WeCAN members try to promote social justice, healthy communities

*Student members strive to make the world a better place*

By Sharon Sullivan
Staff Writer

Something positive happened on Sept. 12, 2001. Western Colorado Action Network (WeCAN) could not have predicted its scheduled kickoff meeting would follow one day after the terrorist attacks on America. But students came, perhaps spurred on more than ever to try to do some good in the world.

WeCAN was created as a branch of Western Colorado Congress (WCC) to encourage young people to be involved in the social and environmental issues important in their area. WCC and its members’ mission is to “work together to create healthy, sustainable communities, social and economic justice, environmental stewardship and a truly democratic society.”

WeCAN is organized into four affinity groups, and members choose to work in one of them. The Energy Audit/Recycling Group is working to make Mesa State College and the surrounding high schools more energy efficient.

Promoting more accessible recycling is one of the ways they plan to achieve that, in addition to looking into alternative power sources.

The Alternative Transportation group has developed the “Borrow a Bike” program. A pilot program will provide several bikes, parked on Main Street, for people to use free of charge.

The Media Group is in charge of writing letters, articles, creating flyers and securing radio spots to educate people on issues and events.

WeCAN meets every three weeks in the College Center. Meeting times are posted on flyers and in the Criterion.

For more information, call DeAnna Woolston, WCC organizer, at 256-7650 or Houdek at 248-1428.

The fourth group, called the Bush Plan/Little Bookcliffs Group, tracks local impacts of President Bush’s National Energy Plan. The Little Bookcliffs, north of Grand Junction, is both a proposed wilderness area and a potential drilling site for oil and natural gas.

“WeCAN is not based on an issue and gathering people around it,” said Joshua Houdek, Outdoor Program coordinator and advisor for WeCAN. “It’s based on the WCC model that empowers people to work on issues important to them.”

Collin Weller, Dorothy Melambianakis, Becky Snell, Andy Whipple and Sarah Eastin travel to Washington, D.C. to spread the word about recycling and other environmental issues.
Program creates understanding among member countries

Criterion Staff Report

In 1945, a freshman senator, J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, proposed a flagship program in international educational exchange to the U.S. Congress. According to the Fulbright Program Web site, Senator Fulbright saw a need for the program in promoting "mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries of the world." The proposal was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1946.

Since the program began more than 85,000 Americans have visited other countries under the Fulbright, and more than 144,000 foreigners have crossed boundaries with the program. According to the Web site, Fulbrighters have traveled to lecture or conduct research in a number of professional and academic fields, including music, zoology, journalism and urban planning.

The Fulbright program is sponsored by the Department of State and the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. Grants are given to people around the world for educational activities, such as university lecturing, graduate study, teaching in elementary and secondary schools and advanced research.

Fulbright program takes professor to Norway

Writing director knows the Wright way to travel

By Leigh Ashman
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This story is part one of a three part series on those Mesa State professors currently participating in the Fulbright program.

In a land where the sky is pink in the winter, and people say things like, "Vi vil gjerne ha to cappucinnos og en varm sjokolade takk," Dr. William Wright, his wife and young son are making a new life far from America.

Tromso, Norway is "some 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle. It is getting dark now, and the light we do have tends to make the sky pink in the daytime," Wright said. By the way, "Vi vil gjerne..." means "two cappuccinos and a cocoa."

Wright, an associate English professor at Mesa State College, has been living in Norway as a Fulbright scholar. He is one of two professors teaching American Studies at the University of Tromso. "That teaching includes an intensive introductory course in the culture, literature and history of the USA this semester, and a topics course on border crossings in American literature and culture next semester."

Wright said he is also assisting at work on his own scholarship -- something expected of professors everywhere.

Wright, also the director of the Writing Center at MSC, has been in Norway since Aug. 29, and will remain until June of 2002. "We wanted, as a family, to see what the world looks like at the top of Norway, to watch the Northern Lights, to simplify the hurly-burly of our lives in the USA, and to learn another language and culture, to travel," he said.

"Years ago when I was off on a sojourn, my father wrote to me quoting Mark Twain's 'Travel is death to ignorance.' That, and the chance to eat shrimp fresh off the boat or play with my son in October and April snow are the main reasons we are here," Wright said.

Wright and his family plan to visit Italy and France for Christmas and possibly again over Easter.

Many things have endeared Norway to the Wrights. Dr. Wright enjoys spending time with his family.

"I appreciate the chance to walk around the harbor with my family, and to get coffee on Saturdays. I appreciate the chance to wander about with my son and to give my wife time to write. I also like the international sense of the place, particularly the university. In my Norwegian course during a break I hear Serbian, Russian, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, and French," he said.

For the people of Norway, being outside is the business of the day.

"Norwegians love the out of doors. The daycares, for instance, are largely organized outside-play in the snow. Every child brings his or her snowsuit to school and plays in it for most of the day. Babies nap in their strollers outside their parent's front door, all bundled up of course," he said.

Wright also noted, "Norwegians are unironically patriotic, fond of their King and Queen and the commoner who recently married the Crown Prince."

He said the differences between Americans and Norwegians are difficult to keep pinned down, but has noticed a few. "They are also taciturn and hesitant with strangers, as strangers are a relatively new occurrence for this country where most people stay where they are born." While getting to know more about the customs of Norway, Wright said his least favorite part of living among different people is, "Being lonely in the face of local awkwardness and disinterest. Norwegians are awkward with strangers, particularly in public. They are as warm as anyone else once you get to know them, but that tends to be difficult. Efforts to make friends with our neighbors have largely failed."

As part of the Wright family's rent they were given a special parking place away from the snow which made them very pop-

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from around the world, though, have been friendly," Wright said. Wright is the only Fulbright scholar currently living and working in Tromso. Part of being a Fulbright scholar is to do research, teach and experience the culture on a daily basis.

"I get to meet colleagues and students from around the world," he said. "I will be part of the community of Fulbright scholars in the USA and the world from now on."

"I also get to bring my experience and confidence and interest in travel back to my colleagues and students at Mesa State."

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Role: Colo. state colleges’ funding below similar institutions

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- Designate Mesa State as a "regional education provider" allowing it to provide, within its institutional capability, educational programs that demonstrate sufficient regional student demand.
- Strengthen and expand the community college role by reorganizing the School of Applied Technology into the Western Colorado Community College.
- Expand the institution's graduate degree offerings in selected professional fields.
- Change the institution's name from "college" to "university."

"Changing the name to Mesa State University is not a big deal," MSC President Michael Gallagher said. "We are already a university according to how others define us and what we do compared to other universities."

Gallagher also said that 90 percent of four-year colleges are universities and out-of-state schools. Only 42 out of 450, still use college in their name and five of those schools are in Colorado. They include Adams State College, Western State College, Metropolitan State, Fort Lewis College and Mesa State College.

When and if the name of Mesa State College should change to Mesa State University, Gallagher said the earliest it would act on would be the Spring of 2003.

"Given what other (schools) use as their criteria, ours is the same as far as equity and stewardship," Gallagher said. "We provide a broad range of educational opportunities and have virtually the lowest price in the state."

According to Mesa State’s Role and Mission Summary, Mesa has the highest ratio per student cost.

Eighty cents of every dollar goes to support classes, teachers and students, while 20 cents go toward the facility and administration.

"Nobody can even come close to that," Gallagher said. "We are the most productive facility in the state and we receive less support from the state."

According to the summary statement, a study that compared 52 peer institutions’ expenditures, each of the state colleges in Colorado is substantially under-funded, on a per-student basis, compared with similar institutions in other western states, even through the state colleges of Colorado, as a group, have tuition and fee collections, per student at about the average of the other institutions. Of the 52 institutions analyzed in the western states, Mesa, Metropolitan and Western rank in the bottom 15 percent as far as funding.

Overall, the state colleges in Colorado are about 30 percent below similar institutions’ educational expenditures per student.

National instructional cost data by academic discipline also shows that state colleges in Colorado are considerably under-funded.

The Colorado State Board of Trustees has offered several suggestions to consider in the funding model to help under-funded institutions like Mesa State.

They include a request and/or target resources to specific areas such as Academic Support and Scholarships, base institutional funding targets on the information in the summary statement and request and endowment-matching program.

"The bottom line is that to be treated equally, we would need a 30 percent increase in funding to get the average funding levels of our peers," Gallagher said. "We are funded (right now) at an inequitable level."

To further the process of approving the Mesa State role and mission summary, Gallagher is sending those documents to the Blue Ribbon Panel and will make a presentation Nov. 16.
**Local event briefs**

- **THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS** - This play by Sean O’Casey will be playing in the William S. Robinson Theatre, W.W. Fine Arts Center on Nov. 8-10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $13 for adults; $11 for seniors, staff and faculty; $4.50 for students. For more information, call 248-1694.

- **“IT’S WHAT I DO!”** - A pottery and ceramics display will be exhibited in the Johnson Gallery, W.W. Campbell College Center from Nov. 1-20. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the admission is free. For more information, call 243-1954.

- **ALIVE TONIGHT** - Featuring Michael Stephenson with Nancy Lee performing acoustic soft rock originals plus musical drama by “Consumed” from Delta on Nov. 9 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. This “Family Night” also includes door prizes and board games with no cover charge. For more information, call 243-8661.

- **“NO LACK OF LONESOME”** - The Academic Honors program presents Dr. Albino Gonzales, in a night of reading and discussion of his novel “No Lack of Lonesome.” His novel expresses a boy’s efforts to express the world in words during a short walk to the top of a hill with his grandmother. Dr. Gonzales will be reading excerpts from his book in a free to the public presentation. The reading will be held on Nov. 13, 2001, in Wubben Lecture Hall from 7-8 p.m. For more information, contact Angelina Otero at 248-1371 or Dr. Lopez at 248-1120.

- **“NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS WEEK”** - STARS (Starting, Transferring and Returning Students) is recognizing nontraditional students the first week of November. Mar@Night is soliciting nominations from faculty and staff for outstanding nontraditional students. Contact Gabe DeGabriel at 248-1847.

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**Hansen to speak on response to tolerance**

***Three-part discussion series set to hit Mesa State***

**Special to the Criterion**

Mesa State College, Mesa County Civic Forum and the Grand Junction Police Department will present a three-part discussion series entitled “Community Response to Intolerance.” Silke Hansen, a Community Conciliation Specialist with the U.S. Department of Justice, will begin the series with a presentation on Hate & Bias Incidents.

Hansen’s “Community Response to Intolerance” will be held November 12, 2001, in Liff Auditorium at 6 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Hansen serves as the mediator for the Rocky Mountain Region of the Community Relations Service (CRS) of the U.S. Department of Justice. In that capacity, she conciliates and mediates community disputes involving race or national origin.

Hansen spent five months in Los Angeles after the 1992 disturbances and a month at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as part of her CSR’s work with refugees. She has received Mediator of the Year from the Colorado Council of Mediators and Mediation Organizations.

For more information contact Angelina Otero, Mesa State College PR assistant of Multi-Cultural Affairs, at 248-1371 or Nancy Terrill, Civic Forum executive director at 241-1064.

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Never give up the American tradition of fighting to win

I'm going to talk about the war, because I haven't yet, and I want to. Recent developments have piqued my attention and I feel they require reporting and commentary in the pages of this newspaper.

The first development is the use of the "Daisy Cutter" bomb. This weapon is not a fancy weed killer designed by Martha Stuart, but it does the same job. It's designed to kill weeds. Human weeds.

The Daisy Cutter, originally developed for use in Vietnam to clear landing zones, is now being dropped from U.S. Air Force C-130s over Taliban positions in Afghanistan. The Daisy Cutter is the most destructive conventional (non-nuclear) weapon in the world. For you chemistry majors out there it combines a watery mixture of ammonium nitrate and aluminum with air, then ignites the mixture to incinerate everything within a 600-yard radius. That's pretty cool, especially since it's incinerating anything with in a 600-yard radius that hopefully contains some terrorists.

The second development is the deaths of U.S. troops in Afghanistan. I am going to remind you that the United States has entered into a campaign that may last many years, and people are going to die, even our people.

The purpose of the Armed Forces, as far as I can tell, is to kill people and break things. Now, in a line of work like that, the threat of your own death always looms overhead, and some day you may end up dying in combat. That happens. This is war. People die. If we get upset every time a dozen soldiers are killed, I don't think we stand a chance of winning. Admittedly, the death of any U.S. serviceman is a tragedy, but in a war, we can't mourn each death individually, or wonder if the war is such a good idea.

The war is a good idea, and if you think otherwise, I question your loyalty to this country. Protesting the persecution of known terrorists and the pseudo-governments that harbor them is not practicing your First Amendment rights. It is treason.

The United States has been living under a reign of terror for quite some time, believe it or not. Look back at the headlines. Do you recall Oklahoma City? How about Flight 800? Remember when bin Laden attacked the WTC in 1993? There are a countless number of other events that eventually are lost to the sands of time, and I can't even remember all of them, but I do know that we have been victims too long.

As Americans, I think we have lost a lot of the passion that enables our freedom. We got a wake-up call on Sept. 11, but slowly, ever so slowly, I am seeing the fire that attack fueled dying. Patriotism became a fad instead of a way of life for many Americans. All of a sudden it became popular to have a flag on your backpack or in the window of your car. Now it's fading out of style. I ask those of you who have given up so easily: what freedoms have you enjoyed lately? Stop and think. I won't tell you, because if you can't figure it out, you don't deserve to enjoy them.

The same goes for those of you who watched the news for two weeks, then went back to watching "Survivor." How can you so easily forget what happened? I guarantee you no one in New York City or Washington, D.C. forgot, so why should we? Because nothing happened to us here? Perhaps you forget that the country extends beyond the mountainous walls of this valley. That Coloradans are just as much Americans as New Yorkers or Texans or Rhode Islanders. We're all Americans, so an attack on one is an attack on all, just like the United Nations. I am disappointed in the patriotism trend-followers. Shame on you.

I'd like to close with a statement made by George C. Scott in one of my all-time favorite films, "Patton:"

"Now I want you to remember that no bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won by making the other dumb bastard die for his country.

Men, all this stuff you've heard about America not wanting to fight — wanting to stay out of the war, is a lot of horse dung. Americans traditionally love to fight. All real Americans love the sting of battle ... Americans love a winner and will not tolerate a loser. Americans play to win all the time ... That's why Americans have never lost and will never lose a war, because the thought of losing is hateful to Americans.

Next time you want to take the American flag off your backpack, read that, and remember why you put it on in the first place, and leave it there. Never give up the fight.

A pro-life stance means murderers should pay

For those of you who don't know me, I am very pro-life. I am also very pro-capital punishment. Many people believe that I have serious contradiction in my belief system here. On the surface, it would seem they would be correct. However, I would like to clear up the common misconception that these two views are mutually exclusive.

I believe that any life (potential included) is sacred and must be protected — hence my pro-life stance. So, if I believe that life is so sacred, how can I support the decision to kill anyone? My belief that life is sacred is not something I can just say I believe. It is one of those beliefs that, by its very nature, must be enforced with action. You see, I don't believe in capital punishment in spite of the sanctity of life, I believe in capital punishment because of the sanctity of life.

Let's take, for instance, the common crime of larceny. Let's say that I have stolen a $15 CD and another person has stolen $15 million from a bank. The courts are going to give me a lesser fine and community service while the bank robber will get 10 years in prison. So, in essence, the court has deemed that $15 million is worth more than $15; therefore, the 'bank robber deserves a greater punishment.

Now, let's add another crimininal to the mix. Suppose a murderer is sentenced to 20 years in prison (which is common for the courts to do). The bank robber and the murderer now have the same punishment. Remember that the court decided that my $15 was not worth as much as $15 million and that corresponded to a lighter sentence. But, this works backwards, too. If my punishment were the same as the bank robber, wouldn't the court be saying that $15 is worth as much as $15 million? Indeed.

You see, by giving the bank robber and the murderer the same punishment, the court is, in effect, equalizing the two offenses. If life is sacred, how can a human life be equated to anything material?

The punishment must match the crime. Murder is the ultimate crime and it therefore deserves the ultimate punishment. Not as a deterrent or as revenge, but as a matter of justice. If anyone deliberately takes a life, then his life must also be taken. Any other punishment would devalue the life of the victim by equating the victim's life with whatever crime received the same punishment.

So, is there no mercy here? Yes, there is. Frankly, I think the system we have now works reasonably well. Capital punishment is considered only for homicides that are particularly heinous or premeditated while it is not considered for crimes of passion — generally. This may seem to contradict my point, but mercy is an important element that is difficult to explain.

Of all the philosophical arguments, however, I think the Bible said it best. Genesis 9:6, "Whosoever sheds the blood of man by man shall his blood be shed. For in the image of God has God made man."
Personal Web pages - always raise the eternal child

By Clare McIntyre
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(U-WIRE) MONTREAL - Anyone who has spent even a modest amount of time on the Internet will agree that the somewhat bizarre genre of the personal Web page has become a standard in self-expression and in communication with the world.

People’s online pages cover the spectrum from the boring to the bizarre, and their purposes are just as diverse. A Google search for the term ‘personal Web page’ turned up over 368,000 sites, beginning with the homepage of “Sandy Cummins: Christian Freelance Writer.” But Sandy is just one among many -- more and more people are putting themselves out there by putting their lives online.

The biggest question that anyone who reads these sites will be left asking is why? What would motivate someone to put his or her life online? High school courses in computers are increasingly focusing on the Internet, and some Web pages seem to have emerged from that basis. But not everyone took World of Computers as their grade 11 elective -- there must be other reasons.

Maybe it’s vanity; maybe it’s a simple desire to establish contact with other people or maybe it’s a message they have for the world.

Peter Pan’s homepage (http://www.pixyland.org/peterpan/index.html) is a perfect example of the personal Web page as a ‘vanity’ Web page. It’s the ‘home on the web’ of Randy Constan, who calls himself a “Guitarist, Inventor, Engineer, [and] Eternal Child,” and is devoted to his life, personality, and interests.

The Eternal Child indeed -- at 47 years old, Constan doesn’t just admire or have an interest in Peter Pan. He actually thinks he is Peter Pan. The site comes complete with theme music from the Disney movie, somewhat scandalous pictures of Constan dressed in a wide array of costumes (many of them pink andFrilly), and a lengthy opening text in which the author explores his own life philosophy.

The motivation for Constan’s page is stated loud and clear, “[this page] is intended to reach out to other like-minded souls, potential new friends, and others who believe in diversity, while having some fun.”

Well, that’s innocuous enough. He goes on to admit that when he began his Web site, he was looking for something else as well. That’s right, you guessed it, Tinkerbell!

Luckily for Constan, the media attention his site has received (it won a ‘Webby’ award in the ‘Weird’ category for 2001) drew him to the attention of a woman who lived not far from his home, and his search has ended. His site now includes photographs of Peter Pan and Tinkerbell, together at last.

And then there’s Super Greg (http://www.supergreg.com). Accompanied by little to no explanatory text and few welcoming words, Super Greg, a DJ, announces himself to the world photographically. His page consists of an array of pictures of himself and what we can assume to be friends of his, and includes a 30-second clip of a ‘classic performance’ by the man himself, entitled “Da Number One.”

Super Greg is a little less clear on the motivation behind his Web site, though he does announce his belief in the Super Greg concept, and his page is just his way of sharing it with “all home boys and home chicks.”

But it seems that there’s no end in sight to this journey, mainly because there’s no end to the number of sites. Who is Tommy (www.dpf.com/boyslife.html)? And why is he online dressed as a baby and lying in a crib, when he appears to be at least 35 years old? “To say ‘I love diapers’ is certainly true,” he advises visitors, “but that tells you very little about the ‘real’ me who lives inside those diapers.”

Pages like these are a reminder that many of these sites have little to do with the person behind them, and rather tend to be collections of rants, raves, photographs and other oddities. Their sites are provocative and sometimes disturbing in their views, which implies a desire to generate attention and response, whether positive or negative.

It appears that people’s specific motivations for putting their lives online are just as diverse as the pages and the people themselves. For these people, the World Wide Web has provided an outlet for their self-expression. They all have something to say, and the Internet has given them a golden opportunity. Of course, the crucial question remains; is anyone listening?

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Harry Potter flies into theaters

Fantasy, sorcery follow novel to the big screen

By Mindy O'Brien
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Ask a child what his favorite day of the year is and he'd probably answer with Christmas. But it looks as though for many kids' favorite day will actually come in November, as theaters around the country prepare for the opening of one of the year's most anticipated movies, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

Based on J.K. Rowling's wildly popular series of children's books, this fantasy follows the adventures of young Harry Potter, who escapes his unhappy orphan's life when he discovers Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry Potter has spent the first 10 years of his life living under the stairs in the house of his aunt and uncle after his parents were killed by the evil Voldemort.

Then, one day, a giant comes to him with an invitation to study at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry soon discovers that there are two worlds: one is the dreary world of the Muggles, the Rowhugton word for non-magical persons where he's grown up, and the other is one of magic and fantasy, and it's the latter in which he's destined to live.

It is this type of fanciful dreaming that has Warner Brother's Studio hoping for success with its latest adventure onto the big screen with Harry Potter. Harry learns to fly, cast spells, play Quidditch, an aerial game, and perform other feats of sorcery in a world where anything's possible - with the help of some 21st century special effects.

Some people are reserving judgment about their thoughts on the movie until they actually get to see it. "I'm excited and hesitant about this movie," said Mesa State student Liz Grant. "I'm hesitant about seeing it because I love the books and I just don't want it to ruin it for me."

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Eyes turn skyward

By Kyle Halkett
Diversions Editor

Leonardo da Vinci said it best, “Once you have tasted falling you will walk the Earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been and there you will long to return.”

The sight of birds in flight have amazed people for centuries, and with the help of technology, flight is nothing new to humans.

“Skydiving is complete freedom. Anything you’ve always wanted to do as a kid... continuous flips and barrel rolls for example, can be done in the sky. There is nothing you can’t do, it’s our playground,” said Mesa State student and avid free faller Stacy Carl. Carl said she was interested in jumping as a child, jumping from her balcony onto her couch as a child. Now she cuts through the air at speeds exceeding 200 mph.

Carl, who has jumped out of airplanes at great heights, begins jumping at the age of 18. Her father bought her a tandem jump, an assisted jump with an instructor, for her birthday. Since then, she has jumped 248 times including her tandem jumps.

A tandem jump is 45 seconds of free falling and about three to four minutes under canopy (falling after the parachute opens).

“It feels like you’re floating. It doesn’t even feel like you’re falling at all, but you have to experience it first hand,” she said.

After Carl finished her classes and tandem jumps, she excelled at free falling with her highest jump at 16,000 feet with 74 seconds

See SKY, page 10

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone opens in theaters Nov. 16
turning tides

Students perform during a Tuesday-night dress rehearsal of the classic play "The Plough and the Stars" by Sean O'Casey. The play will be opening Thursday night at the Walter Walker Performing Arts Center.

To learn to jump, Carl went through the Mile-High Skydiving program. Students must take classes and make assisted jumps before being allowed to jump alone. The AFF (Accelerated Free Falling) program takes six to eight hours of training and is complete after the student passes seven different jumps.

"On each jump there are target areas you must meet to pass," said Carl. "Once you completed level seven, the skies, or the ground for that matter, is the limit."

The price of free falling can be high, but Carl said it's well worth the price. A tandem jump costs $185 at Mile-High Skydiving, which is the closest drop zone to Grand Junction, located 12 miles northeast of Boulder. The AFF program costs approximately $1,200. If a student fails one of the seven jumps they have to pay to retake the level.

Carl said the gear used by Mile-High Skydiving is some of the best on the market, but learning to use the equipment is key.

"Canopies are like cars. There are the school buses, the vans, the sedans and the sports cars. The smaller and more high performance the canopy, the faster your vertical and horizontal speed."

"It's not uncommon for very experienced jumpers to have a horizontal speed of 50 mph or more. The cool thing is that you can slow it down so you only have to take a couple of steps to completely stop," said Carl. "I've seen somebody surf along the ground (drag a foot behind them on the ground under canopy) for 250 feet before finally stopping."

The joy of jumping is not only free falling, but the family atmosphere you can create, Carl said.

"The skydiving community as a whole is a giant family. Everybody looks out for everyone else. If something happens to one person, everyone feels for them and everyone is there to help. It's really neat to be part of such a large family," she said.

Free Public Lecture

Friday Nov. 9th
Liff Auditorium @ 7p.m.

MAUREEN ROBEN: Keynote Speaker for the Rimrock Run and Benefit for the MSC Cross Country Team.
Roben holds the Colorado record for the Women's 1/2 Marathon 1:14:08

Also: *Co-owner and director of Women's Running Camps.
*Head Coach for the Leukemia Society-Team in Training Program Rocky Mountain Chapter
*Coach for running clinics throughout Colorado.
*One of a few American Women who qualified for 4 Olympic Marathon Trials.

She Will also speak Friday at 9 a.m. in Gig Leadbetter's Physical Exercise class:
109 Saunders Field House

Information: Tess Carmichael @ 243-0752 or Gig Leadbetter @ 248-1194

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**By Bill Zais**

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1. Brains
2. Sentry's shot
3. Skesh talk
4. Slager
5. Greek to Greeks
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7. Single
8. Film director
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10. Esthetician
11. Kitchen
12. Film director

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2. String to
3. Future plans conclusions

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Intramural football ends on high note with All-Star game

By Casey McCurdy
Sports Writer

The intramural football season drew to a close last Friday on the gridiron behind Saunders Fieldhouse. The last game of the season was an extravaganza, featuring individual and team challenges.

The team challenge was an All-Star game with two teams made up of players from all the intramural squads. Two players were selected from each team by the captains and then the Mesa State Zebras (referees) selected three linemen from each league; these selections comprised the teams of Team Mesa and Team Mavericks.

The game began with Team Mesa taking first possession and drawing first blood with a touchdown, then adding two more points on the conversion attempt. Roaring right back, Team Mavericks evened the score with a touchdown and two point conversion as well. The first half ended with the score 8-8. Both teams still looked fresh and it continued to be a close match up with Kelly Kercher at quarterback for Team Mesa and Marc Baker at quarterback for Team Mavericks.

The second half started with the Mavericks in possession of the ball and scoring on their first drive with a pass into the end zone to make the score 14-8. The two-point attempt by the Mavericks was unsuccessful and Mesa took possession. Despite many pass attempts, Mesa was unable to convert and the Mavericks regained possession with less than five minutes on the clock. Within the next few minutes both teams had scored but it was not enough for Team Mesa to pull it out. The final score stood at Team Mavericks 21-14.

After the hard-fought game, 11 players competed in three individual challenges vying for title of best-of-the-best and a t-shirt that proved it. The three contests were a quarterback challenge, an agility challenge and lineman challenge.

Four athletes competed in the quarterback challenge which tested accuracy and ability to throw on the run. Matt Griffin won the competition with a great standing throw narrowly missing the bulls-eye and scoring seven points.

Six athletes competed in the agility challenge. The agility course contained hurdles, a side-to-side shuffle, a dead sprint and a tire run. The competitors were allotted two tries to better their time. Freshman Duane Simpson won the event, blazing the course with a time of 20.06 seconds.

The lineman challenge had three competitors to see who was the toughest and fastest. The event had the athletes hit the blocking sled every third dummy and then sprint to a flag. Several participants said that the event went well and would like to see it happen again.

"It's just a good way to end the season," intramural referee Jared Latham said.

Dave Meyer's statement of "Groovy, promote it more," seemed to sum up the happy-go-lucky mood of the event as the day drew to a close and intramural football ended for the 2001 season.

Football tallies another win on resume as season nears close

By Andy Thomas
Sports Writer

After getting blown out last weekend, the Mesa State College football team needed to rebound in a big way. The Mavericks did that on Saturday as they embarrassed Fort Lewis College 61-21 in Durango.

The Skyhawks, ranked eighth of ninth in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, threw for more than 400 yards against the hard-nosed Mesa State defense. Their offense wasn't able to slow the Mavericks rushing attack though, which racked up more than 500 yards and was integral in the route.

Mesa State improved to 7-4 on the season and 5-3 in the RMAC. A struggling Fort Lewis team dropped to 2-9 overall and 1-7 in the conference.

"Coming into this game we knew that we had to control the ball," Mavs coach Joe Ramunno said. "We knew coming in that they had a high scoring offense and we wanted to eliminate big plays."

Early on it was the Fort Lewis defense that was more than Mesa State bargained for, as the Skyhawks held Mesa's offense to no points in the first quarter. The Mavericks defense held strong as well, holding Fort Lewis's offense in check.

With 7:56 left to play in the first half Mesa State jumped on top as quarterback Brandon Milholland connected with Rodney Pierce on a 12-yard touchdown pass. Fort Lewis wasn't able to recover as Mesa State held the lead for the rest of the game.

The next scoring strike came as Phil Schabron jaunted 55 yards into the end zone. Webb threw 64 passes, completing 21 for 405 yards.

With the score in their favor the Mavs began running the ball to slow down the pace of the game. Red-shirt freshman Charles Dukes dashed down the field for a 63-yard touchdown run. Dukes found the end zone.

See FOOTBALL, Page 14
Volleyball draws Nebraska-Kearney in first round of Denver RMAC tournament

Hamilton Bohanan
Sports Editor

With a four game winning streak, the Lady Mavs clinched the No. 6 seed in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference tournament. Metro State College will host the tournament, since it's the No. 1 seed.

The Lady Mavs will play the University of Nebraska at Kearney Friday at 12 p.m. The Lady Mavs lost their first meeting with Kearney earlier this season in three straight sets: 21-30, 23-30 and 25-30.

"We didn't play well in the first set, but we kept it close in the final two sets," said coach Rusty Crick.

The Lady Mavs had 30 unforced passing errors in their first visit with Kearney. "We are a lot of better team now," said Crick. "If we play like we have the last two weeks, it should be a good game."

The Lady Mavs match up well against Kearney statistically, as they are tied with Kearney in blocking efficiency and they are ahead in digging efficiency.

"Playing consistently will be the key to success for us against Kearney," said Crick.

Senior setter Erin Fiack agreed.

"We are pretty optimistic, we know we have to play the best we have all year to defeat them," said Fiack. "Kearney is a really good team, they aren't going to make too many mistakes, so we have to stay with them point for point in order to win the game."

To the get into the playoffs, the Lady Mavs had to defeat the likes of Adams State College and Fort Lewis College.

The Lady Mavs defeated Adams State in four sets: 30-27, 26-30, 31-29 and 30-28. They lost the first set but came back to win two straight sets and the game.

"The Adams game was a very competitive game, they were a lot better than the first time we played them earlier this year," said Crick.

Saturday night at Fort Lewis, the Lady Mavs gave the 'Hawks their 24th loss of the season. They handled them in three straight sets: 33-31, 30-17 and 30-25. Knowing this, Crick was afraid that there would be a let down.

"We couldn't take them for granted," said Crick. "Sometimes we have the tendency to play to the level of our opponents."

"We are feeling pretty good about ourselves right now, we accomplished our team goals (have a winning season and go to the the RMAC tournament)."

Fiack is looking for a big showing against the conference.

"This might possibly be my last game ever, so I want to go out with a bang," Fiack said.
Football: Mesa State racks up 546 yards rushing, 673 total yards in victory

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191 yards on just 10 carries.

Dukes was also named the RMAC offensive player of the week for his performance against Fort Lewis Saturday.

"I'm very happy about Charles' performance this past weekend," Ramunno said. "I think he's not only a great runner but a very good blocker. He's starting to feel comfortable with the offense and turning into a great team player."

After Dukes' first score, the Skyhawks went on a 14-0. The fourth quarter was all Mesa State as Schabron scored from two yards out, Dukes scored a pair of touchdowns and Hamilton bulldozed his way into the end zone. Mesa State rushed for 585 yards compared to Fort Lewis' 96 yards.

Schabron had 121 yards on 12 carries for the Mavericks, one of 11 different ball carriers Mesa State used. Miholland threw for 80 yards and two touchdowns. Pierce had 91 yards on four catches.

When the Mavericks play Highlands this weekend, it will be the last game for 10 seniors on the team.

"We just want to score as many points as we can and just have fun," Schabron said.

The Mavericks will play their final home game of the season on Saturday when New Mexico Highlands University comes to town. The game starts at 1 p.m.

Weight of the world

Why some stress can be good

Learn the secrets to adjusting your perception of stress

Everyone knows what it's like to be stressed out. Whether it's not having enough time to finish all the work or having an urgent assignment due in two days, we all feel pushed to the limit at times.

But stress is not necessarily bad. It can actually be a positive influence if you know how to respond properly. Here are two positive views of stress.

On Your Toes

Having some stress in your life can motivate you to keep working. Feeling the importance of what you are doing often helps you keep your mind focused on your work.

When you know a deadline is coming up, it encourages you to stick to the task when you would rather quit and take some time off. Of course, it is also critical that at times you do take a break to get refreshed and avoid burnout.

Change A Day

If we never had any stress in our lives, we would soon become bored. We've all heard people say, "I enjoy doing this because it challenges me." If something is too easy, many people find that they quickly lose interest in the task. Only when the challenge is viewed as a threat does it become negative.

It's helpful to know that we don't always have to see stress as something to be dreaded. As long as the pressure is not overwhelming, we can actually benefit from the extra excitement stress adds to our lives.

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