Former MSC president passes away, leaves legacy

Jaime Banks
Copy Editor

There once lived in Grand Junction, a man who loved to dance. “Ballroom dancing it was,” said Gerdیدine, his wife of 66 years. “And we were dancing during the tiger rag period, so the Charleston too . I don’t think they do any of that anymore.”

Junction was then a small college town, so he and his wife would create their own entertainment. “I guess it was mostly dancing and bridge and dinner parties,” she said.

Many know this man’s name, but few know of his accomplishments. He was William Adelbert Medesy, president of Mesa State College from 1965 through 1971. Medesy died Feb. 1 at the age of 90 in his Aurora home.

He held two main accomplishments during his presidency, said former history professor Don MacKendrick. The first was the expansion of the vocational technology program. The second was “brick and mortar.” Medesy’s presidency coincided with an increase in state funding for institutional advancement. This led to the construction of Lowell-Henney Hall, Walter Walker Fine Arts Center, and Saunders Fieldhouse. These buildings replaced a number of former Army barracks that served as classrooms and the student center.

Despite Medesy’s impact, the expansion of Mesa may have been this very growth that prompted his retirement, said MacKendrick. “I think it was the switch to the four-year structure that made him decide to leave. He was very into the community college setup.”

KMSA celebrates 25 years on the air

Leigh Ashman
News Editor

“In The Beginning” there was the group Emerson, Lake and Palmer, and as student run KMSA nears its 25th anniversary, current staff is looking back in fond memory at the “E,” “L,” and “P” song that started it all.

According to the KMSA Web site, Western State College helped the effort to begin a Mesa State radio station by donating a control board. The University of Northern Colorado chipped in with a 10 watt transmitter, MSC purchased two turntables and a cart machine.

Information posted on the site shows getting the station on the air was truly a community effort, combining the resources and talent of private citizens, the fine department, and students.

To celebrate the anniversary, which coincides with the 75th anniversary of the college, staff members are planning a concert, featuring the Sofa Kings and the Rebel Space Ships for Feb. 27 in Liff Auditorium.

The actual anniversary is Feb. 18, but festivities are scheduled to begin Feb. 25, starting with the annual vinyl sale, where KMSA sells off records and CD’s no longer used by the station.

Initially, KMSA broadcasted specialty shows at blues, jazz, and country, but the main format was classic rock. Now the 3,000-watt station plays the valley’s only alternative music selection, with specialty shows of hip-hop, metal and rap.

Future plans for the station include the possibility of moving the transmitter to Black Ridge on the Colorado National Monument. According to Station Manager Jared Hargrave this move would more than double the broadcast area. He also said these plans hinge on Cumulus Broadcasting’s willingness to donate the empty transmitter, and that such a tax deductible donation would be beneficial for both organizations.

In addition, the plans for a Matt McCallister memorial fountain are continuing. According to Hargrave the station needs to raise $20,000 and the college will donate the additional $20,000 necessary to make the fountain a reality. The fountain will be installed in front of the new science building.

Hargrave said, “Everyone at KMSA is so proud of what we have accomplished, and if it wasn’t for the efforts of the past 25 years of station managers, we wouldn’t be where we are today.”

KMSA News Director Anna Beatty gets animated reporting local news over 91.3.
With the recent announcement that Mesa State College may be one of several Colorado universities to become part of Colorado University, a college student can’t help but become concerned with the possibilities.

This is coming after a politician on the Eastern Slope (Nolbert Chavez) made a remark on the suggestion of maybe CSU acquiring other smaller schools, possibly Mesa State. This plot to gain publicity through the use of a topic such as education just shows what this particular politician has as far as a perspective on how it might be part of a deal.

Chavez did not make any mention of Mesa State. This plot to become part of Colorado University, a college student can’t help but become part of Colorado University, a college student can’t help but become concerned with the possibilities. For many freshman I know, the three institutions that I came to four years ago may be totally different when I graduate. Not to say that there is anything wrong with Colorado State University, it has proven to be one of the most prestigious schools in the state, and has a plethora of reputable programs available to the students, but it isn’t for me. The comment made was a poor one and one that should not have been made by someone in the political world unless it was possible. I chose to come to Mesa State to get a degree. The idea that it may become under the control of another politician has as far of a possibility as me becoming a politician.

One of the main reasons I came to Mesa State is having, and the success that it has proven to be one of the most reputable schools in the state. The merging of it with CSU would hurt the reputation of political world.

The merging of it with CSU would hurt the reputation of the school as being one that most of us know and are proud to be a student of. Despite the ill-advised comments made, as always the politician got his name in the headlines. Anything to get your name in people’s minds. And so the endless pursuit for attention continues in the world of politics. The fact is, the merger with Mesa State will never happen, and I could not be happier.

Poor Guys Almanac:
Writer’s block always never-ending adventure

I really don’t know how to open this article today, and that brings me to my point-writer’s block. If you’ve ever had to write anything, you know what it is. That sensation that you know nothing on the subject, even after you’ve read all the books and the library has on it. And you still don’t know what to write. Anyone who has taken English 111 knows about this. One of the least favorite classes of many freshmen I know, the three to five page essays are a weekly occurrence for this class. Writing these essays can be an all-night experience, as almost any person at college can attest to. For Example: 7:00 p.m. Set up for writing your essay. 7:11 p.m. Desk is cleared off, and paper is out and ready to be used. 7:12 p.m. A friend calls and sees if you want to go out and go Bowling. You really shouldn’t, but it couldn’t take that long to win some money off of her.

10:48 p.m. return from bowling, $20 poorer and not so ready to tackle that paper. 10:49 p.m. The guys next door are watching Terminator II. Run over to catch the last hour. 12:15 a.m. After talking for 20 minutes after the movie ends, real...
ize that you still have a paper to write and hurry back to your room to work on it. 12:25 a.m. Think you have found a thesis. But after reviewing it again, find it’s just a saying you copied off a fortune cookie at lunch.

12:30 a.m. Run to the dorm computer lab to check your e-mail.

1:15 a.m. After replying extensively to everyone that wrote you and writing everyone else in your address book, including those aunts and uncles you’ve never met and that girl at summer camp five years ago but still don’t remember her name, come back to your room to work on your paper.

1:16 a.m. Get a drink.

2:00 a.m. While getting a drink, a friend happened to ask you how to do a problem on the Calculus homework. After trying to find the answer for forty minutes, you remember that you have never taken Calculus. Apologize for another ten minutes for being such a moron, then back to your room to go to work.

3:30 a.m. Have finally written your first page. Roommate comes back from a party, drunk as he’s ever been, and promptly pukes all over your paper and lap.

4:00 a.m. After waiting in line for twenty minutes to get a stall in the shower, get cleaned up, and head back to your room to clean up the present roommate left for you.

4:25 a.m. Roommate snoring and coughing on his own vomit. Head to the dorm’s computer lab and try to type the paper.

5:30 a.m. System Disk Error. You lose everything that you had written in the past hour. Start over again from scratch.

7:00 a.m. Finish paper, realize that all of your other paper is in your dorm room still.

7:02 a.m. Roommate finishes cussing you out for making him open the door because you forgot your key again, grab some paper and head back to the lab to finish.

7:04 a.m. Someone is on your computer checking their e-mail.

7:20 a.m. They finish looking at their e-mail, which was all porn, and you’re set to print your paper. Printer jams, and is out of commission for the day. Run back to your room, grab a disk, and save your paper on it.

8:30 a.m. On the way to the library, stop to grab a bowl of cereal. Since sleep deprivation is starting to catch up with you, you spill three bowls of Cap’n Crunch before deciding on the biscuits and gravy.

8:40 a.m. Reach the library computer lab. The only computer is the one with the busted monitor that you can’t see anything but fuzzy shapes on.

9:55 a.m. After a little skirmish with your computer and disk, finally get your paper and to print and head out the door with five minutes to spare.

9:00 a.m. Get to your classroom right on time, only to find a sign that says class is cancelled today due to your teacher not being prepared. Throw away the paper and go to bed.

In this case, writer’s block was eventually overcome. Too bad I still don’t know what to write this article about.

Oh well, I put it off long enough, I’m sure something good will come up. That’s the secret to beating writer’s block—desperation.

A Wiseman said...
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Landslide debris clean up begins

Simon Cropp
Staff Writer

More than a month after a major rockslide on the Colorado National Monument, clean up has begun.

On Feb. 9, contractors brought down the unstable slab of rock above Rim Rock Drive, and new operations to clear debris off the road are under way. Officials determined clean up operations would be unsafe until the scaling process was completed. The unstable mass was brought down by using explosives.

With the majority of the rock out of the way, the loose debris will be cleaned off the road, slopes above and below the road will be secured, and the road will be reopened.

The rockslide area between 16 1/2 Road and US 6 Road will be closed to the public during the week from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. until clean up is complete.

Steve Hickman, park superintendent, said he understands the inconvenience of closing that area of Rim Rock Drive, "but the closure is necessary for vehicle safety and will shorten the amount of time needed until the entire road is reopened."

Areas still accessible are: Clady Park, Devils Kitchen, Serpents Trail, Cold Shivers Point, and the Visitor Center.

The Upper Liberty Cap, Upper Ute, and Upper Black Ridge trailheads will remain closed.

Crosswalk evaluation to continue until end of semester

Simon Cropp
Staff Writer

Five months after students expressed concern that 12th Street crosswalks were unsafe, the MSC administration and City Staff have decided the best course of action is continued evaluation of the crosswalk improvements made in Oct. 1999.

Other improvements under consideration: overcrossing, undercrossing, and in-pavement flashes to amuse the crosswalkers and motorists.

According to Jody Kliska, Grand Junction traffic engineer, the Traffic Department and members of the MSC community made a presentation to the City Council, asking that the monitoring of the existing improvements continue until the end of this school year and that further corrections, if needed, be made.

Kliska also said that the Traffic Department will appear again before the City Council in March to discuss the possibility of allocating funds to the program.

Little Mavs grow rapidly

Leigh Ashman
MSC Staff Writer

Just as children quickly begin to outgrow their clothes, the Little Mavs/State College day care program has outgrown its facility.

Transit officials prepare for opening day

Robert Fencelhorn
Staff Writer

Grand Junction's first mass transit system, Grand Valley Transit, will officially begin operations next Monday, Feb. 21, with a kickoff celebration at Mesa Mall. The celebration will begin at 10 a.m. Monday morning at the bus stop in the parking lot between JC Penny's and Abercrombie. There will be free food available. County Commissioner Kathy Hall will be speaking to the crowd, the event is open to the public.

GVMT's public information specialist, Gail Groik, expects student use of the new system to be extensive. "Parking is such a hassle all over the place," said Groik.

Also, MSC students will be able to use the new bus system for free. However, each MSC student paid a $4 fee as part of student fees at the beginning of the semester. This is part of the Employer Fas Pass Program, which allows organizations, like the college or local businesses, to pay a set fee, and their members will be allowed to ride for free. The funds paid to the GVMT from the program will then be matched by the federal government. "The federal government wants to see a private-

C.R.A.B. Club

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Workshop Club -
Meeting, February 28, 7 pm in the Fletcher Room. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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MEDESY was described by his son, Gary, as being quite strong. "He was very dignified the whole way, even up until he was ill," he said. "My sister said he handled (his illness) very well."

Gary continued, "His greatest love in his personal life was family. He always looked forward to family events, including being with grandchildren and great grandchildren as the family grew."

In addition to being published in various senior magazines, he received the Top Hat Award from the Colorado Federation of Professional and Business Women in 1969, and in 1970 was one of three national winners receiving the award from the national federation. This award was given in recognition of individuals' efforts toward the advancement of women. "He was always ways very big into promoting equality," said his son. Gary continued, "The best thing would be how he dealt with everyone on a level playing field; he was interested in education and fairness for everybody. I think that's a lot of his legacy."

Medesy, prior to receiving his doctorate of education from Columbia University, served as an Army reserve officer. During the North Africa and Sicily campaigns in World War II, he earned the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart while acting as a field artillery battery commander.

"The one thing Dad would want to be remembered for was his passion for education; particularly literacy," said Gary. In the 1930s he served as a U.S. Forest Service ranger in Civilian Conservation Corps camps. He tutored reading and writing, including teaching the illiterate men how to sign their names. In addition to his son and wife, he is survived by his daughter, Marilyn Farmer.

Medesy requested that any memorial donations be sent to the Mesa State College Foundation to be used for scholarships.

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Registration is required. Call Jean Halvorson at 248-1406 or stop by Rm. L-102 to sign up.
Local to trek Alaska for 1,151 miles

Alex Stuessie
Staff Writer

When George Mallory (the first man credited with climbing Mt. Everest) was asked why he was climbing the mountain, he responded, "Because it's there." Almost the same can be said about Grand Junction resident Mike Curiak and about 20 other enthusiasts from around North America and the world, as a reason for riding their bikes across the state of Alaska tracing the Iditarod trail.

In the next few weeks Curiak and the others will gather in Knik, Alaska, and on Feb. 26, they will begin a race that will hopefully end in Nome, if everything goes as planned.

For the past three years, racers have traveled to Alaska and competed in a race that lasts 350 miles. This year, to celebrate the millennium, the racers have decided to extend the race to cover the entire Iditarod trail, all 1,151 miles of it.

Curiak has participated in this race for the last two years, but he was unable to complete it last year due to numerous avalanches. Curiak has trained for this event five days a week, with two days to rest in between.

The entrance fee for the race is $500, but that only makes up a small amount of the total cost. Spending up to $12,000 on this race, Curiak is depending on sponsorship to help offset some of the expenses. While receiving gear from companies such as CLIF, Oakley and Northface, Curiak looks to some of the local businesses for additional help.

"You can’t count on any sort of rescue. You need to have all your gear and make sweet decisions."

Mike Curiak

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Strings receive financial support; concert to provide scholarships

Meaghan Blanchard
Asst. Features Editor

The Mesa State College music department will present its annual String Scholarship Benefit concert on Monday at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to MSC string students.

Carlos Elias, director of Strings/Ochestra at Mesa, will be performing in the concert along with his wife, Andrea Arese-Elias. Carlos will be playing violin and Andrea will be on piano. The program will be comprised of a variety of pieces for violin and piano, including the "Sonata in D Major," "Suite Populaire Espagnol," "Sonata in A Major" and excerpts from "My Native Country."

Elias and his wife arrived in the Grand Junction area last January to fill in for George Rosenbaum. Elias was recently named the permanent tenure track director of the Strings/Ochestra.

"I have a lot of goals to make the strings department grow," said Elias. "It is going good. We have recruiting plans to get a stronger strings department."

Elias was born in El Salvador, and came to the United States after graduating from high school. He earned his bachelor's in violin performance from Biola University in California and his master's from the University of Cincinnati. He has taught violin in Sendai, Japan and is currently the concertmaster of the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra. Arese-Elias has won many awards.

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and materials to Curiak's quest. Summit Canyon Mountaineering donated a jacket and pants along with helping Curiak customize a pair of shoes so his feet will not freeze.

Starting six days before the dogs, Curiak says that if everything goes as planned, he hopes to finish the race in 18 to 20 days, with the dogs completing theirs in 10 to 11.

With the trail crossing Alaska, there will be times when Curiak is alone away from civilization. "You can't count on any sort of rescue," said Curiak. "You need to have all your gear and make your own decisions."

Curiak has a bike specially designed for this race. Complete with oversized tires, the front weighs six pounds alone. The total weight of the bike is 36 pounds and Curiak has packed 18 pounds of gear, food included.

Curiak and the others will be burning about 10,000 calories per day so they have packed only high-calorie, lightweight foods.

Curiak's goal is to "finish the race first and foremost," but that seems difficult when trying to survive 50 degrees below zero and varying weather conditions.

This race has been called mountain biking's most grueling race, but that was when it was only 350 miles long. Now people wonder why they are calling the race as it goes for 1,151.

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Friday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m. Mesa Theater 21+

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Thursday, Feb. 17, 9 p.m. Station 234

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cises that improve muscle
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training have greater bone
density than those who perform
only aerobic exercises. This is
important for menopausal
women since they are losing
bone mineral at a faster rate than
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Weight training
Weight training for aging
adults should have special
modifications since lifting heavy
weights is not recommended.
Some exercise specialists say
you can get enough muscular
work by doing calisthenics such
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crease blood pressure). Also
recommended because
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weight in proportion to your
muscular strength.

Stretching
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also be added for
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in your joints, liga­ments, and tendons
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string muscles and
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with weak stomach

Spring swim meet scheduled for 3/4/00 at 3 p.m. in the Rec Center Pool.
Any student or staff interested in the spring swim meet please leave your name
and phone number at the IM Office, the Rec Center front desk, or call 248-1591.
Mavs take lead in West with victory over arch-rival

Michelle Sullivan
Sports Editor

The stakes were high. Playing your arch-rival on the road, down one game in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Western Division, and 1992 marked the last time you won in Gunnison. That was the scenario facing the Mesa State College women's basketball team as they headed into Wright Gymnasium on Tuesday, Feb. 15. The Mavericks came out ready to play taking the quick 4-0 lead. Western State would pull to within a 7-6 margin with 17:28 remaining in the first half. It turns out that would be the closest the Mountaineers would come to the Mavs for the remainder of the game. Mesa State would increase its lead to as many as 32 points late in the first half. The Mavs kept control throughout the entire game, showing Western who is boss, winning 66-57.

Sophomore forward Lance Hatzenbeller scored a career high 22 points going 11-14 from the field. Senior guard Dutch Johnson and forward Chris Nevold put up another 10 points each. Junior forward Jeff Bome contributed 10 boards to the effort as well. The Mavs were coming off a home split on the weekend. On Friday, Feb. 11, the Cowgirls of New Mexico Highlands University came to Brownson Arena looking to beat Mesa State for the second time this season.

Senior Dutch Johnson takes the ball to the hole during Mesa State's 73-82 loss to Highlands.

Lady Mavs increase RMAC West lead; players gain experience

Ryan Keim
Asst. Sports Editor

The Mesa State women's basketball team has one goal for the remainder of the season—to secure the No. 2 seed in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Tournament. The Lady Mavs got a step closer on Tuesday as they defeated the Mountaineers of Western State College by a score of 80-70.

Senior center Susan Luecke got Mesa State off on the right track against the Mountaineers as she scored the first six points of the game, and the Lady Mavs quickly found themselves leading 9-0. Mesa State extended its lead to 13 in the first half with the help of 20 free throws, but Western State got back into the game by matching the Lady Mavs with 20 free throws of its own, and trailed by just seven at halftime.

The Mountaineers cut the lead to three at the 17:05 mark in the second half, but after that, the Lady Mavs scored nine unanswered points and sealed the win with 3:24 remaining when sophomore guard Kelli O'Dwyer hit a 3-pointer to give Mesa State a comfortable eight-point lead. O'Dwyer was tops on the team in scoring and rebounding with 22 points and nine rebounds. Luecke pitched in 17 points (4 in the first half, six rebounds and two blocked shots.

Mesa State has won six of its last seven matchups, and a lot of the credit goes to the Lady Mavs defense. According to coach Steve Kirkham, Mesa State's defense is also a key factor to not only the current streak, but a better second half of the season. "We were running a whole different defense," Kirkham said of the team at the beginning of the year.

On Friday, Feb. 11, the Lady Mavs took on the New Mexico Highlands University Cowgirls at Brownson Arena in a battle for the top spot in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Western Division. Mesa State jumped out to a 13-2 lead over Highlands as it scored the game's first 11 points. The Cowgirls fought their way back though as they closed the last seven minutes and thirty-five seconds of the first half on a 17-10 run, and the Lady Mavs held on to just a 25-21 lead at the break.

Mesa State extended its lead to nine in the second half, but with 13:03 remaining in regulation, the Cowgirls grabbed the lead for the first time in the game at 41-39. It was back and forth for more than seven minutes as this matchup featured three lead changes.

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RMAC Men's Standings

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Big Win!

Mesa State 82-73

The Mavs took the sixth lead change of the game with 9:27 left in the first half and built that lead as high as 10 points. With 6:06 remaining in the game the Grizzlies took the slight 2 point edge and held it as the game went scoreless for just over four minutes. Mesa State reclaimed the lead and never looked back as they went on to the 70-43 win.

Johnson led the team with 18 points. Hatzenbeller added 14 points, eight rebounds and four assists. Sophomore guard Eric Bryant contributed 12 points to the effort. Johnson also pulled down six boards.

"There's not a lot of difference between us and Highlands and anybody else in the West. The West probably is as dead even as I've ever seen it," coach Jim Hoops said.

The Mavs finish their home season on Thursday, Feb. 17 against Fort Lewis College. Tipoff is at 3 p.m. in Brownson Arena.

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