Joe Graham, James Dewey and Christy Brown collaborate on the chore of pouring liquid bronze for their Foundry class Tuesday afternoon outside the Walter Walker Fine Arts building. The class taught by Vern Mosher teaches art students the art and craft of creating foundations for various works of art. The students will then take the hot metal and cast sculptures and other works of art.
Two professors awarded Fulbright honors

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Asst. News Editor

One year ago, Dr. Timothy Hatten might not have thought of spending a semester in Iceland. Now, he will be teaching the 2001 fall semester at Reykjavik University in Iceland.

Intrigued with the world of business, Hatten put an application in to the Fulbright Program a year ago for a chance to study and teach about business and entrepreneurship in another part of the world, and he got it.

"I'm fascinated with how businesses operate, how they approach things like marketing and management," said Hatten, who has been the associate professor of business at Mesa State College since 1995. "I'm not going (to Iceland) to ram American businesses down their throats; I have a lot to share with them."

At Reykjavik University, Hatten will be teaching entrepreneurship. He is the author of the text Small Business Entrepreneurship (Prentice Hall), which adopted by colleges and universities in the United States and in Iceland.

While he said he will also be working on another textbook on the introduction to business, he said he wants to include in it the global perspective on how the business world works.

"A big part of the purpose of the Fulbright Program is not just to have American faculty go (to foreign countries) and teach what we know," Hatten said. "It is also about what we can bring back to Mesa and the community."

Director of Media Relations, Randy Hampton, agrees. "I think they (Hatten and Wright) will come back with so much more to teach our students," he said.

Hatten said that Sam Gingerich and Gary Bonvillian, the vice president of academic

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Hatten means 'business' in Iceland

Michele Heflin
Staff writer

One of the two Mesa State College faculty members to receive the scholarly honor of the Fulbright Award, Dr. William Wright is excited, yet fearful, of the year ahead.

Wright will spend the whole 2001-2002 academic year lecturing in American Studies at the University of Tromso in Norway.

Recipients of the Fulbright award are chosen on basis of academic and/or professional achievement and must have demonstrated excellent leadership in their fields.

Wright has been at Mesa State since 1998 as an assistant professor of English. He is the director of Writing Center Mesa. He has lished works on baseball and American culture, and the history rhetoric in the United States.

Wright is interested in the Fulbright when Norway came an option for him. His students seem to enjoy his interest and knowledge in a variety of subjects. His students seem to enjoy his interest and knowledge in a variety of subjects.

The paper, along with recommendations, were reviewed by a committee in Washington. The committee picked the finalists and applications were sent to the specific host countries.

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Julia Sinclair, an English major in Wright's travel writing seminar, said she finds Wright extremely enjoyable and said she is amazed at his ability to soak up knowledge.

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Norway gets English 'Wright'
Walter Walker Center to expand

SIMON CROPP
Staff writer

Mesa State College continues to grow with the planned additions to the Walter Walker building. By summer, Mesa State hopes to have begun work on the additions and possibly break ground by fall.

John Fitzgibbon, vice president of financial administration, said there will be two additions to Walter Walker on the north and east sides.

"The north side of Walter Walker area will be a recital hall primarily for music," Fitzgibbon said. "It will provide an additional venue for musical events because right now there is so much pressure on Robinson Theatre, with the theatre and music programs trying to share that the music theater has branched out and started using the old St. Matthews Church on North Avenue."

Fitzgibbon said that is a temporary measure until the additions could be added to Walter Walker.

On the east side of Walter Walker near the current parking lot, Fitzgibbon said the addition there will be a Black Box Theatre.

"It's a small more intimate experimental theater," he said. "There's also the mall area between where the ceramic studios and the art studios are that will be enclosed. The studios will be converted to classrooms and practice rooms. It will also provide more offices for faculty."

Fitzgibbon hopes funding for this project will hopefully be approved in this legislative session. If that happens the project will be under way this summer and possibly break ground some time during the fall.

"We still need to secure a general contractor to proceed with architectural design," Fitzgibbon said.

Ron Gray, Mesa State faculty services director, said the funding is the prime roadblock for the moment.

"The construction is a little compromised by the fact that the north wing of Walter Walker, the art labs, need to stay online until the new fine arts building is finished in January. However, if we have the money preparations, it could at least begin this summer," Gray said.

He said the concert hall would be able to seat 250 people when finished. He also said as far as the new additions go, there is an approximation of 20,000 square feet and in renovation approximately 10,000 square feet.

"A lot of the work is already done," Fitzgibbon said. "We were able to do most of the architectural and engineering work, but because of Amendment 23 and some of the pressure that's put on capital construction, we haven't sent out any bids yet."

Gray said there is already an architectural model planned to be used when the construction begins.

"Mesa State is a growing college," Fitzgibbon said. "For a college of our size we have limited venues for the disciplines involved with music and the theater. Theatre Department is actively investigating the possibilities to produce who is responsible for the poisonings.

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A German shepherd was poisoned and rushed to the animal hospital where he was given charcoal and kept under observation. Unfortunately, the animal had absorbed more toxin than it could handle and subsequently died.

"It made me realize that there are very cruel people out there," said Dr. Matt Djos. Living on Orchard Mesa, Djos, an English professor at MSC, has come to realize that the happenings are not as far away as one might prefer.

Due to the short amount of time the poison takes to kill an animal, the police suggest that people who believe their animal has been poisoned should go immediately to their veterinarian. It is also important that the owner contact the police after the poisoning.

Although the poisonings have been isolated to the Orchard Mesa area, others may want to be cautious. Precautions such as being alert to what is in your yard and the noticing the people who are near it are suggested.

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Look to get your children’s eyes checked

LINDSAY CLEGG
Staff Writer

It can be a misfortunate case when vision problems in children go undetected, especially when something can be done about it.

“Many kids do not get their vision tested until they enter elementary school, and that is often too late,” said Les Turner, screening committee chairperson for the Redlands Lions Club.

In order to help stop possible vision damages, the Redlands Lions Club, along with participants from other Lions Clubs, have been administering free vision screenings for the past several months to children ages six months old to five and a half years.

The procedure is also fairly simple. A picture is taken of the child’s eyes, a procedure that takes only seconds. The picture is then viewed by any one of six different local ophthalmologist volunteers. After screening the photographs, the physicians give a “pass” or “referred” for eye care.

Parents of the children are informed of the results and if any warning signs appear the physicians will recommend a more extensive exam. The procedure has already helped approximately 11 percent of the children tested.

In certain situations, the Lions Club will provide financial help for those who need follow-up exams and do not have the money to pay for them.

Turner said, “Vision screening helps head off the potentially devastating effects of six vision disorders that often go undetected and untreated in proverbial children. In fact, the American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends vision screening for children at six months, three and a half years, and five years of age.”

The Lions Club’s major focus has been on preschool centers, day-cares, and the Head Start Program. So far the club has screened over 1,900 children and on Saturday, March 10, their focus expanded to the general public. They held an open screening at the Kidzplex at 609 25 Road. This was their first extension to the general public and they were able to reach 33 children.

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The effort was so successful that the Redlands Lions Club has decided to hold another screening on Saturday, April 7. This second screening will be open to the public and held at Kidzplex.

Parents wanting a free vision screening appointment for their children should call 245-3610, extension “0” before the scheduled date.

WHAT’S UP AT MSC?

• Faculty Piano Trio Friday, March 16th 7:30 p.m.
  Featuring Andrea Arese-Elias Carlos Elias and Cameron Law
  Tickets $5 for adults $3 seniors/students Tickets available at the door MSC Recital Hall

• Pool Tournament A PRIDE Fund-raiser Thursday, March 15 at the MSC College Center $5 to enter Entry Fee holds your spot call 248-1664 to enter Win free CDs or pizza Door Prizes too

• Ping-Pong Tournament Tenth-Annual Leonard Weddle Memorial
  Where: Liff Auditorium
  When: April 7th at 1:00 p.m.
  singles, doubles, mixed doubles, and junior divisions
  fees: singles $3 doubles $5
  Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society and the MSC Biology Club For more information call Tim Gossage at 255-0280

• MSC Chamber is hosting a YARD SALE 960 Hill Avenue (on the corner of 10th and Hill) Friday the 16th & Saturday the 17th 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All proceeds go to help MSC Chamber Choir Tour England in May

• Come join the Q-Crew for the Fall Semester and welcome a new student Applications available at the College Center Info Desk, Academic Advising in Lowell Heiny Hall, Office of Residence Life and Housing, Academic Services in Houston Hall, Student Recreation Center and the Front Desks of all Residence Halls. Applications deadline is March 16th in the Student Life Center For more information contact: Patti Picha, College Center, 248-1758 or Jill Eckardt, Student Life Center, 248-1536

Associated Student Government

On tap for ASG will be the task of revisiting the amendments that were presented on March 8, and discuss any new topics from the past week. ASG meetings are held every Thursday in the Tomlinson Library at 7 p.m. If there are any questions or concerns, ASG invites everyone to stop by the ASG office located on the north side of the College Center and speak with a senator or someone on the executive staff.

The last bill heard by the Senate was ASG 00-21, which would allow for four new at-large senators. Each senator would represent a certain area. One senator would represent student diversity while the other would represent campus residence. The third would speak on behalf of disabled students, while the last would represent non-traditional students.

Prior to hearing the amendments, the Senate received an informative presentation from the student organization PR.I.D.E. In it, the Senate received information to be introduced more to the activities and fund raisers that the organization provides.

If any student or faculty member would like more information about the organization, please contact a senator in the ASG office located in the College Center.

With elections just weeks away, the Associated Student Government (ASG) is gearing up for next fall. Facing ASG along with the upcoming elections will be the chore of amending the college’s constitution.

At this week’s ASG meeting, four amendments were presented to the Senate. Though these amendments were tabled until next week’s meeting, the debate was heated as well as time consuming. Bryan Howard, director of external affairs commented that the Senate as a whole has a duty to uphold.

“It’s basically about how individuals do their duties. Each bill tries to uphold how we as senators do a better job for the students. Some of the amendments are a little radical and perhaps unnecessary, but I believe we can do better things if we do some minor repairs on some of the issues,” said Howard.

The first amendment present was ASG 00-18, which was split into two sections. One of the sections stated that having two senators for the freshman class would not be necessary. The constitution would be amended to have one freshman senator and a newly formed nontraditional senator.

The second part of the bill asks for three at-large senators and one non-traditional senator to take the place of having four at-large senators. The emotions of the Senate upon presentation of 00-18 were varied.

“I think option two is the best option. They shouldn’t lose any senators for the freshman class. Option two I believe is a great improvement for the Senate because it would mean more representation to the student body,” said junior Meghan Deibert, a senator of humanities and social sciences.

The second bill on the floor was ASG 00-19. This bill, sponsored by Eric Olsen, director of finance for ASG, simply states that each class as well as minority, disabled, UTEC and Montrose, would have designated senators of their own. This means that instead of each school of the campus having four senators, each class, such as freshman and sophomore, will have representatives for their specific class. The Senate took much time debating on this issue until finally tabling the bill till the following meeting.

The third amendment presented to the Senate 00-20, covered the issue of office hours for the senators. Each senator would be required to serve a minimum of one office hour per week as well as attend one meeting of a recognized student organization.

“More people are for this bill than I think. It’s a good idea. As a new senator I don’t have much to do during office hours so I try to find stuff to do. This would allow me to talk with more people,” said freshman Sally Phipps, a senator of math and science.

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News Editor

As the Western Slope continues to grow, so do the subsequent pressures that can lead to impacts on the environment. The Colorado Environmental Coalition (CEC) is one group that keeps such influences in check.

Pete Kolbenschlag, the Coalition's West Slope field director, explained that the CEC is a 35-year-old statewide environmental advocacy organization, which works to provide citizen grassroots support to win protections for Colorado's open spaces, wild places, wildlife and quality of life. Currently, the CEC represents the only state-based citizen group working towards protecting Colorado's natural lands. The CEC's presence includes a staff and field office in Grand Junction.

"The CEC acts as a tough advocate for strong, effective environmental policy affecting Colorado," said Kolbenschlag. "Organized interests, such as the mining industry, oil and gas industry, and industrial recreation, actively lobby Congress, state and local policy makers to relax environmental and public land protections. Changing use patterns on public lands have not been anticipated by land agencies, which are scrambling to keep up."

"The CEC acts as a force for the environment, by connecting local citizens with community activism. The CEC is building our base of politically aware, environmentally engaged Coloradans. Empowered citizens then act to hold policy makers accountable and provide an alternative voice to the industry-backed lobbyists who have long run much of Western politics."

Kolbenschlag pointed out that past developments do not indicate a favorable direction for the area.

"Western Colorado is projected to grow by 70 percent in the next 15 years. In general, we are spreading our impacts further into recently developed lands. Ranches, which provide forage for elk and deer, are being carved up into five-acre lots. In 1976, the BLM [Bureau of Land Management] counted 4.7 million recreation user days on agency Colorado lands. By 1999, that number had exploded to 22 million. Although the uranium days are gone, and the oil shale bubble burst, in significant ways commodity use has increased."

"When you add up our impacts, it seems clear that we are losing wildlife habitat, and wilderness, at an incredible rate. European-derived Americans have been in this valley for 150 years or so. That's not so long. Seeing what we have done in that time, one must wonder what if we project it out another 150 years."

Kolbenschlag also addressed the future of Western Colorado, which is still under the influence of past developments and the federal land-by-lot program.

"Increasing pressure from more users will continue to degrade the quality of our shared public lands and the natural systems, such as healthy habitat and clean air, which depend on them. Protection of a reasonable amount of public lands as wilderness ensures that at least a bit of our landscape remains in its natural state, providing those functions it evolved, or was created to provide," Kolbenschlag said.

"Hunter Canyon provides a great example of threats to our wild lands. Some limited gas potential exists within the area, and gas development occurs along the periphery. Renewed pressure to open additional public lands to gas development are expected with the new administration in Washington."

The CEC also faces threats from irresponsible motorized recreation. At the southern boundary of the unit, off-trail motorized use is having spreading impacts in the naturalness of the area. The canyon also includes an old jeep route extending from 21 Road. Although BLM doesn't categorize it as a road, this route has become popular with extreme jeepers, and all-terrain vehicles are having an increased impact in that area.

Presently, the CEC is working on two campaigns, Responsible Growth and Rocky Mountains.

"Responsible Growth is currently working with the Colorado Legislature to craft and pass some type of meaningful growth measures," said Kolbenschlag. "The Rocky Mountain Wilderness campaign is working to protect about 1.35 million acres of Colorado public lands, primarily BLM land, as wilderness, through the Citizens' Wilderness Proposal (CWP). The CWP would designate about 15 percent of Colorado's BLM lands as wilderness, leaving the majority open to a range of non-wilderness uses, such as resource extraction and responsible motorized recreation."

Kolbenschlag maintained that the future of the local environment remains in the hands of the community.

"In Mesa County, we are blessed with an abundance of public land. But unprecedented pressure from private land development, along with more people, is putting more pressure on those lands than ever before. Local citizens can be involved and help to make decisions affecting our lands and our amazing landscapes."

Anyone interested in more information on the CEC can visit the organization's Web site, at www.ourcolorado.org, or contact Pete Kolbenschlag at 243-0002.

Get lucky at Vegas Night

HEATHER WILCOX
Special to the Criterion

Poker chips will be sold on a five-to-one ratio, meaning that $10 will buy you $50 worth of chips. At the end of the night, you can redeem your chips as raffle tickets, for prizes such as gift certificates and other goodies donated by local businesses. Sponsored by Alpine Bank and Western States Roofing, the event is one of the MSC Drama Club's many fund raisers. Aside from Vegas Night, the club has hosted a bake sale and plans on holding a silent auction during the production nights of "Lysistrata," which runs April 12-14. The fund raisers are run by club members that are planning on taking a club trip to New York City this year. During their trip, they will attend Broadway shows, and acting workshops.

"We try to take a trip every two years," said Professor Heather Waggner, who is in charge of costumes for all the MSC main stage productions. "I've taken the kids to Scotland, England, and last year, New York."

The Drama Club is hoping to raise enough money to cover the cost of their trip, which is roughly $1,600, according to club president, Carrie Listul.

Poetry with motion...

Poet Sean Thomas Dougherty gives an animated reading of his poetry for students and faculty Monday. His book, "Except by Falling," was the 2000 Pinyon Poetry Book Winner. He teaches Poet-in-the-Schools across the East Coast as well as working on his doctorate in composition and cultural rhetoric as a Syracuse University Poet-in-Residence.
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affairs and the dean of business and professional studies, respectively, were and still are incredibly supportive with all of this and are grateful for what they have done for him. He also said that this honor is really good for Mesa State.

"This is a great benefit for the institution," he said.

Hampton agrees. "Overall, this raises prestige that we would get two (recipients)," he said. "It shows that our school is committed to faculty improvement and we are all 100 percent behind him. The school is very supportive of Fulbright."

Hatten said that in this program, universities are always requesting experts in a variety of educational fields to expand their learning of new subjects. When he was looking on the (Fulbright's) Web site a year ago, he said one reason he choose to apply to teach at Reykjavik University in Iceland was because it was the most attractive to him.

"Pictures that I saw of it reminds me of a whole country like Yellowstone (National Park)," he said. In a beautiful and strange country so far away, Hatten also said he will not be alone the entire time. His wife and three kids, who are homeschooled, will join him in Iceland for about a month of the time he will be there.

But Hatten will be back at MSC for spring semester after his experience in Iceland.

"He is a heck of a nice guy and the students like him," Hampton said. "He could teach anywhere, but he chooses to stay at Mesa. We are lucky to have him."

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"He is always quick on his feet and keeps conversations moving," she said. Michelle Mantlow, also in the travel writing seminar, said, "He takes the pressure off of class and makes it easy to learn," which might be great for students in his lecture classes in Norway next year.

Wright will receive a stipend for living expenses accrued by his wife, son and himself while in Norway. Airfare and health insurance are covered by the Fulbright Organization for the candidate only. Mesa State college will also offer some support for the Wright family.

Wright said he is excited to live in a new place with new experiences. He also said he looks forward to learning many new things about Norway and himself. When speaking of the move, Wright said it was "part of the charm, too, trying different things."

He said he is very honored to have this incredible opportunity and looks forward to it and return to write on his experiences and findings.

He will miss his dog and colleagues at Mesa State College, but he said he is ready for this career challenge and personal enrichment opportunity.

MARCH 8 THROUGH WEDNESDAY

- 3RD DEGREE ASSAULT/DOMESTIC POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA Christopher Salcido, 23, was arrested for assault after he was involved in an argument at 2828 Orchard Ave. #23. Subject was involved in an argument at 2828 Orchard Ave. #23. Subject was issued a summons for urinating in public.

- NARCOTICS VIOLATION John "Pepper" Chavez, 33, was arrested at 1119 N. 1st St. where he was found in the 2800 block of North Ave. Subject was found to be in possession of over eight ounces of marijuana and had the intention of distributing it.

- THEFT A 16 year old youth was arrested for theft after he was observed taking merchandise from City Market, 2000 Rood.

- NARCOTICS VIOLATION Bryan Watts, 40, was arrested in the 1200 block of Glenwood after he was found to be in possession of suspected methamphetamine. Watt had originally been contacted for having an obstructed license plate.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF John "Pepper" Chavez, 33, was arrested after he intentionally damaged a fence in the 500 block of Colorado. Damage estimated at $10.

- HARASSMENT Larry Vandenberg, 41, was arrested at 539 W. Ouray after he struck his ex-girlfriend in the face. The victim sustained no injury.

- WARRANT Adrian Apodaca, 18, was arrested at 2424 Hwy. 6 & 50 on a Federal warrant for Desertion.

- NARCOTICS VIOLATION/WARRANT ARREST Evelyn Martinez, 41, was arrested after she assaulted her husband, causing minor injuries.

- FIRST DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASS Unknown person(s) forced entry into a vehicle that was parked in the 2900 block of Patterson. Once inside, the suspects removed cigarettes and cash. Loss, $125.

- WARRANT ARREST A 15 year old male was arrested at 1003 Grand Avenue after he was contacted and found to have a valid Mesa County warrant with a bond of $100.

- BURGLARY/THEFT Unknown persons broke into a construction trailer at 413 Mirada Court and removed tools without the owner's knowledge or consent.

- WARRANT ARREST Carl Martin, 47, was arrested on an active warrant of Mesa County after he turned himself in at the Mesa County Sheriff Office.

- WARRANT ARREST/ NARCOTICS VIOLATION Andrew Krahe, 43, was arrested on an active warrant out of Mesa County after he was contacted in the 2800 Blk of North Ave. Subject was also found to be in possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

- WARRANT ARREST Charles Sinn, 36, was arrested on two active warrants out of Mesa County after he was contacted in the 600 Blk of Colorado Ave.

- WARRANT ARREST A 15 year old male was arrested at DYC after Parole Officers contacted her at 1600 North Avenue and she had a district court warrant.

- WARRANT ARREST William W. Clifton, 18, was remanded to the Mesa County Jail after he was contacted by Parole Officers at 1600 North Avenue and a parole violation warrant was found for his arrest.

- HARASSMENT Sheree Cogburn, 19, was arrested after she slammed a car door into the victim and grabbed and ripped his shirt at 960 Bookcliff Ave.

- FIRST DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASS/ THEFT Unknown person(s) forcibly entered a known person(s) forcibly entered another person's vehicle.

- NARCOTICS VIOLATION/WARRANT ARREST Jennifer Raymond, 18, and Nikkeya Gray, 18, were issued summons for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after they were contacted at 321 Gunnison Ave. Gray also had an active warrant out of Mesa County.

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- WARRANT ARREST/MENACING Warren Cottis, 58, was arrested after he threatened the victim and struck her causing her injury.

- 1ST DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASS/CRIMINAL MISCHIEF Robert Queen, 41, was arrested in the area of 3150 Lakeside, after he forced entry into another person's vehicle.

MANAGING YOUR COLLEGE CAREER

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The Ten Commandments: should they stay or should they go?

I guess you just never know when the Constitution is going to creep into your life, or get shoved down your throat. Currently, Grand Junction is embroiled in a debate of Constitutional proportions. What is this Earth-shattering situation that has pulled the most important document in the land, perhaps the world, into the melee?

Should we, or should we not, keep the Ten Commandments monument in front of City Hall? Well, what do you want? It’s only Grand Junction. But, from such humble beginnings do Constitutional debates spring.

But this is a twisted tale of secret meetings, desperate people in search of a cause, existent precedent, a vocal majority and religious doctrine.

A citizens’ group from Junction, after contacting the American Civil Liberties Union, petitioned the city government to have a monument of the Ten Commandments removed from the plaza in front of City Hall.

The reason for this is that it violates the establishment clause of the first amendment of the Constitution. This clause has been interpreted by the Supreme Court as meaning a strict separation of church and state.

Of course, it all makes sense. City Hall would be endorsing Christianity or Judaism by having this monument. We certainly would not want to offend Grand Junction’s large Muslim, Hindu and Shinto sects.

One of the things about this that gets me, is that one of the people pushing this issue just happens to be David Barnes, interim pastor of the First Congregational Church. I’m not sure what the First Congregational Church has against the Ten Commandments, but it certainly appears they don’t want them connected to the government. Maybe they hold the government to a higher standard.

As you might imagine, a group has sprung up in defense of the placement of the monument. They believe the stone is causing no harm standing where it does. How dare they?

Don’t they know that the monument is actually sending out undetectable brain waves designed to convert all non-believers? They believe that a representation of a sun god and the Star of David also carved on the monument makes the monument multi-denominational and thus non-religious.

Now both these groups have approached the Grand Junction City Council and asked that their side of the controversy be heard. The group that wants the monument removed invited the city council over to the First Congregational Church for tea and a quick presentation of their myriad solutions for where to place the monument.

The meeting was unannounced, and six of the seven members of the council were in attendance.

The council felt that since they were invited to private property to discuss this that the meeting was not covered by the Colorado Open Meetings Law, which requires governing bodies to announce meetings to the public.

When asked about this, Councilman Jim Spehar said that he didn’t feel any obligation to let the public know about every meeting the council attends. Councilman Reford Theobold said that it was the responsibility of the church to inform the media about the meeting, which, of course, would have alerted the opposition, allowing them to state their case as well. Obviously, religious freedom only applies to those trying to ban some form of religious expression.

I’m not sure I appreciate the council’s feelings on this secret meeting either. If six out of seven members of the council get together and discuss city business, I don’t care where it is or who invited them. I want to know about it. Let’s not forget that Hitler held secret meetings before taking over as well.

The open meetings law exists so that the media might attend and, through the media, the people can keep tabs on what their duly elected officials are doing. To dismiss it so callously has to reflect poorly on the city council.

Now, it seems that a similar situation sprung up in Denver some years ago. It was solved when the Colorado Supreme Court decided that the presence of other, secular statues allowed the presence of the Ten Commandments monument.

So all Grand Junction has to do is plop a statue of Tillman Bishops next to the Commandments and everything will be OK. Now that will really lead to a strict separation of church and state, memorials to the Bible and a statesman in the same general area.

Here’s a question for you. Did you know that the monument has been located on city property since the ‘50s? When the new City Hall was built the trees, which had been expertly placed to ward off the prying eyes of the ACLU, were all torn down, exposing the monument for all to see and some to be offended by.

For 40 years the statue stood as a gift to the city, available for all who visit to see. Now it is politically incorrect and has to be moved to a nice desolate location, like a church, so that only the religious can see it.

As you may be able to tell, I’m having a hard time taking this controversy very seriously. The whole thing is really a joke. And now the ACLU is going to sue to have it removed. I don’t see them offering to pay for the removal. I guess that’s up to the taxpayers.

I am not a religious person, at least not anymore. And I am all for separation of church and state, but not to the extent of having an innocent pigeon roost removed from in front of City Hall just because it has a few religious connotations written on it.
Spring’s arrival a reason to get outside, celebrate

Thank goodness it’s over! The drums of winter are being swept away by spring. The breeze and cabin fever are drowned by April showers. Now is the time to pull those capri pants out of the drawer, slap on the sandals and go to a baseball game, go for a walk, or drive around town with the top rolled down.

There’s nothing better than wind in your hair and loud music wafting over from the punk rock lover in the car next to you.

Spring is the best time of year, spring break, golf, fishing, weekend road-trips, frisbee, tank tops, hiking, swimming, boating, vacations, flowers, butterflies, green grass, water fights, tans. It’s great.

Fortunately, spring can mean some late season skiing too. Most of the people around here don’t care whether you’re a slope savvy superstar or a butt bashing biffer, they’re just out for fun.

As a New Mexico native, I didn’t do any skiing in as a child, and even after I moved here 10 years ago I was too chicken to give it a shot. Now, as an enthusiast, I can’t imagine what took me so long.

Personally, I don’t really feel like the year has begun until I see the first weed growing in my yard and geese start heading back in the direction from whence they came.

Nothing feels new and different until Mother Nature starts to liven things up. I found a dandelion in my grass this morning.

The point is, if there’s something you’re itching to try, a person you’re dying to meet or a place you’d give anything to see, do it, introduce yourself, and book a flight. There’s no point in letting another new year go by without enriching your life or changing in some way.

Pick up a new hobby, get your hair cut, paint your place, plant a geranium, get a pet, throw some stuff in the car and just drive, take a hike, sit outside on a warm night and count stars, volunteer, read, update the spring wardrobe, just do whatever.

Just one final piece of advice, whatever you do, slosh on the sun screen. And remember your camera.

THE EDITOR

Graduation planning enters final stages

Dear Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the 2001 graduation ceremony currently being planned and discuss upcoming events.

The 2001 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 13 at 9 a.m. in Stocker Stadium. The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes. The Graduation Planning Committee meets monthly in open session. The dates and room are announced in the Criterion.

We welcome guests and comments at our meetings. Comments, suggestions and recommendations can also be made via your Associated Student Government (ASG) representatives since the ASG president is a standing member of the Graduation Planning Committee. Student comments, suggestions and recommendations are passed to the vice president of Academic Affairs for consideration after committee discussion.

The commencement speaker has not been finalized as of this writing. Once the commencement speaker is finalized, I shall notify students with an announcement in the Criterion.

During February, you ordered your cap, gown and invitations from Jostens. This year all students will be wearing black gowns. The color of your tassel will distinguish your degree or certificate level.

The Office of Admissions and Records will be sending each of you participating in the graduation ceremony a letter detailing requirements for the ceremony. Also included in the letter will be a map of Stocker Stadium designating parking, handicap access, washroom facilities, picture stations and other information for you and your guests. If you do not receive this letter by April 14, please call Samantha Morgan at 248-1813.

There will be a rehearsal for all graduating students, certificate recipients and required staff on Thursday, May 10 at 3:30 p.m. in Stocker Stadium. It is imperative that everyone attends and gets briefed on the sequence of events.

The Contingency Plan is very simple to rehearse and accommodate. There is the possibility of a ceremony delay of an hour or two if a storm is moving through Grand Valley. If there is persistent light drizzle, the ceremony will continue as scheduled. Finally, if a downpour or consistent rain develops during the ceremony, the program will be shortened using abbreviated speeches, acknowledgements and formal awards. The awarding of individual diploma/certificate covers will immediately follow.

In summary, the graduation ceremony is a campus-wide celebration for all graduates (graduate, bachelors, associates, and certificates). It is our strong desire that all family and friends of each graduate have ample seating in safe conditions. The 2001 Graduation Planning Committee is dedicated in its efforts to provide a positive and memorable ceremony.

Sincerely,
Chad Grashow
Associate Professor of CSB
Chairperson, 2001 Graduation Planning Committee
gone are the days of seven strangers, picked to live in a house, and find out what happens when people stop being polite and start being real.

Today on TV, reality shows such as Survivor, The Mole, Making the Band, and of course the scandalous Temptation Island are taking the realm of reality television to a whole new level. Critics may hate reality TV, but it seems to be a foregone conclusion that the phenomenon rules.

Going into February sweeps, Survivor, The Mole, and Temptation Island were huge hits to the surprise of some. The last episode of Temptation Island alone drew 22.9 million viewers, while The Mole drew a modest 15.4 million. “I love reality TV,” said Anissa Jones, a resident of Fruita. Jones was one of the million viewers that tuned into Temptation Island on a weekly basis. “I might have been a little far-fetched, but it was easy to believe. Especially at the end when all the couples chose to stay together. I thought for sure they would break up.”

The success of reality TV has three of the four big networks scrambling to put together their own lineup of reality shows. CBS, NBC and FOX Broadcasting have all participated in the phenomena of reality television. FOX with Temptation Island and the soon-to-be “Boot Camp.” This reality show will feature 16 contestants who are put through boot camp. NBC will shortly launch “Fear Factor.” The idea here is that six people each week have to confront their primal fears.

Last but not least is the CBS reality show Survivor. CBS has found huge success in ratings due to this reality show. The March 1 show brought in a total of 31.3 million viewers alone. In fact, CBS, thanks in large part to Survivor, finished the month of February with the most viewers.

So it seems that what viewers ask for is what they are getting. However, not all viewers appear to be interested in a hefty dose of reality TV. It is probably easier to say that viewers like reality shows more than movies, but some feel that this recent explosion of reality TV is beginning to get out of hand. “It’s new, and people are getting excited about it,” said Bryan Howard, an ASG member. “But I think it is largely exploited, a violation of privacy, and the editing that producers do to the footage changes everything.”

Others feel that perhaps this real TV isn’t so real. “I think it’s silly,” said Rita Widler, an employee at MSC. “I don’t think it’s real. I just think that it’s a new form of entertainment and everyone is tired of everything else.”

There may be some truth in Widler’s statement too. There have been reports that Temptation Island employees knew that Yoossie and Taheed (a couple picked for the show) had an 18-month-old son, and still went ahead and cast them for the show. If these rumors are true, it leaves people wondering about...
Spring break doesn’t have to empty pockets

We’re all familiar with that uneasiness that creeps over our heads and into our pockets when a credit card bill sits snugly in the mailbox. That feeling is especially bothersome when all we have to show for the spending is a box full of pictures, a towering fluorescent margarita glass and a lobster-escue complexion.

While warm weather brings daydreams of Cancun’s beaches or Puerto Vallarta’s exciting nightlife, those spring break fantasies come with a hefty price tag. There are plenty of diversions close to home that will satisfy a nagging case of wanderlust, but won’t break the bank.

Durango offers a range of experiences, beginning with a half-day family excursion through mild terrain to the half-day extreme trip. The company even offers a multi-day safari led by a team of trained drivers, or with a minimum of six people, you can create a custom safari for up to a week’s length. Call (970) 382-9889 for more information.

Black Hawk, Colo., boasts a less pricey version of the Vegas scene, with its casino’s 12 table games (including Blackjack, Let it Ride, Three Card Poker) and over 1,000 slots. Gaming hours are 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. The Caribbean theme weaves its way through the gaming floor, into the vegas-style hotel. Restaurants include Farraday’s (featuring such dishes as steak and lobster), Calypso’s Seafood Buffet and the quick and casual Tradewinds Grill. A featured performer during Mesa’s spring break, Frankie Avalon will perform the evening of March 30.

Mesquite, Nev., is even closer to Vegas for about the same amount of dough. The Casa Blanca hotel and casino, as well as The Oasis and other operations as low cost and high impact. Gaming that matches that of the Strip meets outstanding buffets for around $8.

If the Denver cultural scene is more your style, Pavaratti will loose his amazing vocals on March 22 at the Pepsi Center. The Auditorium Theater in Denver is presenting “Defending the Caveman” from March 21 through the length of spring break, with tickets from $29.30 available through Ticketmaster.

For the outdoorsman, Lake Powell, Utah, is home to beautiful canyons and great fishing. Opportunities for hiking, swimming and snorkeling are also available at the dam-created body of water. If the season finds you shivering, you can forgo the water for nearby St. George and its factory shops.

Campus cultural events speckle spring calendar

From visual art to that of the musical persuasion, the Mesa State cultural world is in full effect. A variety of exhibits and performances are coming soon.

The Faculty Piano Trio will hold a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16 at the recital hall (1060 North Ave.). The group, still relative new, includes Andrea Arose-Elias on piano, Carlos Elias on violin and Cameron Law on cello. The concert will feature Mozart’s “Trio, K.564,” and Schubert’s “Nocturne” as well as “Trio, Op. 8 in B Major” by Brahms. Tickets are available at the door, $5 for adults and $3 for students and senior citizens.

The next in a series of senior art shows includes work by Melanie L. Barnes and Seth Young, in an exhibit titled “847.” The show will run March 19 - 23 and April 2 - 6, with Johnson Gallery being closed March 24 - April 1 for Mesa State’s spring break. The exhibit will feature a variety of mediums and techniques, from paintings and drawings to print and sculpture. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. An artists’ reception is open to the public on March 22 from 7-9 p.m. Call 248-1954 for more information. Other senior shows will be held April 9 - 20 and April 23 - May 7.

Mesa State’s Cultural Diversity Board will host the annual Unity Fest Celebration April 7 - 13. The event is sponsored by the Black Student Alliance, La Raza/MEChA, P.R.I.D.E., Native American Council, International Student Union, Ho’olokahi (Polynesian Club), Activities Council and Coca Cola. The main event is the Unity Carnival to be held in the Quad on April 7 beginning at 11 a.m. Look for posters around campus for dates and times of other activities. For more information, contact the Cultural Diversity Board at 248-1664.

The Faculty Jazz Trio will hold a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2 at the recital hall (1060 North Ave.). Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students or senior citizens. Call 248-1788 for more information.

Mesa State’s Cultural Department will perform the final stage show of the academic year. Lysistrata will hit Robinson Theatre at 7:30 p.m., April 12 - 14. The classical comedy by Aristophanes depicts how the women of ancient Greece went on a sex strike to stop the Athens/Sparta war. Adult tickets are $11, while seniors may purchase tickets for $9 and students for $4.50. The box office opens for ticket sales on April 4. Call 248-1604 for more information.

Faculty Jazz Trio will present its Great Britain Tour Concert on April 17 at 7:30 p.m. Additional opera selections will be performed. Tickets will be available for adults for $5, and for students and senior citizens for $3. The performance will be held at Robinson Theatre. Call 248-1788 for more information.

The Mesa State Repertory Dance Spring Concert will be held April 27 - 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Robinson Theatre. Described as "a potpourri of dances," the show will run $6 for adults and $4 for students (advanced tickets $3.50. For more information call 248-1712.)
Chez Lena review
UTEK restaurant's Far Eastern cuisine gets thumbs up

School food is not what it used to be. One of the best kept secrets of Mesa State is the Colorado Culinary Academy and the Chez Lena restaurant where you can enjoy a three-course meal that will make your taste buds love you. I took a moment out of one of those crazy, fast-paced days for a gourmet lunch at the UTEC campus.

I couldn't resist the daily special, an ensemble of Japanese delicacies. My experience began with an appetizer of Miso soup and California rolls so delectable they would bring delight to the most devout skeptic.

Most Japanese foods are delicately seasoned, unlike some of the more highly spiced foods of other Asian regions. Fish dominates the cuisine of this island nation.

The Miso was lightly seasoned with soy adding salty accents to a mild herbaceous broth. While waiting for my entree of raw fish a sense of irony overcame me as I sat next to a fish tank large enough for a man to swim in.

California rolls are great for an introduction to sushi. Not all California rolls are stuffed with fish, giving a more timid explorer the opportunity to work their way in. The entree included rolls of salmon, cucumber or avocado. Wasabi, a green horse-radish spread, was served on the side.

Culinary instructor and chef Wayne Smith rolls dashi, a Japanese dish, at UTEC's restaurant, Chez Lena.

Contrary to what people may think, uncooked salmon served in the rolls is safe. It is rare that one might find the rolls is safe.

Irish toasts add traditional touch

Criterion Features

The Contender explores complex political scheming

The vice president has passed away. The logical choice to fill those empty shoes is Jack Hathaway (William Peterson) - that is, until his efforts to save the life of a drowning girl fail. Although Hathaway is seen by many as a hero, the president (Jeff Bridges) wants to avoid scandal and opts to select Senator Laine Hanson (Joan Allen) as the first female vice president. Scandal is just what proceeds, however, when Republican Representative Shelly Runyan (Gary Oldman) sets out to destroy Hanson's confirmation by digging up every dirty little secret he can find.

This is the premise of "The Contender," newly released on video. The film explores the great lengths to which those in the political arena including Runyan, Hathaway, Hanson and the president - will go to get what they want.

What is really interesting about the film, though, is not just the down-in-the-dirt scheming, but Hanson's decision to neither confirm nor deny the allegations against her. Is she admirable or too full of pride for her own good?

In any case, Allen gives the character dignity, strength and complexity. She and Bridges have both received Oscar nominations for their performances. It's Oldman who really stands out here, though, (as he so frequently does) with his slimy, gusy performance.

At times, "The Contender" goes slightly over the top with a feel-good approach that doesn't seem to fit in to the film as a whole. Even so, the film scores with its hopefulness and its thoughtful premise.

Grade: A-

Criterion Staff

While the American version of St. Patrick's Day has become characterized by pub bashes and an attraction to the color green, the celebration is well rooted in Irish tradition. Below are some traditional Irish toasts to make your brew fest a bit more "culturally legit" this Saturday.

- May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make enemies, quick to make friends. But rich or poor, quick or slow, may you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.
- May the face of every good news and the back of every bad news be toward us.
- May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. The sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.
- May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends gathered below never fall out.
- May the strength of three be in your journey.
- St. Patrick was a gentleman who through strategy and stealth drove all the snakes from Ireland. Here's a toast to his health; but not too many toasting lest you lose yourself and then forget the good St. Patrick and see all those snakes again.
- May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night and the road downhill all the way to your door.
- Here's that we may always have a clean shirt, a clean conscience and a guinea in our pocket.
- Here's a health to your enemies' enemies!
- May the grass grow long on the road to Hell for want of use.
- Here's a health to your back. The sun shine warm upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.
- May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make enemies, quick to make friends. But rich or poor, quick or slow, may you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.

Reel Talk

Criterion Staff

A. Falcone
Mesa County Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Council (MCAPPC)
presents:
“Connecting with the Counselor”
(formerly titled, “What is Treatment?”
by
Chris Kanaly, M.A., L.P.C., C.A.C III
Colorado West Mental Health

Mr Kanaly will discuss prevention, intervention and treatment of substance abuse. He will discuss the relationship between drug and alcohol use and teen pregnancy.

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Where: Houston Hall, Room 129
Large building, on North Avenue, between N 12th St. and College place.

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Jonathan Waterman
Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.
Liff Auditorium on the MSC Campus

Waterman will offer a slide and video presentation of the legendary Northwest Passage and his 2,200-mile journey by kayak, dogsled, and skis. Knopf Publishers is releasing his book, “Arctic Crossing” with more than 110 photos. This unforgiving landscape is home to the Inuit whose life, language, and beliefs are woven into a masterpiece of adventure and culture.

There will be door prizes from Klepper and Summit Canyon Mountaineering.

His appearance is sponsored by Lecture and Forums Comitee, the Klepper Service Center in Cedaredge, The MSC Outdoor Program and Summit Canyon Mountaineering.

Information: Tess Carmichael 243-0752 or Joshua Houdek 248-1670

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STRESS MANAGER

A Recipe For Less Stress
Avoiding Life's pressure cooker

Picture This:
It's been a restless night. The neighbor's dogs barked until early in the morning, and you woke up feeling frustrated and grumpy. Then on the way to work, you are delayed because of construction on the road.

The day continues to drain you, and you come home exhausted only to find out that your sister is sick, and you have to take care of her kids.

Frusted by the stress you are under, you find yourself unable to handle the strain.

Learning practical methods of dealing with life's pressures is a key to effectively coping. Here are some techniques that the experts use when dealing with stress.

One Cup Of Cold Water
When you face an irritating situation, don't view it as a catastrophe. This will quickly raise the amount of stress you feel.

Instead, examine the circumstance and ask yourself, "How important is this really?" If you are late for one appointment, it might rate a two, while the death of a family member would rate a ten.

If you give yourself this test and realize you're being stuck in traffic all day, then you know that you are overreacting.

Learn to lighten up and laugh at yourself when you find that you are worrying too much over something minor. Smiling is a much more effective way to deal with a trying situation.

Add A Pinch Of Perspective
You may be facing deadlines and the stress of things going wrong as you remodel your home. If you always dwell on the things that are going poorly in your life, you will be more likely to become sad and depressed.

Look at the positive side, and think about friends and family who care about you. You probably have many things to be thankful for—your health, good friends, a stable job or a wonderful family. You can keep these positive thoughts in your head to carry you through any difficult situation.

Avoid Boiling Over
You may have a tendency to be impatient. Or you might be a person who has a hard time making up your mind.

When facing a situation that is causing you to become frustrated, or when you have to make a tough decision, ask yourself, "Will this matter in five years from now?" You'll find that most things diminish in importance as you look at them from a broader perspective.

Using these tips will help you immensely in your battle against stress. Don't let your anxieties get the best of you. Save your energy for the times that really matter.

Entries still being taken for Co-ed and Men's softball teams. For more information, call 248-1591 or stop by the Intramural office in the Student Rec Center.
Break out the brooms!

Mavs score 60 runs in sweep

Chris McKinney (10) looks on as the Mavs roll up the tarp after Saturday’s rain delay against Metro State. The Mavs would win the game 14-8, and sweep two games apiece from Metro and Kansas Wesleyan. Mesa State looks to defeat BYU on the road Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

JASON CULPEPPER
Sports Editor

Sweep. It’s a word that brings joy to the hearts of fans and players alike, a word used to describe the Maverick baseball team’s weekend. The Mavs defeated both Kansas Wesleyan and Metro State twice, due in large part to big offensive numbers. The team hopes to keep this offensive machine firing on all cylinders when it invades Provo on Thursday to take on rival BYU.

The players are confident they can compete at a high level, regardless of their opponent and regardless of where they play.

“We’re going in there, we’re going to go battle... we don’t lay down for anybody, so we’ve got to prepare and go get them,” Jim Gusich said.

Pitcher Kurtis Beidelman agreed. “The offensive explosion has led to the Mavs winning eight of their last nine, and in only one of those wins did they fail to score in double digits. The games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday were no different as they scored often, with eight home runs leading the way to scoring 60 combined runs.

Friday’s game pitted Kansas Wesleyan against Mesa State. Dan Clements would get the start on the mound for the Mavs, and right away he received offensive support. Chris Crews walked, followed by a Tony Bonaccrista single. Catcher Kent Myers singled as well, scoring Crews. After another scoreless inning thrown by Clements, the Mavs would again get on the board.

First baseman Dave Finney walked and second baseman Phillip More tripled, bringing Finney in. Brandon Berkley popped out and Landon Wareham grounded out, getting an RBI by More scoring. However, in the top of the third, Clements ran into a little trouble, giving up a home run and triple and letting Kansas take the lead 4-3.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Mavs took over for good, highlighted by a rocket of a home run, courtesy of Myers, who crushed it to center field off the scoreboard. The Mavs would get four runs in the inning and cruise from there, boosted by Bryan King, Beidelman and Andy McNear throwing blanks, winning the game 14-6.

Saturday’s games were delayed by nasty weather, with over an hour rain delay in the game. The rain could not drown the offensive monster known as the Mesa Mavs however, as seven-and-five run innings would be all pitchers Nate Miller and Randy Brown would need to defeat Metro State, 14-8. In the bottom of the third, down 4-0, the Mavs unleashed. Wareham singled, Crews walked, Deke DeCrow singled, bringing home Wareham, and Myers hit a double.

Thursday’s games would be all pitchers Nate Miller and Randy Brown.

In the second game, Kelly Adams hit a grand slam, while Stacy Dukiewicz and Dillion added shots as well. For Adams, the home run was her 10th of the season.

“Our offense is being very productive. Our defense has picked up tremendously,” Adams said. “As long as we keep hitting the ball well, we’ll go all the way and hopefully go to nationals.”

For Mort, the showing wasn’t

Please see RUNS, page 17
Mother Nature hampers tennis

BRIAN MILLER
Sports Writer

With spring sports getting underway, the Mesa State men's and women's tennis teams are back in full swing. Both teams competed in the fall against various opponents for spots in the regional rankings, but the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference portion of their schedule started two weeks ago.

In their first matches, the Mavs were dominated by the University of Northern Colorado. The men fell 9-0, while the women fared a bit better in a 6-3 loss.

Last weekend, Mesa State traveled to Denver, only to meet darkness, while the matches against Metro State postponed due to snow. The matches with Colorado School of Mines and Colorado College were cancelled due to snow. The matches with Metro will be made up, while the matches with Mines and Colorado College

"We were trailing 3-2 against Metro in both men's and women's, but we had leads in three of four of the remaining matches," Mesa State coach Jim Heaps said of the women's battle.

"Tanner Jones beat Michael Judd on Friday, and Judd is maybe the top player in the conference. Tanner beat him in straight sets (7-6, 7-5)."

Heaps, who took over the reigns of both teams last summer, resumed his position after taking the men's basketball team to the RMAC tournament in Denver.

"These are hard-working groups," Heaps said of both teams. "Their disciplined, and everyone's in good shape. We're pretty deep."

Leading the charge for the men this spring will be Jones at No. 1 singles. Matt Tyler and Kevin Barelay will compete at No. 2 and No. 3, respectively. Kyle Hunt, Matt Moore and Adam Paschal round out the remainder of the team.

Sophomore Annette James will lead the Lady Mavs at No. 1 singles. Laura Brownson holds the No. 2 spot, with Rachel Montoya taking No. 3. Bri Lister, Angeline Pacini and Amanda Garretson also will compete this year.

The Mavs will travel to Arizona to compete over spring break before resuming RMAC play in two weeks.

Home run, quality pitching lead Lady Mavs to victory

SWEEP, from page 15 quite up to par for what the Mavs have done in the past.

"We hit the ball pretty well. Offensively, we didn't have as much power hitting today, even though we had five home runs," Mort said. "It just seemed like we didn't hit as many doubles or run the bases as hard. I was really having to make a lot of base coaching decisions. It seemed like we just did what we had to beat them."

Carrie Boggs allowed seven hits and four runs in seven innings against Adams.

"Melanie pitched pretty well the first game," Mort said. "Carrie Boggs threw okay. She didn't throw her best game. She did well enough to win, though. She threw the changeup well; she fooled a lot of people.

The Mavs ran over the Mountain Lions, taking the four games series 10-2, 9-0, 9-1 and 10-2.

"I think that's directly attributable to the hitting style we use, and that we work on it as much as we do," Mort said of the recent success for the Mavs. "I think the coaches wonder what our secret is, and that we're feeding our players. The secret is in the technique and that we never take a day off from hitting."

Lady Mav Tosha Szczekic collides with Adams State's catcher in Tuesday's win against the Grizzlies. The Mavs won 10-4.

MSC SPORTS ON TAP

Baseball
Mar 15 BYU..........................(9) 3 p.m.
Mar 16 BYU..........................(9) 3 p.m.
Mar 17 BYU..........................(9) 1 p.m.
Mar 24 N.M.-Highlands...........(7,9) Noon
Mar 25 N.M.-Highlands...........(7,9) Noon
Mar 27 Univ. of Utah.............(7,9) Noon
Mar 31 Regis Univ..................(7,9) Noon
Apr 1 Regis Univ..................(7,9) Noon

Softball
Mar 17 Fort Lewis.................Noon/2 p.m.
Mar 18 Fort Lewis.................11 a.m./1 p.m.
Mar 23 Fort Hays.................1 p.m./3 p.m.
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Apr 14 Southern Colo...........Noon/2 p.m.
Mavericks win five straight games at home

RUNS, from page 15 walked. Bonacquista scored Crews on a sacrifice fly, and center fielder Evan Hoge singled. After John Moreland walked, a pitching change by Metro could not stop the Mavs. Brandon Halcomb singled, scoring two, and several errors led to the Mavs scoring all seven. Brown's relief appearance slammed the door on any Metro chances, giving the Mavs their third win in a row. Brandon

The second game of the day would have Kansas facing Mesa for the second time in two days, and the result was the same, another Maverick win. The Mavs were boosted by five strong innings from Reggie Hohenberg, and a home run from Wareham. The story of the game however, was DeCrow's three

Sunday's game was the biggest battle of the weekend, with the Mavs falling behind 7-0 early. Starter Tony Lopez struggled, giving up six earned in the first three innings while the Mavs were scoreless. However, the fourth started the comeback. Moreland walked and Halcomb singled to left. Finney got an infield single, loading the bases. Gusich then stepped to the plate and delivered a grand slam, cutting the lead to 7-4.

The Mavericks picked up another two in the fifth and four in the sixth, increasing their lead to 10-7. The icing on the cake came in the seventh, when Gusich dropped his second grand slam of the game, effectively finishing off the Roadrunners.

"We got the win and that's the most important. So just to get playing time, I've been working hard, because coach always tells us to stick with it and your time will come, and when my time came, I just took advantage of it," Gusich said.

Coach Chris Hanks was equally pleased. "I was happy for Jim, because he hasn't gotten down on his lack of playing time, and when he got his chance he made the most of it."

The weekend sweep brings the Mavs confidence to go to BYU and take care of business. "Year in, year out, they come into our house, expecting to beat us. This year, we're going to their house, expecting to beat them," Brown said.
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