Mesa State professor selected as Fulbright Scholar

Tom Walla to do research in Ecuador

Amanda Friar
News Reporter

Each year the renowned Fulbright Scholar Program in Washington D.C. sends 800 American professors overseas to lecture and do research in many different areas of study. Only six were chosen to go to Ecuador for research, and assistant biology professor Tom Walla was one of the six chosen. "For me, it brings an opportunity for the research that I'm doing in Ecuador," Walla said. "It also increases the number of academic connections that I'll have internationally. For Mesa State, it enhances the strong reputation the college has for being an excellent college." While in Ecuador, Walla will be working on the curation of butterflies in the National Museum of Ecuador. He will also be collaborating with academics and students in Ecuador and writing papers on butterflies.

Walla usually takes 12 students to Ecuador once a year for credit in his Tropical Field Biology course. He just recently got back from a trip with students. He'll return as a Fulbright Scholar in October with the Ecuadorian undergraduates that he'll be working with.

"I hope that students gain a new perspective as their role of citizens of the world." Tom Walla, assistant biology professor

Scholarship covers travel expenses for four months in Ecuador while working with scientists and students. During his other studies, Walla found 30 new species of butterflies in the Andes Mountains, along with the help of other students and other researchers.

GJPD to increase patrol around college, plans to issue tickets

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The Grand Junction Police Department will be targeting North Avenue and 12th Street near Mesa State and will be issuing tickets to those who fail to use crosswalks and to those who fail to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks on Thursday. GJPD will have extra patrol on North and 12th to serve as a reminder to everyone to play it safe.

"We're not out to punish people," GJPD Sgt. Scott Stoneburner said. "It's all in the interests of everyone's safety." Because North is a major street in Grand Junction, motorists are often negotiating traffic and don't look for jaywalkers. Those walking across North are urged to use crosswalks, and can cross smaller streets like College Place and Bunting Avenue without using a crosswalk.
News at a glance...

State

**Missing cat found in Pueblo 340 miles from home**

A cat that went missing in December turned up this month in Pueblo, Colo., approximately 340 miles from its owners in Albuquerque, N.M.

Officials speculate that Miko, a black and white female, hid in a truck that took her up Interstate 25. Her collar was missing, but an Albuquerque animal control ordinance requires all pets to either have a microchip implant or a tattoo for identification.

National

**Seven dead after university lecture hall shooting**

On Feb. 14, a man entered a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University and shot and killed seven people, including himself. The shooter, Stephen Kazmierczak, was armed with a shotgun and two handguns.

The college issued an emergency text message informing students about the gunman’s presence. Another was sent after Kazmierczak’s death was confirmed. Kazmierczak apparently stopped taking anti-depressants prior to the attack, but no motive has been determined. NIU is his alma mater.

World

**High-frequency song for dogs is number one in New Zealand**

“A Very Silent Night,” a song recorded at high frequencies only dogs can hear, was so popular among dog owners in New Zealand it topped the charts over Christmas, and is gaining in popularity. The CD is sold for $3.93 USD.

The dogs, however, have given mixed reviews. One dog reportedly viciously attacked a radio playing the song, while others simply sat silently. Because it is inaudible to humans, it is difficult to understand what the dogs actually hear.

The profits from the CD are going to charity, and $17,300 USD has been raised to date.
New Mesa State marketing campaign uses alternative techniques

Matt Kroschel
News Reporter

One thing is "foshizzle." Mesa State College is trying some unique techniques to inform the public about what is going on at the college.

"We are trying everything to reach youth at their level and if that means using words such as "foshizzle" and putting banner ads on Myspace; that is what we are happy to do," Ann Tillery, director of marketing and publication at Mesa State, said.

A new marketing campaign began Feb. 1 for the college in an attempt to attract students for next year and includes radio and print ads, billboards, and even the Internet.

"We are aggressively trying to let the public know about all the exciting growth and positive changes the college is going through," Tillery said. "People like to be a part of something that is changing and alive with growth, and that is exactly what Mesa State is going through right now."

Radio ads began the first of the month which highlight new residence halls, the new performing arts center, the current construction of the health science center and athletic facilities. Currently four large billboards are located along roadways in Grand Junction with more to be installed in the coming weeks.

"We are using Myspace, even, because our research shows us that if we want to reach out to potential students we have to target areas that interest them," Tillery said.

The college is working with a creative agency in Denver as well as using current Mesa State students' input for the campaign and its message.

"The new Mesa State is what we are really pushing because of all the changes the college is going through but we are also reminding people about the small school feel students come here for," Tillery said.

Officials with Mesa State are eager to find out if the messages are leaving a lasting message in the public.

"Hopefully we will be able to see just how well people are receiving our campaign in the next few weeks," Tillery said.

Mesa State College was founded in 1925 and since that time has grown in leaps and bounds.

"We want to remind this community as well as the rest of the county how good of a school Mesa State is and let them know how excited we are about the changes we are making here to better serve our students," Tillery said.

Sarah Guerrero
News Reporter

Feb. 22, the Mesa State College Foundation will host Casino Night in Saunders Field House to raise money for Mesa State.

Every year the Foundation hosts a gala to raise money for school and student funds, including scholarships. However, this year the Foundation felt that the galas had run their course, and they decided to go in a new direction. Because of the extensive planning of the MISC Foundation the school has received over $2 million dollars a year, with half a million went to student scholarship opportunities.

"It’s two-fold, first is to involve the community, and second is to help support the students," Director of Development John Marshall said.

At Casino Night visitors will have $250 of complimentary casino chips to use in the multitude of games offered including blackjack, craps, roulette, and poker. Also there will be a Texas Hold’em Tournament. Only bragging rights will be won.

In addition to the gaming there will be a silent auction for items to bid on prizes such as weekend packages, trips to Las Vegas and a six-hour instruction session. Those attending will be able to purchase more chips throughout the night.

A Las Vegas-style buffet will be available throughout the evening, with complimentary wine and beer. Drinking restrictions will be enforced, as it is the purpose of the foundation to provide a fun, casual family night.

Since starting to advertise for Casino Night, over 500 tickets have been sold. In addition to setting out flyers the foundation office has also enlisted to help of employees of the school, alumni, and those associated with the school to tell members of the community about the upcoming fundraising event.

"We’ve seen a very strong response," Marshall said.

Tickets are $50 per person, and anyone can attend. For more information or to order tickets contact the foundation office at 248-1295.
While the spring semester is just getting started, it's time to start thinking about FAFSA and scholarships for next fall. The deadline is quickly approaching for scholarships; applications are due March 3.

Director of Financial Aid Curt Martin thinks it's important and works better if continuing students meet this deadline.

"It's beneficial for students not to have to scramble around trying to figure out how they are going to get money for the year when fall rolls around," Martin said.

It is important for students who are on work study to get FAFSA completed before the end of the year. Money for work study students usually runs out by mid-March. Money for the year when fall rolls around," Martin said.

However, there seems to be a hidden better alternative to pay for school. Scholarships provide a way to get money for school that students do not need to pay back. Students can qualify for many different scholarships based on academic achievement or majors, as well as several others.

President Tim Foster says many students "don't consider the variety of scholarships available, and many don't think they can even qualify."

Every year there is a low turnout of students who apply for scholarships even though there is a lot of money to be given.

"If a student can supplement in scholarship money rather than loans they will be farther ahead when they graduate," Scholarship Coordinator Shanon Hawkins said.

Hawkins stresses the point that most students who apply will get a scholarship. She would like to be able to give the donors a stack of 10 to 12 applicants instead of two.

There has been an increase in the numbers of scholarships offered. According to MavConnections in 2006 there was a 52 percent increase in the number of scholarships given and a 27 percent increase in the number of students accepting the scholarships.

To see what scholarships you can qualify for go to the Mesa State Web site and click on current students. There is a breakdown of the different types of scholarships offered.

Another resource students can use is Funding Education Beyond High School, the Guide to Federal Student Aid at studentaid.ed.gov. This has all the information and advice a student needs to know before and during the application process.

Sean Johnson
News Reporter

Types of financial aid

Scholarships
- Direct from college
- Third-party from community or online sources

Work-study
- On-campus jobs to supplement aid

Federal grants
Must meet income guidelines
- Pell grants
- FSEOG grants

Loans
- Stafford loans
- Plus Parent loans

Source: studentaid.ed.gov

18th Annual Media Day
Hosted by the Mesa State College Mass Communications Department
Monday March 3, 2008
"Responsibilities and Freedoms of the Press"

Schedule of Events

- Sessions begin in Liff Auditorium at 8:45 a.m. with the opening speech by Fred Brown, columnist and former Capitol Bureau Chief of The Denver Post.

- A discussion called, "Broadcasting and the Law" will begin at 11 a.m. and includes television and radio personalities from the area.

- The Daily Sentinel's Colorado Press Association award-winning photojournalist Gretel Daugherty will have a discussion pertaining to paparazzi and ethical photojournalism at 1 p.m.

- Also at 1 p.m., Jeff Kirtland, communications director of Mesa County School District 51, and Joan Anzelmo, superintendent at the Colorado National Monument will discuss a journalist's rights when pursuing the news.

- Media day will conclude after the awards ceremony at 2 p.m. sponsored by the Daily Sentinel.

Scholar: Walla joins several Fulbright Scholars at Mesa

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Other Mesa State professors have received the Fulbright Scholarship including Julie Bruch, who spent the 2004-2005 academic year teaching and conducting research in Tokyo, Japan. Tim Hatten was selected in 2001 to teach entrepreneurship and business at the University of Reykjavik, Iceland. Alan William taught international business and strategic management during the fall semester of 2003 at the University of Debrecen in Hungary. Barry Laga lectured on reconstructing borders and identities in contemporary American literature at the Universitaire Intelling Antwerpen in Antwerp, Belgium, and William Wright spent the academic year of 2001-2002 lecturing on collaborative strategies for teaching American studies at the University of Tromso in Norway.

The Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the Bureau of Education Affairs of the United States Department of State. The scholarship sends academics from the U.S. to other countries to do collaborative work. More information can be found at www.cies.org.

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"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated." — Confucius

Keep it simple, stupid. It's a philosophy that I remember learning about when I was in eighth grade. At the time we were learning how to separate mixes of materials such as oil, wood, iron, and various other things from each other, and our teacher told us "If there is a simple way to get something done, and a complex way to get something done, the simple way is probably right."

With that in mind, I was checking my e-mail a few days ago and I noticed an interesting note in my inbox. "Increased traffic enforcement next Thursday" was the subject, and it was sent to inform students that tomorrow, Feb 21, we will have police monitoring the streets around campus to make sure that students are not jay walking and that motorists are yielding to pedestrians. If you don't follow the rules, you could get a ticket.

I couldn't help but scratch my head in awe of the thought of police officers standing around to give tickets to students crossing a street thinking that it just might make the other 6,000 students here realize "Oh crap, jaywalking is bad." No offense to the Grand Junction Police Department, but this is a college and most students are going to repeat their actions no matter how many of them you ticket.

If you look around campus and through your classes, a few of the people surrounding you probably received a drinking related ticket, be it a minor in possession, a DUl, or a disorderly house. While I don't necessarily condone their actions, I can tell you that a good percent of those people who received a ticket still drink, still party and haven't changed. If you can't solve a dangerous issue like drinking with a few tickets, how can you expect to cut back on what many people consider to be an absurd crime such as jaywalking?

In writing this column, I examined the area of North Avenue between 10th and 12th, which is where police officers will be stationed on their attempt to cut back on jaywalking. Included in the two-block stretch that features 12 businesses, there is a fine line of restaurants making for a tempting ditching site as classes drag on within Houston Hall.

The problem with all those businesses though is that they lie on a two-block stretch, with all of the key businesses (like KFC and Blackjack) right in the middle, roughly where 11th would conceivably be, and the only crosswalks (read legal places to cross the street) are on 12th and 10th, at the far east and the far west ends respectively. All the while, Colonel Sanders is just sitting there in the middle laughing because people either have to cross illegally to get to him and his finger lickin' chicken, or go several minutes out of their way to do so.

Not helping the cause, I have spent plenty of times at the intersection of 10th and North pounding on the horn that lets the light know that I want to cross, all while wondering if it was hooked up to anything. Especially when there is no traffic, the wait would be heartwrenching.

If increased traffic enforcement is on Thursday, I have a feeling that the next Thursday will see police officers monitoring the stretch that features 12 businesses?

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Right now I'm typing away on my laptop on the kitchen table while my little boy Caleb is jibber jabbing away in his booster seat next to me. This title isn't meant to confuse you, but it's how my life is daily. I wake up, tell my husband the socks are still in the dryer, get Caleb up (he usually gets me up), change him, feed him, and with a kiss from my husband he is out the door, and I'm sipping my first cup of coffee. Wow, I never thought I would be the definition of tradition and all this takes place before the sun peeks its head over the Grand Mesa.

After a full morning of playing, cleaning and getting ready for the day, Caleb and I leave for my mom's house. I drop him off and put my student hat on. This is the nontraditional part.

Technically I'm a junior here good at Mesa State College, and I'm counting down the days till I get a job. In the meantime, I change from student to mom and back again, much like Superman to Clark Kent but because I am 22 years old, most people don't suspect my nontraditional status.

I find in every class there are one or two students just like me juggling their real life with this weird student world full of people who just got out of high school, coupled with the middle-aged folks coming back for a second chance. I'm stuck somewhere in the middle, and it's hard to fit in. Relating to students my age is difficult, but not impossible. If I open up to my classmates, they're always supportive of me. They seem to appreciate the tough nature of going to school and having a family to take care of at home too.

Being a student and parent is the most time consuming project of my life. When Caleb was still waking up in the middle of the night I would go to class and have no comprehension of what was said. I'm surprised I made any grades at all.

There was one occasion in the midst of those long nights I had to get a new MAVCard. As you can imagine the picture wasn't pretty, I was smiling, but my eyes were saying, "Wake me up!" If you want proof I'll show you some time. I wonder if my professors back then thought I was having a lot of tough party nights. No, I was just having rough nights. Now that Caleb is older the challenges are different, and I learn to cope.

Even though I feel like I may be missing out on the young college life, I just remember my one-and-a-half-year-old son and his first foot dance, and I'm thankful that I chose a family life over a good time at Fast Eddy's (not that that's a bad thing).

If school is getting you down and you feel like it's impossible just remember it can be done, and that goes for all the student body. Push through, take a class over if you must and picturesque. I can't recall how I felt before Caleb was born, but all I know is that he is dependent on me for everything, and going to college is going to help me give him more in life.

There is nothing in the world more real, rewarding, and cherished than watching your children grow. I hope for all the mums and dads out there that when you walk on graduation day, your children will see how much you have grown. -> apitchc@mnesate.edu

Opinions
Editorial: Complacency accompanies ignorance, laziness

Society should stick to its cliches. Safety first, don't play with fire, look both ways before you cross. We learned the simple aphorisms early in life. Alas, the entire population forgets them rapidly. These misconceptions result in a marvellously short attention span and the tide of genius at home. It's all in screens. Family time is sheltered by your surroundings and cell phones that stay attached to users. Dinner has been replaced by every fast food joint and po- keted meat corporate America has.

How intelligent do you think the world is?

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Stupidity: our daily bread and butter  
Brian Erickson - A Day In the Life

Recently, I did some investigating to see just what kinds of moronic things had made their way into our headlines and nightly news. Take John Triplette of Hayward Calif. for example. In this 45-year-old man's free time, he enjoys many simple pleasures such as making more than $30,000 in prank phone calls to 911. CBS Broadcasting reported on KPIX TV that Triplette made these thousands of prank calls from his T'Ariol call phone in a period of eight months. If my math is correct, that is a phone call to 911 every 10 minutes. Well done sir; as if whole bags of Cheetos and runs of "Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman" wasn't enough to keep someone busy, this obviously is. But just one question: why? "Because it was free," Triplette said.

On a more serious note, Milwaukee's WISN reported that a 23-year-old man and a 17-year-old woman were discovered dead in the front seat of a 1978 Cutlass parked in the garage of a private residence. They were both naked and having sex at the time of death, how did they die? Well whenever did the driving forgot to turn off the car after they pulled into the garage and they had suffered carbon monoxide poisoning. Oops.

I don't get it. There was no one in the house at the time and I'm sure that things would have been a little roomier inside. The larger question here (besides the reason sir why this guy didn't learn this sort of thing or sex education) is "why in a '78 Cutlass?" I think we could all learn something about stupidity from Warren Robinson of Jacksonville Fla. This man found himself in a domestic violence court case and instead of just pleading for mercy, he handled the judge as any. While hope containing $100 and a note that read, "Please accept this little token of gratitude and appreciation towards me. P.S. Take your wife out to dinner on Valentine's Day." As the man of Guinness beer says: Brilliant! So now, in addition to his charges of domestic violence, he got to spend some time behind bars and is now dealing with bribery charges. "I'm a man, if you are going to charge a judge, at least do it with something a little more than $100. Try blackmail next time."

The worst of the incidents that I discovered on my hunt was from the immaculate John Corcoran. Corecoran was a teacher in the California school system for 17 years ... but he could not read nor write. He was able to deal everyone he met, cheat his way through school and teach through pictures and lectures. His story amazes me not because of his illiteracy through college and the scrutiny of thousands of high school students (I actually admire his utter gall and gusto for doing so) but the school system that hired him in the first place. I mean how do you not notice when a teacher cannot read or write for Gods sake? President Bush speaks of the tragic failure and complete waste of money that was the No Child Left Behind act, but what about No Teacher Left Behind? This just goes to show you that the whole school system is fundamentally flawed, at least in California. If there really is a God, I'm sure that we are just his comic relief because there is just no other explanation for all this stupidity in the world, we included.

The psychology of waiting tables  
Charle Martinez - Optimistic Skepticism

Imagin, if you will, a gruff voice whispering to you, "Your legs are sooo nice." Umm hmm. So smooth and sexy, I can almost imagine what your @#$ looks like.

This is just one of the more horrifying things I've heard from some of the men who frequent the bar that I work at. It is not always pleasant to take orders from the drunken men who think that your job is to serve them more than just alcohol.

Working at Fast Eddy's Sports Bar and Grill, I have learned what several psychology professors couldn't teach.

In four years, I've definitely learned to recognize patterns between individuals when I've had to serve them alcohol. I have learned how to read a person-to know when I should ask them if they want another, and when to say they've had enough. But more than that, I have learned to categorize them into two subgroups: sympathizers and opportunists.

Sympathizers are my favorite to take care of. They seem to pity me for having to put up with them. Almost all women are sympathizers. They seem to know what it is like to wait tables or be the cocktail girl. The sympathizers are the best and most loyal regulars. Once they know me, and know that I work hard, I could mess up or forget something and still be forgiven with only a minor joke as consequence. These are the people who like to know about my life, not just unload all of their worries onto my small and ill-equipped shoulders. Also the sympathizers are the best tippers. They always give a fair or more than fair tip and smile at me as they walk out.

The other group of people is unutterably more difficult and complex. Generally speaking, opportunists are in it to take whatever they can get from me. These are the kind of people, usually male but I've had at least one female, that think that because I work at a bar, I'm a free piece of meat that can be toyed with. Usually as an opportunist drinks more, they get worse and worse. Sometimes he or she will be crude and vulgar, sometimes they come off as innocent love-struck puppies, but no doubt, they will cause some kind of trouble. This trouble comes in all sorts of forms. I've been proposed to by at least three different men. One of which has been very persistent, even to the point of asking for my father's number so he could ask for my hand. Another, not so complimentary form of trouble is when I get drunk who try to walk out on me, trying to take advantage of the opportunity when I'm not looking. While these make for good stories and several laughs, the opportunist is someone who is a genuine pain in the rear.

When I started working, I was always sweet and flirty no matter whom I was dealing with. But I have learned that if you give an opportunist an inch, he or she thinks he or she can have the whole ruler.
Your ecological footprint: How much damage are you causing?

Mackenzie Gibson  
Guest Writer

Has it occurred to you that as a college student, your lifestyle is more sustainable, or has less of an environmental impact, than the average American? You live in or near an efficiently-structured community that allows you to walk or ride most of the places you need to go, and your housing is energy and space efficient. However, how will this change after you graduate? Will you live in an energy-efficient home close to where you work? Will you drive solo in an SUV or carpool in something smaller? What about avoiding waste by recycling and buying smart in the first place? All of these things will factor into the size of something called your ecological footprint.

The ecological footprint is a useful tool for getting a sense of your individual impact on earth's limited resources. It represents the portion of the world's resources a person or population uses, measured in acres of earth's surface. Earth currently has about 4.5 productive acres, including land and sea surface, for every person. This land must provide food and raw materials for shelter and possessions, and absorb the effects of any pollution (CO2 emissions, for example) or environmental degradation caused in supporting that person.

The problem is people in some countries use far more than this share. For instance, the average American's ecological footprint is a whopping 24 acres. To put this in perspective, consider that if everyone on earth occupied that much resource space, the human population would need not one, but five earths to support itself. Have you ever thought about the places you need to go, and your housing is energy and space efficient.

Factors that affect your footprint include diet, transportation, home type, and energy usage. If your footprint is high, it could be because you drive a lot, eat a lot of meat (which uses much more land and water than crops to produce), or live in an especially large home for the number of people living in it, among other things.

Everyone can reduce his or her impact in one way or another, whether cutting back on driving (40 percent of our trips in America are fewer than two miles), conserving energy and water (keeping the thermostat at 68 instead of 72 during the winter, for instance), or buying food and products grown and made close to home whenever possible, which reduces the amount of gas burned to get things to you.

We students are at a pivotal point when we're uniquely free to choose our direction by living as sustainably as possible now and in the future. Everyone's choices are going to have an impact on how well the world's resources, and the health and safety of the environment, hold up for future generations. You can make a difference by joining the Mesa State Sustainability Council to help make and promote choices for a sustainable future.

The Mesa State Sustainability Council's goal is to promote, recognize and support sustainability throughout the campus lifestyle, operations and curriculum. To get involved, contact Chad Thatcher at cthatch@mesastate.edu or Dr. Gigi Richard at grichard@mesastate.edu.

Find out what your footprint is by using the online tool at www.myfootprint.org.

Submitted by Mackenzie Gibson for the Mesa State Sustainability Council.

Calling all student artists

We want you!

The 32nd Annual Juried MSC Art Exhibit is coming to The Art Center (on the southwest corner of 7th and Orchard in Grand Junction) from March 28 through April 12. The exhibit is open to any currently enrolled student at Mesa State College.

- Up to four works in any medium may be submitted by each student for one $15 entry fee.
- Delivery day is March 25 from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. at The Art Center. Works must be finished and ready for installation.
- The gallery talk, recognition of award winners by jurors Sandra Hoefner and Tim Wedel, and public reception will be held on April 4 from 6:30-9 p.m.
- Our theme this year is "Art Slingers."

Watch for the prospectus with all exhibit details during the week of February 25. You may pick up the prospectus from Linda Johnson, administrative assistant, on the second floor of the Fine Arts Building; from the Information Desk in the college center; or you will find it attached to posters throughout the Grand Junction, Montrose and Western Colorado Community College campuses.

For further information, contact Deb Snider in the art department at 248.1767.
This week in theaters: ‘Jumper’

For lack of a better description, “Jumper” is the first over-hyped, big budget, CGI-filled action/blockbuster of the year. It’s about a kid named David (Hayden Christensen) who discovers at age 15 that he has the power to “jump” or teleport from one place to another at will. He uses this power to escape from his life and find something better—or more fun. He lives the next seven years of his life traveling the world, robbing banks and living in a penthouse apartment in New York City. He finally encounters Roland (Samuel L. Jackson), a self-appointed paladin (we never really find out what paladins are except just the enemies of the jumpers) and makes it his personal mission to kill David. Pandemonium ensues.

Good music, good acting (Jackson and Christensen more than pull their own weight), good special effects and just the fun factor really help this movie. Unlike most superhero movies, “Jumper” actually takes the time to show us just how much fun it would be to have these powers, and we actually identify with the characters.

The real flaw of the movie is the editing. Doug Liman (Of “Bourne” fame) directs, and mostly he does his part. The battle scenes in general, and the final battle in particular, though, just don’t hit quite hard enough, and it’s a huge flaw in the film. Overall, “Jumper” is definitely worth going to see in theaters, but it’s definitely not the blockbuster of the year.

Opening in theaters this week:

“Vantage Point”: This high-action thriller starring Dennis Quaid, Forest Whitaker and Matthew Fox looks to be confusing and convoluted. Five points of view are intermingled to show an attempted assassination on the President of the United States. Keep your fingers crossed for a real ending that doesn’t leave viewers hanging.

“Charlie Bartlett”: A public school misfit is self-appointed as the school therapist. Anton Yelchin stars with Robert Downey Jr., in what looks to be another awkward highschool kid movie (just without the “Superbad” humor).

“Be Kind Rewind”: This ridiculous departure from reality starts Jack Black, Mos Def and Danny Glover. Black and Def work in a video rental store and after an unfortunate erasing of video tapes, attempt to recreate all the tapes inorder to satisfy a loyal customer. Noted as the “most anticipated art film of the year” by imdb.com. “Be Kind” looks less like art and more like Black making another pathetic attempt at semi-serious film.

CD releases this week:

“Brooklyn’s Don Diva” by Foxy Brown.

“Detours” by Sheryl Crow.

“Conquista” by the White Stripes.

“Country Biography” by Waylon Jennings.


“Discipline” by Janet Jackson.

“American Gangster Original Score” by various artists.

“Juno Soundtrack” by various artists.

“Legendency Covers as Sung by Elton John” by Elton John.
Morning, noon or night? Determining the best time to get some

Q: My boyfriend and I have been seeing each other for a while and I have no complaints about our sex life with the minor exception that he likes to have sex in the morning and I like to at night. It's not really a problem now, but I fear it may become one later. What can we do?

She says: If this is the biggest problem with your relationship, congratulate yourself: you have almost reached relationship nirvana. While this may be cause for concern between you two, this should only be a slight speed bump you encounter in the bedroom (or kitchen or wherever you prefer).

I think there are several compromises you two can make. Option number one is that you have sex in the afternoon. Unfortunately, practicality is an issue unless neither of you has a job, school or social obligations. This is a good option for weekends.

Option two: alternate morning and night sex every other day. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, have sex in the morning, and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, have sex at night. Then on Sunday either take a break, have sex in the morning and at night or have sex in the afternoon. However, he wary of falling into a routine, for some Love that can be sex life suicide.

Option number three: Do both! There's no such thing as too much sex (unless you're dumbered by his nether and he leaves you painfully pleased time after time). You will both be satisfied with the time of day and you won't have to worry about your partner being uncomfortable.

My guess is that your boyfriend will be happy having sex with you regardless of the time of day. A wise friend once told me that men like three things in life: food, sex and sports. They don't have to be good, there just has to be lots of them. My guess is that as long as your boyfriend is getting some, the time of day is probably a non-issue.

If you're uncomfortable getting it on in the morning, try closing the blinds, shutting the curtains and making the room as dark as possible. This will simulate nighttime, thus making you more apt to permitting penetration.

While sex is perhaps more convenient at night, perhaps you should give it another shot in the morning. If nothing else, it will give you that unexplainable glow and possibly put a smile on your face. Plus, it's an excuse to hup in the shower together.

He says: You'll be pleased to know there are many things you two can do. You can alternate between mornings and evenings on a scheduled interval, you can meet halfway and do it during your lunch breaks (substituting the sweetest fruit for your regular grilled cheese sandwich is a great way to cut calories), you can go head-to-head and compete for your desired time slot (rock-paper-scissors isn't quite as trilling as strip Twister), or the two of you can just be stubborn and refuse to cooperate (ensuring you'll both be spending some extra time alone every couple of days getting to know yourselves, so to speak).

Obviously, some sort of agreement will have to be made in order to satisfy you both. It may be beneficial to delve into why you're averse to mornings and why he's not as randy at night.

Think back to your previous sexual relationships and whether you felt pressured into doing certain acts at certain times. It's not uncommon for previous uncomfortable exploits to remain with you subconsciously, affecting your current tendencies and inclinations. But don't overanalyze. You may just not be a morning person—or, he just might need to spend a few additional minutes priming your still-sleepy motor.

Depending on what his daily routine is like, there could be a perfectly reasonable explanation for his lackluster evening libido. If he works long days at a job that's either mentally or physically demanding, when he finally comes home at the end of the day, he is likely spent. Perhaps a nap before dinner will recharge his bestial batteries.

For better or worse, situations like these may simply be a hurdle you two will never completely overcome. A common cliche is that relationships are all about compromise, and to a point, I would agree. However, there's a fine line between advantageous and unhealthy compromise between two people, and ultimately, only you will know where that line exists.

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**Last Ditch Effort** by John Kroes

To think Valentine's Day is coming up. You know this really is my favorite time of the year.

Absolutely. Every year I have to mark my calendar for February 14th.

The... The Day! But Valentine's Day is on the 14th.

Yeah, and the day after all the candy goes on half price, I can stock up for months.

To think, my mom warned me about dating engineers.

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**Oklahoma!** by Brian Erickson

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**Man vs. World** by Janell Masterson

"It's not what he said, it's how he said it!"

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**Wondermark** by David Malki!

That was a great story, Jeff!

Sure I did! Last summer we went to Yellowstone.

It was April and it was Yosemite.

Whatever. This misinterpretation came into our camp.

We could barely see it across the river.

Well, okay, but it was luminous right for sure.

He looked tired, he was yawning.

I still scared him away, he fell asleep.

Okay fine, we saw a bear. That fell asleep are you happy.

OH, COME OFF IT. YOU DID NO SUCH THING

That was the point of that story?

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Mavs have rough weekend in California

Brier Geist
Sports Editor

The Mesa State College baseball team traveled to California over the weekend to battle the Chico State Wildcats for a three game series. In a battle of top 25 teams, the Mavericks dropped two of three games, marking their second consecutive series loss.

In the first game Feb. 15, the Mavericks fell in a close offensive game 8-5. Chico State jumped on Mesa State early as pitcher Brad Lamster struggled, going just two innings and surrendering seven runs on seven hits. Although Mesa was in a hole, the offense dug it out in the top of the 5th. After a walk to right fielder Chandler Herdt, second baseman Joe Evans doubled to left, advancing Herdt to third. A few batters later shortstop Mike Provencer singled, bringing in Herdt and getting Mesa State on the board 7-1.

Mesa State pulled the game within four in the 8th inning and would add a run in the 9th but could get no closer. Mesa State’s bullpen did a formidable job shutting down a Chico offense that scored seven runs in the first inning. The Maverick relievers gave up just one run but as has been the story so far this year, the starting pitching dug the Maverick offense too deep of a hole.

“I think we’re a strong staff but I think everyone is pressing too much when they are pitching” Mesa State relief pitcher Josh Ogden said. Ogden also said that strong starting pitching was vital to the offense’s success because it takes the pressure off of hitters.

So far the stats validate Ogden’s statement. After 11 games, Mesa State has a 7.45 team ERA and has been outscored in the first two innings 23-13.

In game two Feb. 16, the game started out at a much slower pace. Pitcher Chris Evans got off to a good start giving up just one run in the first before pitching three straight innings of scoreless baseball. In the 5th and 6th innings however, the Wildcat bats came to life. The Cats added one when Chico third baseman Bret Ringer hit a homerun to left field to give Chico a 2-0 lead.

After a scoreless top of the 6th for Mesa State, the Wildcats added four runs in the bottom half of the inning to take a 6-0 lead. The Mavericks didn’t get on the board until the top of the 8th when down 9-0, Provencer hit a sacrifice fly bringing in Andrew Martinez who was on third. The Mavs kept the bats going in the 9th but it was far too little as Mesa fell 9-4.

The final game of the series saw Mesa State end a five game losing streak as the Mavs took it to Chico State winning 7-1. Herdt had two RBIs along with first baseman Curtis Englehardt. Although the win was just one in a three game series it served as a big confidence boost.

“We finished on a good note by shutting them up in the final game. We ended a five game losing streak and I believe this win is a new beginning for us.”

Source: Mesa State pitcher Josh Ogden

Who’s Next....

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T’Wolves’ bark worse than bite: Lady Mavs silence CSU-Pueblo

Scott Schlaufman
Reporter

The Mesa State College women’s basketball team started the weekend strong with a 96-62 win over Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference rival CSU-Pueblo to place the Mavericks in second place in the RMAC West Division.

Mesa State (13-12, 11-6 in the RMAC) broke ahead early, going on a 9-0 run to start the first half, and never let up on the Thunderwolves, leading the whole game.

"It was a big key, getting off to a fast start," Mesa State head coach Timi Brown said. Senior guard Brittany Fowler, who scored 18 points in the game, including 12 in the second half, led the Mavericks to victory. Fellow seniors Cassie Hutto and Lindsey Kame also came up big in the game, contributing a combined 15 points.

"Our seniors are doing a great job leading," said Brown.

Kelsie Gourdin, a sophomore forward, led the team in scoring with 19 points, Gourdin was one of four Lady Mavericks to hit double digits in scoring, alongside Fowler, and freshmen Jocelyn Zarling, and Courtney McCaig.

Zarling was 3-3 from three-point territory in the game, making it an even 10 points with a free throw later on. McCaig went scoreless in the first half, scoring 12 points in the second half, including going 2-2 beyond the three-point line.

"We took it to a whole another level" said Brown. The night had more meaning then most as the Mesa participated in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association’s “Think Pink” initiative. With a five dollar donation to breast cancer, women would get admission to the game and a free pink t-shirt. In addition, the team wore the pink shirts while warming up, donning pink headbands and sweatbands for the occasion, while the referees called fouls using pink whistles.

"It’s a national ordeal," Brown said.

“Think Pink” is being done by over 1000 high schools, colleges and universities. According to Associate Athletic Director Butch Miller, the Mesa State game raised $1039 for breast cancer. Colorado State University, The Colorado School of Mines and the University of Colorado were among the other schools involved in the initiative, which lasted from Feb. 8 through Feb. 17.

After losing to Adams State on Feb 15, the team will have to finish off a tough RMAC schedule.

“We have to stay hungry, it’s a playoff race," Brown said. "It will be a huge battle to finish the conference."

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Gearin’ up for the RMAC shootout

Postseason preview of the RMAC

*As of February 15, 2008

Women’s Basketball:

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Metro State

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*Source: www.rmacsports.org
Experienced softball team looks forward to '08 season

Power at bat, with a team slugging percentage of .600 and speed between the bases, the Lady Mavs were able to punish their rival RMAC teams all year.

Mesa State head coach Kris Mort believes that 2008 will be brighter than the 2007 season and she plans to lead the Lady Mavs to the NCAA regional tournament for the sixth time in her career. To get there, Mesa State will need the contributions of senior Nicole Zuniga, who was named a First-Team All-RMAC selection in 2007.

Senior center fielder Leslie Reed will return after missing the majority of last season with a broken hand. In the four games Reed did play last year, she accumulated a .500 batting average, which was a team high.

Mort also expects young talent to step up. Leading the way will be sophomore Ania Diaz. The third baseman was named the Co-Freshman of the Year in the RMAC and ended the 2007 season with a .348 batting average. She also played strong defensively, with just three errors.

While the regular season has yet to start, the Lady Mavs have been busy, participating in four scrimmages this month.

The team has also been practicing on new artificial turf at Bergman Field and as a result the players have been able to establish their team's durability, Mort said.

Mort also expressed how pleased she was with the outcome of her team's performance in practice and in scrimmages and hopes to build on that type of play going into this season.

We have more team speed this year than we have had in the past and our infield defensively is pretty solidified with upperclassmen,” Mort said. As for their talent at the plate, Mort said the Lady Mavs have been showing signs of maturity, making good contact with solid distance in each of their four scrimmages.

While she is happy with her teams hitting, Mort believes the teams' timing at the plate must tighten up to ensure the more explosive power attack the Mavs are so well known for.

Mesa State will kick off the 2008 season on the road, Feb. 22. The Lady Mavs travel to Canyon, Texas for the West Texas A&M tournament. In the tournament the Lady Mavs will face Oklahoma Panhandle State and Northeastern State with their first game at 11 a.m.

Lonnie Hierbrunauer
Reporter

High hopes are swirling for the Mesa State College softball team as they embark on their 2008 season ranked second in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference West Division preseason poll.

The team also wants to build on a 2007 season that saw Mesa State become RMAC regular season champions.

Last season, the Lady Mavs posted an impressive record of 27-16, winning their first 12 games, and leading the nation in home runs with 1.86 per game — crushing 80 home runs in 43 games. Proving their

Nicole Zuniga lets it rip at a preseason scrimmage.

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2008 RMAC Softball Preseason Poll

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Source: www.rmacsports.org
Mavs dominate CSU-Pueblo

Kurtis Murchison  
Reporter

The Mesa State men's basketball team changed its look for last weekend's games against CSU-Pueblo and Adams State College at Brownson Arena.

A new look did wonders Feb. 15 as the Mavericks sporting new "buzz" cuts were able to trim away CSU-Pueblo (9-15, 6-11 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) 82-62 before getting cut by Adams State (17-9, 11-6 in the RMAC), 84-74 a night later.

Mesa State (11-13, 8-9 in the RMAC) was 4-6 over the last 10 games heading into the weekend series and the team believed a new look was something fun and a chance to bring the team together.

"We just buzzed our heads for fun," Aaron Markham said. "Lassey (Ekong) lined all of us up."

The Mavs are tied for seventh overall in the RMAC standings with Western State (10-15, 8-9 in the RMAC) and Regis University (13-12, 8-9 in the RMAC) and basically control their own playoff destiny.

The top eight teams make the RMAC Shootout that begins Feb. 29. Mesa State plays Western State Feb. 19 at Brownson Arena.

Although the Mavs enjoyed a 20-point win over CSU-Pueblo, they were disappointed with the loss to Adams State. A win over the Grizzlies could have put Mesa State in great position to make the postseason.

"(Adams) shot the ball well but we couldn't put together a string of defensive stops," senior guard Danny Renneisen said. "They did a good job of making us play at their pace."

Renneisen alluded to Adams State shooting 66 percent (27-41) from the field, including 5-10 from the three-point line. The Mavs, on the other hand, were only hit 3-15 from the long range.

The Grizzlies outscored the Mavs 19-7 in the first half and held a 34-20 lead over the Lady Mavs on the boards. As a team the Lady Grizzlies had 60 total rebounds, a number of which were offensive while Mesa State recorded just 34 on the night.

"We were killed off the glass," Mesa State head coach Timi Brown said after the game. "When the opponent has 21 offensive rebounds we will not win many basketball games," Brown said.

Those rebounds turned into three-pointers in the second half. Guard Verra Jo Bustos shot 50 percent from beyond the arc for the Lady Grizzlies and she hit three in the second half. Mesa State was not able to regroup and went on to lose 78-66.

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Guard Laurel Mortensen led Adams State in scoring with 18 points on eight of 16 shooting she also five rebounds.

Mesa State's final regular season game is at home against Western State College Feb. 21.

Photo by Summer Harrington/Criterion

Ryan Mathews drives to the hoop against CSU-Pueblo Feb. 15.

Mesa State junior Kurt Bangle fights for the ball against CSU-Pueblo.

Lady Mavs out-rebounded in loss to Adams State

Patrick Morrell  
Reporter

Feb. 15, the Mesa State Lady Mavericks (13-12, 11-6 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) were in Brownson Arena for a home contest against the visiting Adams State Lady Grizzlies (11-14, 8-9 the RMAC).

Mesa State seemed in control and was ahead most of the game until midway through the second half. The momentum shifted when Adams State started dominating the Lady Mavs on the boards. As a team the Lady Grizzlies had 60 total rebounds, a number of which were offensive while Mesa State recorded just 34 on the night.

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