998-1999, an additional $12 in 1999-2000, and another $8 in 2000-2001.

If the student technology fee proposal is approved by the ASG and students vote in favor of the increase, the initial plan is to transform Susman Lounge, located in the College Center, into another computer lab.

Each of the proposals carry a 30-day notification period for appeals.

Senate hopeful visits MSC campus

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Managing Editor

House Bill 1376, the proposed legislation by Grand Junction representative Gayle Berry that challenged the structure of governance for Mesa State College and three other state colleges, failed in a committee Feb. 11 by a vote of three to three vote. Had the legislation passed, Mesa State College would have changed its governing structure and would no longer have been overseen by the State Colleges of Colorado Board of Trustees. Possible scenarios prior to the failure of Berry's legislation had been to have MSC as part of the University of Colorado System, the University of Northern Colorado board, or have its own governing body.

Berry said in a written response after the bill's failure, that most people agree there is a need for a change in the system, but that action is not being taken to make the change. "Higher education in Colorado has become so complex and bureaucratic that everyone says there must be a better way, but no one is willing actually to start somewhere," Berry wrote.

Berry had hoped to streamline higher education governance by addressing the dispersion of tax dollars on an equal basis by the state legislature to all institutions of higher education. Berry said one of the reasons for attacking the problem was that there was "too much self-interest" at stake by Colorado's higher learning institutions to affect much change. Despite the failure, Berry said she will continue to address the governance issue in future legislation.

Berry said earlier in the semester that another reason for the proposed legislation was that too much money was being directed from college funds into administrative costs of governance. She had said money could be better spent by supporting such an expense entity.

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Managing Editor

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County assessor Ron Teck, who is running for state senate, speaks to MSC Young Republicans president Nikki Ricciardi after a talk on Feb. 21.

With an air about him that proclaims values from a politician's creed of truth, compassion, and photo opportunity, Colorado state senate candidate Ron Teck made a visit to the Mesa State College campus Saturday, Feb. 21. Teck is seeking the seat currently held by long-time senator and former Mesa State College administrator Tillie Bishop.

Teck is Mesa County's tax assessor, a job that gives him much insight into complicated tax and property laws. Teck feels that his experience as county assessor will enable him to better represent Mesa County than his opponents.

Teck's visit came at the behest of the Mesa State College Young Republicans. Teck feels he can foster young people's interest in the political process and encourage them to vote and be active in government. "Seeing young people here on a Saturday shows me they're interested in the process," Teck said after giving a talk to the 12 colleagues "who attended the meeting. "I'm delighted to see our young people take time for something like this."

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Conflict stirs up hornet’s nest at MSC

The time has finally come for Mesa State College. The happy little world that this institution is being rocked by the violent tremors of conflict. Issues are distorting the fabric of the way things function at this college. We’ll, maybe eat, but there is a conflict within the hallowed walls of MSC between President Michael Gallagher and the Faculty Senate. The two seemed locked in a disagreement over the issue of salaries, an argument that probably traces its roots to the recent budget cuts. Anyway, there seems to be a definite conflict, and for once the students are not directly involved.

From what I can surmise over the whole issue, the Faculty Senate is disappointed in Gallagher for not following through on the salaries of the faculty. The Faculty Senate feels that Gallagher, seemingly receiving an increase in his salary, has remained laxed with the issue of increasing the faculty’s pay. On the other side, Gallagher refutes the claim that administration salaries have increased, pointing to the fact that several administration positions have been eliminated. But regardless of what the issue is and who is right or wrong, there is a definite disagreement between the president and the Faculty Senate which is creating a little conflict. We all know that a little conflict is a good thing. Stirring things up gets the blood flowing, and the body of MSC needs a little vigorous conflict. For one thing, problems are bound to happen with a new president and the resident faculty. Obviously, there are problems left behind from the old administration, which is not to say that the previous administration was a bad one. It is just that the inherent nature of a college administration is bound to leave problems behind but once again I digress. Problems are always going to be present between the administration and other members of the college, as well as problems between other organizations on this campus. And sometimes this may lead to a little conflict.

Now, let’s not get carried away. The conflict allows each party to put their concerns on the table and haggle about them. After all, compromise is the American tradition...

Danger approaching Bedrock

When we last left our heroes, Fred and Barney, noted strong arm that he kept the town drunk, Otis, the town sheriff whose only credit was association. Fred and Barney, noted strong arm, turned to Barney and smiled. "Thanks, Opie," Fred said and put away his cellular phone. He turned to Barney and smiled satisfactorily. "Yeah, Barney, there’s nothing to worry about."

"You a h---, Fred," Barney shuffled his feet.

"But you do remember what happened the last time Opie did a job, don’t you?"

"Old news, Barney," Fred replied casually. "That hag won’t know what hit her when Opie gets done with her." Fred sighed. "Boy, he’s good." He then picked up his broom and went into his cave. Barney heard him yell, "Wilma, I’m home!..."

Barney was unsure of this plan. He admitted he didn’t like Wilma. No one did, really. Not even his wife, Betty, who talked smack about her every night after playing gin with her and a couple other town ladies. "What a hag she is, Barney," Betty would say. But to turn this problem over to Opie was a mistake. There were better ways, Barney thought. Now, however, he was committed. There was nothing he could do to stop what was going to take place.

Just brrrrrrrrrrrrrrr. Barney’s eyes lit up and he smiled. He ran into his cave and found Betty at the kitchen table peeling potatoes. "Hurry, Betty, we have to leave."

"Where are we going?" Betty asked, putting down her peeler.

"No questions, not now," Barney said while reaching for her hand. "Get Ben-Barn and let’s go..."

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Club sponsors same-sex marriage debate

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The debate over same-sex rights continued Tuesday night with a forum on same-sex marriages in the United States.

Two organizations—National Freedom to Marry and And Justice For All—requested the club's support as part of a national movement promoting homosexual unions.

"We presented the request to the club and were going to take a vote," said Mary Schoonier, president of the Psychology Club. "Too many people were undecided, though, so we decided to make it more educational, so people could ask questions and hear different opinions."

The forum consisted of a panel of six community members representing clergy, homosexual rights activists, psychologists, and a lawyer. Panel members addressed moral and legal aspects of the controversy.

"It's a difficult topic," said panel member Jeff Byuguger, a proponent for same-sex marriages. "There are big questions about gay rights are (and) not. There are lists of definitions to be made."

It didn't take "lots of definitions" for some to voice their intense convictions concerning the issue, however. "The Bible is the foundation for morality in our society," said panel member Jim Hale, pastor of Spirit of Life Citizen Fellowship. "Same-sex marriages are a departure from God's plan. God speaks very strongly against it."

"I'm all for (same-sex marriages)," student Sharon Abeyta said. "If they're religious or have a problem calling it 'marriage', they can call it something else."

Despite differences of moral opinions, all panel members agreed on one thing: "No matter what, people should be treated with honor and respect," Hale said.

Community members representing clergy, homosexual rights activists, psychologists, and the legal profession met in Luff Auditorium Tuesday night to debate moral and legal aspects of same-sex marriages.

Student alliance spreading Black History Month message, educating campus

Kulmeyeh Y. Oday
Special to the Criterion

Black History Month is bringing about awareness to Mesa State College students while creating a history-rich environment as well.

The Black Student Alliance (BSA) of MSC is active this February in spreading information about the history of black leaders and inventors. BSA president Brandon Hamlett is pleased with this year's efforts in promoting the celebration of black history. "This month is a time for people to learn more about black leaders," he said.

The club has organized several events throughout the month to inform both the campus and the community of black history. The BSA is looking forward to entertaining a poetry reading at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 in the snack bar. The cost is $1 for those who choose to read their work. BSA is also involved in reading short stories to local elementary and middle school students, like Lincoln Park Elementary and Mount Garfield Middle School.

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MSC psychology professor receives national recognition

Mike Wiggins
Editor-in-Chief

A Mesa State College psychology professor has received a national award from the largest honor society in the country.

Dr. Karen Ford, professor of psychology, has won the 1998 Florence L. Denmark, National Faculty Advisor Award, as presented by Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology. Ford will be given an award plaque at the American Psychological Association Convention in San Francisco in August, and all of her expenses will be paid to attend the convention.

Ford was chosen for the award by members of MSC's Psi Chi chapter. She did not know how many total nominees were eligible for the award, but she is grateful she is the recipient of it. "It's quite an honor. "I'm honored to be nominated by the officers of the chapter, and to be honored to have received the award," she said. "It's a nice reward for many years of hard work."

According to the description of the characteristics of the award's applicants, the nominee should be somebody who best achieves Psi Chi's purpose "to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members, in all fields of psychology, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology."

Ford said the award also acts as an acknowledgment of Ford's writing in spreading Black History Month message, educating campus

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MSC music makers supporting athletes

Callista Pearson
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Recently, Mesa State College's music programs have enjoyed some very own pep band at basketball games. The band is made up of 28 students, whose members must be in the symphonic band to play. The pep band plays for 20 minutes before the game, during breaks, at halftime, and whenever the members feel like jumping in.

Band director Ronda King began teaching at MSC in August. It was at that time that students approached her about starting a pep band. According to King, the college has not officially had a pep band in years. She received funding for shirts, music and a minor scholarship for pep band members from the school.

Students began practicing a couple nights a week last month. They started playing a games several weekends ago and will soon be done for the season. Sophomore John Gibson, who plays trumpet for the band, was glad to bring spirit to the games through their music.

The pep band has added a great deal to the college experience and to the college basketball atmosphere," said Jim Parrino, athletic director. According to Parrino, the fine arts and athletic departments have been giving money to the band for several years, but it was in the past few years that the band has become a much more visible force, because of the funding and participation from many students. The departments would nevertheless like to see the pep band continue playing through the football and basketball seasons for many years to come.
Monument Hall riddled with several problems

Callista Pearson
Special to the Criterion

Throughout the 1997-98 school year, Monument Hall residents have experienced continuous plumbing and other minor structural problems associated with a new building. Monument was completed July 1, before the August 31 deadline, which may have caused some of the maintenance problems. When students started moving in at the beginning of the school year, maintenance workers were still finishing the final touches. Technical difficulties were found amongst the phone lines, plumbing, laundry rooms and lighting fixtures.

One major difficulty experienced by many of the residents was plugged toilets and other bathroom problems. According to Paul Arnhold, facilities manager, a new federal law required that housing install "environmentally sound," low water usage toilets. "Companies look at the bottom dollar instead of quality products," Arnhold said, a fact that caused a large majority of problems in the new resident hall.

All students spoken to commented on the malfunctioning toilets, as well as other problems they were experiencing. Sophomore Chris Pillement said only one phone line worked in his room, while his suite mates' phone hung up in his malfunctioning phone line. "We asked at the beginning of the year to get it fixed and no one came until a week before fall break," he said. "My roommate had to write a business letter to get it fixed." In the meantime, junior Eric Caplan said it did not take very long for his maintenance problems to be fixed. His only real problem was with the card readers.

Even with all its problems, Monument Hall has some positive attractions for its new residents. "It is nicer and more brighter than the other dorms," said senior Jud Miller. Another benefit is Monument residents have not had to evacuate the building for a fire alarm in the two hours of the morning as the rest of the residents on campus have had to do.

Arnhold said other problems are beginning to surface in the new building. Stair treads are cracking and some of the French doors do not fit well, which causes cold winter air to come in. "Contractors have been pretty good about coming back to and fixing things," he said. "During this summer all the toilets will be replaced and hopefully the rest of the bugs will be worked out by the end of the year." Fortunately the building has a one-year warranty so the majority of problems should not be charged for the problems.

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CRIME STOPPERS seeking burglars

Crime Stoppers is looking for burglary suspects. On Monday night, Jan. 19, someone broke into the Science Building of Grand Junction High School through a roof door. The suspects then took $6,000 worth of scientific equipment which included beakers, measuring devices, test tubes, and a variety of miscellaneous lab equipment.

The police need your help in solving this case. If you have any information on this burglary, call Crime Stoppers at 241-7867 or 1-800-221-7867.

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is a Republican and would like for young people to help him in his campaign, he is more interested in educating them about the governing process, not party ideology. Not only is Teck reaching out to the college community, but he is planning talks at the high school level as well. He said students need to understand government so that they will not continue to repeat the mistakes of previous generations that haunt the country today. He added that he would like to see his generation hand over the country to the young voters in better condition than he received it.

Teck said his hope is that students will seek answers to the country’s problems. “They need a Republican and would like to see his generation hand over the country to the young voters in better condition than he received it,” he said.

Teck is seeking the support of Mesa State student leaders and has enlisted the help of Josh Penry and Sergio Gutierrez, both of the Associated Student Government, who have been able to gain the confidence of several state lawmakers through their work at the state capitol in 1997. They are both serving on Teck’s advisory committee. “They keep me apprised of what’s going on with young voters,” Teck said.

Senior history major James MacHaffie said he attended Teck’s appearance to “see what he had to say.” Penry said he has been impressed with Teck’s concern of youth and is bringing to them a sense of excitement in government. “He’s really reaching out to the young generation,” Penry said.

WSC Young Republicans president Nickki Ricardi said Teck met her standards of confidence in himself and what he can offer to the people of Mesa County. “I have proven my abilities,” he said.

Mock GRE scheduled

Students anticipating going to graduate school are invited to take the practice Graduate Record Exam at 8 a.m., March 7, in Houston Hall room 130. The mock GRE is being sponsored by the MSC Psychology Club.

Send checks to Mary Schooner, Psychology Club, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Mesa State College, P.O. Box 2647, Grand Junction, CO 81502, or call 248-1696.

Model UN on trip

The Rocky Mountain Model United Nations Conference will be take place at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Denver, on Feb. 26-28. The convention is being sponsored by the University of Denver graduate program.

The MSC Model United Nations club is a part of the MSC Psychology Club.

Model UN Public Affairs Officer Troy Crawford said the 14-member UN delegation will be representing China, Cuba, and Ireland. The conference is based upon the United Nations and its policies and procedures. As a delegation, the MSC team will need to study foreign policy, human rights stances, and biotechnology policies, among others, of each country and present a plan to coincide with UN mock directives. Crawford said scenarios that mirror the actual UN’s will be handed to member countries.

UTEC open house

The Tilman Bishop Technical Education Campus (UTEC) will be holding an open house for prospective students. From 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Prospective students and their families are invited to tour the campus. Faculty, counselors and current students will be available to answer questions.

UTEC is located in the Foresight Industrial Park, north of 25 Road and Patterson.

Science faire coming to MSC

The Western Colorado Science Fair will take place on the MSC campus March 6 and 7.

Science projects under several disciplines will be judged, including projects on behavioral and social sciences, earth and space, engineering, mathematics and computers, medicine and health, physical science and zoology.

Judging will begin at 1:30 p.m. March 6 and will run until 4 p.m. The awards banquet will take place at 12:30 p.m. in Liff Auditorium on Mar. 7.

Dessert and wine discussion coming

Friends of the Mesa State College Library will be hosting a discussion featuring dessert and wine. Don MacKendrick, Professor Emeritus of History, will be presenting a perspective on Colorado businesswoman Josephine Roche, the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company magnate. Roche was also a former gubernatorial candidate. The discussion will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 6 at the Tomlinson Library. Cost is $12 at the door.

System Overload issue available now

The current issue of System Overload is now available for all students in various parts of the campus.

System Overload covers various cultural and social issues and offers student perspective and commentary.

Poetry reading taking place Wednesday

The Black Student Alliance will be sponsoring a poetry reading at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25 in Bookcliffs Snack Bar. Cost is $1 at the door for those who would like to read their works.

Graduation Committee meeting

The 1998 Graduation Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on Feb. 25 in the Alumni Office conference room.

All graduating seniors are invited to express their comments and concerns.

TEES meeting on March 5

The Technology Enhanced Education Subcommittee (TEES) will meet at 5 p.m. on March 5 in Liff Auditorium. A faculty debate on technology will take place.
1998-99 looks to be very exciting on campus. The residence halls will offer more options than ever before. Remodeled and upgraded study lounges in Rait, Pinon, and Tobman Halls will feature small computer labs, offering similar amenities as labs found in the library. Intensive study hours can be found in Rait Hall and Monument Hall for the more studious resident. For those students needing housing during the semester break, we recommend Walnut Ridge Apartments or Monument Hall.

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- Always
- Sometimes
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- Never

**Times which you listen:**
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- Mid-morning
- Early Afternoon
- Afternoon
- Early Evening
- Evening
- Late Night

**Type of music preferred:**
- Alternative Rock
- Hip Hop
- Jazz
- Blues
- Industrial
- New Age
- Folk
- Metal
- Classic Rock
- Reggae
- Classical
- Techno

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When most people hear the words "environment" or "save the wilderness," they immediately think of "tree-huggin' hippies" who are either trying to make a difference or just cause some problems. This is the stereotypical view of the whole environmental issue.

But people such as Matt Sura, Western Colorado Coalition organizer and Pete Kolbenschlag, Colorado Environmental Coalition field coordinator, are working to change that perception by encouraging people to learn what a "wilderness" is and why it is necessary. "Our goal is to set out and provide wilderness areas because they meet the criteria of Congress," Kolbenschlag said.

While hiking in the mountains, mountain biking, or just spending a nice afternoon in a beautiful mountain area, people don't stop and think about what a wilderness area is. They are just proud to be there and enjoy these areas as places to relieve stress that have lush trees, vegetation, and natural beauty.

According to The Wilderness Act of 1964, a wilderness is: "an area where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled (uncontrolled) by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. It is an area of undeveloped federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions."

A wilderness area is vital to the survival of our civilization because these areas offer scientific value and serve educational purposes. Every time you turn around in the wilderness, there is something different, and things so beautiful it's beyond explanation. "These areas are unique and geologically beautiful," Sura said. This is why wilderness areas are so important, and that is why there is a need to protect them from industrialization. "Wilderness is the ultimate use," he said.

"People have rediscovered lower elevation areas as recreation areas and this is why we are trying to get Congress to recognize more wilderness areas," Kolbenschlag said. "It is up to the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) and Congress to make the management plans."

Colorado Environmental Coalition and Mesa County Wilderness Coalition are working toward more wilderness areas for everyone to enjoy. They are both making efforts to comply with Congress and their standards.

According to Sura and Kolbenschlag, society has no control over what happens with the decision, but people can make a difference to protect the wilderness future. For more information call Pete Kolbenschlag, West Slope field coordinator or Matt Sura at Western Colorado Congress in Grand Junction at 256-7650.

Congress' criteria to constitute a Colorado wilderness study area

1. Generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature with the effects of human activities hardly noticeable.

2. Has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

3. 5,000 acres or is of sufficient size so that its preservation and use in an unimpaired conditions is practical.

4. May contain ecological, or other features of scientific, education, scenic, or historical value.
Choirs share "An Evening With Charles Ives"

Sarah Gross
Assistant Features Editor

Kazoos, handbells, and lots of singing is on the agenda for this Friday as the Mesa State College vocal department presents "An Evening With Charles Ives." The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Walter Walker Fine Arts Center.

The evening promises to be filled with lots of fun and memories, said Dr. Monte Atkinson, head of the vocal department.

"It's a happenin' kind of concert," he said. "It will be long remembered in Grand Junction. Students won't want to miss it."

Charles Ives was a businessman and secret composer from New England. When Ives died in 1950, his compositions were found in an old chicken coop at his home. His works encompassed a wide variety of music—everything from symphonies to country music to sacred.

Ives was one of America's most important innovative composers," Atkinson said. "Some of his music is still avant-garde for today, an entire century later. He wrote whatever he heard. He mixed the music of day-to-day events."

For example, if Ives was sitting in church and heard a parade go by, he would add the parade's music to the church music, Atkinson said.

This unique approach to composing has proven to be a challenge for performers.

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The Psychology Club, along with the MSC chapter of the national honor society Psi Chi, sponsors a national service program each year by adopting a shelter of their choice. According to Schooner, the club decided to sponsor the Latimer House this year.

The clothing drive is currently being held in the W.W. Campbell College Center. Students interested in donating their used professional-style clothing, or any casual clothing, can drop the items off in the designated area near the cafeteria.

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Kazoos, handbells, and lots of singing is on the agenda for this Friday as the Mesa State College vocal department presents "An Evening With Charles Ives." The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Walter Walker Fine Arts Center.

The evening promises to be filled with lots of fun and memories, said Dr. Monte Atkinson, head of the vocal department.

"It's a happenin' kind of concert," he said. "It will be long remembered in Grand Junction. Students won't want to miss it."

Charles Ives was a businessman and secret composer from New England. When Ives died in 1950, his compositions were found in an old chicken coop at his home. His works encompassed a wide variety of music—everything from symphonies to country music to sacred.

Ives was one of America's most important innovative composers," Atkinson said. "Some of his music is still avant-garde for today, an entire century later. He wrote whatever he heard. He mixed the music of day-to-day events."

For example, if Ives was sitting in church and heard a parade go by, he would add the parade's music to the church music, Atkinson said.

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DANCE FESTIVAL EXPERIENCES
SEVERE TURBULENCE: EL NIÑO

Noel Daugherty
Production Manager

The final boarding call blares from the intercom on an early January morning. Seven Mesa State students hop on the plane which is preparing to take them to Denver and then on to California for the American College Dance Festival.

Halfway between Denver and Grand Junction, the plane hits severe turbulence. Oxygen masks crash out of the ceiling, and the plane is forced to turn around and fly back to Grand Junction. Despite all this, the flight to California is held for them in Denver. A few hours later, a tired group of students board their flight at Denver International Airport, and the adventure begins.

Students from more than two dozen Southwest colleges converged on Orange County College Jan. 8-13 to pirouette, tap and 'cut a rug' at the dance festival. Performers promenaded 43 dances before a group of judges.

Among those were MSC's two contributions - a piece called "IC-RAD," choreographed by Danalyn Schmidt, and "Sweetie," which was choreographed by Anne Sanders. The two pieces earned compliments from the judges and were lauded for their uniqueness in movement.

The seven MSC dancers broadened their horizons and honed their skills with a variety of classes taught by professional dancers, including Mesa State's own Brian Vernon. In the classes students explored tap, jazz, world, ballet, and other genres of dance.

"I brought (back) a lot more confidence, technique, and styles that will help me out for the rest of my dancing career," said Darcy Smith.

The trip wasn't all work and no play in sunny Southern California for MSC's dancers, though. The group got to shimmy their way through Disneyland — accompanied by the infamous El Niño.

Luckily for them, it rained. It poured so hard that the lines for the rides dissolved. With little or no waiting, the group was able to have their pick of amusements. Two of the students were able to ride the brand new Raiders of the Lost Ark ride seven times.

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1. Do not skip meals. A growling stomach can overpower the strongest will.
2. Eat slowly. Talk more.
3. Order small portions and leave some on your plate.
4. Find restaurants that cater to calorie-counting customers. They serve salads with low-calorie dressing and grilled or broiled meats. Avoid restaurants featuring rich desserts, cream gravies, and wine sauces.
5. Avoid fast food restaurants that serve only pizzas, tacos, fried chicken, or hamburgers and French fries. If you must, order only a small burger without French fries and a milkshake.
6. At a buffet, fill your plate first with salads and low-calorie foods. Do not take a dessert when you first go down the line. It will be easier to resist on a full stomach.
7. Look for low-calorie appetizers such as tomato juice, grapefruit juice or sections, clear broth, vegetable soup, or a fresh fruit cup. Avoid creamed soups or fried appetizers.
8. Select roasted, baked, broiled, or grilled main-dish meats without rich sauces, gravies, or breading. Trim visible fat from meat or skin from poultry.
9. Ask for your vegetables to be served without cheese, cream sauce, or almonds. On a baked potato, use only one pat of butter or one tablespoon of sour cream.
10. Ask the server to remove hot breads or taco chips after you have eaten a small portion. Or, ask that they not be served at all.
11. Select low-calorie desserts such as fresh fruits or a small portion of sherbet. Resisting dessert is even better.
12. For breakfast, stick with fruit or juice, bread and/or cereal, skim or low-fat milk, and coffee. Good fruit or juice choices are orange, grapefruit, or tomato; good bread or cereal choices are toast, small muffins, oatmeal, or dry cereals. Limit sweet rolls, doughnuts, or coffee cake. Ask for butter or margarine to be served on the side, if at all.
13. Use milk and a no-calorie sweetener to flavor coffee or tea.
The task is at hand, and the Mesa State women's basketball team knows it.

Thursday night at Saunders Fieldhouse, the Lady Mavs advanced to the second round of the RMAC. The Lady Mavs will now travel to Denver to take on Nebraska-Kearney in the second round of the RMAC. The Mavericks finished their season 7-12 in the RMAC. The Lady Mavs will now travel to Denver to take on Nebraska-Kearney in the second round of the tournament on Friday afternoon.

Kearney is the number one seed in the tournament, and is coming off a 111-71 thrashing of Southern Colorado. It's victory marked the 43rd consecutive home win for the Lady Lopers.

We've lost to Kearney the last two times in the finals. We are always looking forward to playing them and now we finally get another chance. It should be a good game," said junior Mandy Miller, who scored a game-high 16 points on the night. "We are playing great as a team and I hope that we can continue that way." Coach Steve Kirkham realizes the tough opponent his team is up against, and he knows what his team has to do to win. "We're going to have to prove ourselves against Kearney before we can ever get to the next level," he said. "If we can beat Kearney, then we have gotten to the top. We're going to have to go out there and play really, really hard to get after them."

In Tuesday night's game, the Lady Mavericks defense allowed Colorado Christian to shoot only 43 percent from the field (12-62). "Our defense is the main focus. It's defense that wins us games," said senior Mike Young (1-0) on the team's defensive effort as well. "Defense is what keeps us in the game. We doubled them in rebounding and I think that is what is keeping us up," she said.

Praising the defense just might be justified, as the team has only given up an average of 46 points per game in the last four games. Leading 39-32 early in the second half, the Lady Mavs went on a 11-3 run with the help of key buckets from Miller. "I tried not to think. There was a lot of adrenaline." Frank S. Bellavia

Sports Editor

The rivalry between the baseball teams from Mesa State College and the University of Northern Colorado has grown to the point where bragging rights comes in the form of a trophy, the ShotGun Trophy. The Mavs took three of four games of the Bears last weekend, with the fourth being postponed until this weekend.

The Mavs will take on another Division I opponent this weekend in Brigham Young University. They will also play UNC again in a tournament this weekend at Sam Suplizio Field. Last year the Mavs took one of four games against BYU, but look to play them tough this weekend.

"It's going to be a good battle, and will be exciting. They are well coached and have good personnel. It's a good college rivalry," said coach Joe Giarratano. "We have to be emotionally stable. We can't get too high or too low," Giarratano.

Daanyal McKelvey scored 14 points in Saturday night's 91-79 loss to Adams State College. The Mavs finish the season 7-12 in the RMAC.
Softball team gets R&R after weekend victories

J.P. Menger
Assistant Sports Editor

Football recruiting a 'moderate success' for Mavs

Kulmeyeh Y. Oday
Special to the Criterion

The national signing day of February 4 was a moderate success for Mesa State head football coach Joe Ramunno, who signed a handful of athletes to the 1998 squad.

Four athletes signed their letters of intent on Wednesday, announcing their decision to attend Mesa State College next fall. Ramunno, sticking to his words, signed three Western Slope players from Central High School here in Grand Junction.

Ramunno will send out a press release on Wednesday, Feb. 24, naming the recruits who will be attending MSC in the fall semester of 1998.

The number of athletes signed this year compared to the number from the last two years is fractional. MSC has previously committed up to 20 or 30 athletes on the national signing day in the past.

Although ten more players made the commitment to MSC by Thursday morning, this year's class appears to not be as talented as the ones before it.

Winning the battle of recruiting this year has to go to the University of Northern Colorado. They have signed 24 players from Colorado, an ironic fact, because UNC reportedly only held six scholarships, providing a good chance that they would miss out on players that they wanted due to lack of scholarships available.

Fort Lewis did not do a bad job, either committing 27 players, outright signing MSC. This is surprising to Ramunno.

"Considering the players we have here and the support from the community, Mesa State is a good place to call home," he said.

Ramunno is not worried about the number in the class, he is more concerned with the guys that are already at MSC and preparing them for success. He understands that because of the late coaching change, recruits may have gotten 'cold feet' at the last minute and decided to go to school elsewhere.
This week our article is going concerning pregnancy and its effects on the male in the relationship. I have recently become a parent for a second time. The two happy occasions occurred first when I was 21 and most recently at 35. The two occurrences have proven to be right and day in their effects on my life. I was married at 21 and involved with someone who I thought had the same goals and expectations as myself, while at the same time thinking I knew what my own goals and expectations were. Neither proved true. Now, at 35 I am secure regarding my abilities and my better developed senses have led me to marry a woman I know to be understanding and kind.

From the female point of view, these differences are key in how a man's life is effectuated by their pregnant partner. At 21 I had a difficult time adjusting to the time constraints of doctors visits and the reflux of my cash by the medical community and the discreet yet powerful maze classes. The outright theft of my cash by the medical community at 35, I too naturally, this is the age of most college students. I too was in college at that time. I was forced to drop out. It was not an easy life.

Now, 13 years later, I am almost finished with my degree and I have another better wife and another wonderful son. The pregnancy this time was more costly and just as irritating, yet I had changed in the way I handled it. It has been a cake walk in comparison and full of joy with an occasional hard minute. The moral of this story is that there should be no big rush to have children in your life. They are wonderful creations between you and your spouse, but only after those people have prepared themselves in their life to deal with it in a quality manner.

Gentlemen, protect yourself in anyway possible until you are sure, and I mean sure, that what you are doing is with forethought and wisdom. The world is inundated with unwonted, uncared for children—don’t let there be one with your lost name.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

1998 RMAC women's basketball playoff bracket

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Frank S. Bellavia
Sports Editor

Three years ago Russ Nicholls transferred to Mesa State College from Colorado State University. In his three seasons as a Maverick, Nicholls has received RMAC Honorable Mention twice. He led the conference two years in a row in three-point field goal percentage, shooting 50 percent from behind the arc. That was good enough to place him eighth in the country last season.

On Saturday, Nicholls added one more record to his career: the most career three-pointers at MSC. Nicholls drained six three-pointers against Adams State College, giving him 110, two more than current Mavs assistant coach Beau Smith. "It was something I developed over the past few years. I wasn't a long-distance shooter," Nicholls said.

Nicholls worked on his long-distance game the summer before he transferred to MSC. "I knew it was possible, so I strived to be the best," he said.

Nicholls fought through three knee surgeries and two losing seasons, but he said he enjoyed playing at MSC. "I have no regrets. I had fun playing here and I came up on top," he said. "I learned a lot in life and it helped me progress. It was a good experience."

A two-time all-state and three-time all-conference performer at Columbine High School, Nicholls was selected SA Player of the Year, "Mr. Basketball of Colorado," and the league's MVP.

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