Program offers opportunities in construction

New program and club more than just textbooks

New Construction Management program offers students a chance to learn more about construction rather than the simple nouns and inexperience known by everyone. Along with the program comes a new club which provides students with a chance to compete.

Drady Blackmer

While some at Mesa State College are hearing the noise and seeing the dust and other problems associated with all the construction on campus, there is one group of students taking a particular interest in these sounds, sights and operations. The four-year Construction Management (CM) program is a new professional degree program that officially began in the Fall 2008 semester, but already the program has 40 “student constructors.” Students from all walks of life and all skill levels are coming together, drawn in their interest in the very things that are designed, built and how projects are managed. The CM program is setting its sights on some degree program that officially began the four-year Construction Management program is setting its sights on some students. Designated driver bracelets will be given to every student for the event.

The tour presents a more scare-to-teach approach. Real life examples want students to “pay more attention to accidents.” CM Club Leader Katy Schreiner said. The ASC competition also includes a job fair that brings students ready for distribution. The ASC competition also includes a job fair that brings students ready for distribution.

This message not only hit Grand Valley and nation wide, March 19 causing over 100 students to be absent. The CM Club at Mesa State College is also in the midst of planning a golf tournament which will take place at Adobe Creek National Golf Course on May 24th. The tournament will be a combined fundraiser and social event benefiting next year’s ASC competitions. Local members of the construction industry and anyone else interested in the tournament should contact Tifer Nellie Joe Hoffacker said. “I didn’t know if it was true or not because I got it from a couple other people,” junior Nellie Joe Hoffacker said. “I didn’t go to Wal-Mart though. I didn’t want to take any chances.”

Wal-Mart released a statement assuring their customers’ safety.

“The safety and security of our customers and associates is our top priority. We are aware of the message being circulated and are working with local authorities to ensure our security efforts at our stores across the area,” the statement said. “While we take these types of concerns seriously, we regard this as being only a rumor, much like similar rumors that have circulated in the past years.”

mullervy steal victory at Twilight Criterium

“This had a different impact than what we normally see,” GJPD spokesman Ken Peters said. “We have never seen anything via e-mail in previous years.”

A phony text message sent panic across Mesa County, and nationwide, March 19 causing over 100 calls to flood the 911 dispatch center for the one this specific event. The text message warned the reciever against going to Wal-Mart that night due to a gang initiation. The imitation involved shooting three women that night and, according to the text message, it was registrated by the Grand Junction Police Department.

GJPD had confirmed the text message was a hoax and receivers should simply delete the message. The original message sent out in the early morning simply stated to not go to any Wal-Mart and by the afternoon the message had evolved to include that it was confirmed by the GJPD and had been reported on the news.

This recent strain of spam messaging is similar to spam that people may have received in their in box.

“The competitions really help students to solve problems that involve issues with contracts, engineering, planning, scheduling and social activities. The club is also making a point to be subtle. He stated that they are making a point to be subtle. He stated that they want students to “pay more attention at parties or weddings and to notice a friend who is going to drive drunk and be reported to us.”

The tour presents a more scare-to-teach approach. Real life examples are shown and the message being presented is graphic and at moments difficult to watch. The message is some thing we want to make an impact so it’s an unforgettable and a life saving experience.

The event will be open to all students who have designated driver bracelets will be available that say “I’ll Take The Keys.” This becomes a commitment to someone that is drinking not to get someone else drunk. Information on when and where the event will take place will be available.

This chilling message did not take long to circulate throughout most of the Grand Valley once it began early Thursday morning. The Grand Junction Police Department has recently confirmed it was a hoax, but not before the message spread as far as Florida, Arkansas, Oregon and other states such as Florida, Arkansas, Oregon and other states.
ExxonMobil provides funds to study Piceance Basin for oil and gas drilling

Oil and gas drilling is prominent throughout Colorado and Utah and has this a direct affect on the surrounding land. ExxonMobil, an American oil and gas corporation, has presented the college with $162,500 to study the Piceance Basin for reclamation.

“We are very pleased to be working with ExxonMobil to study soil conditions in the Piceance Basin and to create solid working relationships with the oil and gas operators in our communities,” Mesa State President Tim Foster said.

A team of specialized professors in environmental science has started doing research on the basin. Ecologist and Adjunct Professor of Environmental Science Dr. Richard Alward, and Restoration Ecologist and Associate Professor of Environmental Science Dr. Tamera Minnich proposed to explore vegetation, and soil restoration on the basin. They are determining the best practices for restoration, given site constraints. In order to repeat the eco-systems the team is including re-establishing soil primary processes. This will promote native plant diversity and make it easier to control weed growth. In turn the reclamation will promote better conditions for wildlife and recreation.

In recent years the basin has been used for drilling to extract natural gas. The target of this drilling has been the Williams Fork Formation, which has been known to contain natural carbon. The formation is a several-thousand foot section of shale, sandstone and coal deposited in the count plano environment. The basin team will start their work by choosing sites in Rio Blanco County that have had different lengths of time between natural gas drilling. During the summer students will be hired to collect soil samples and run lab analyses to find out how the soil processes are working from site to site.

After determining the soil processes “we hope to continue the work and look at specific techniques to restore the soil processes and promote re-vegetation,” Minnich said. She and the team will be forwarding the amount of information available to land managers concerning the usefulness of the techniques.

ExxonMobil recently has also given a donation of $500,000 to St. Mary’s Hospital and this recent grant to Mesa State Foster believes is evidence of the corporation being an excellent corporate neighbor.

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Dear Obama, Can I borrow a twenty?

Michael Lantz
An Intellectual Rant

This column will have a different format every week, so be sure to sign up for our newsletter to keep up with the latest musings. Today, I want to talk about the critical role that the President of the United States plays in our society.

President Obama has the power to influence the lives of people all over the world. His decisions can have a profound impact on the economy, the environment, and our national security.

I believe that we, as citizens, should hold the President accountable for his actions. We have the right to expect him to be transparent and to act in the best interests of the country.

As I think about the challenges that our country faces today, I wonder what ideas President Obama will come up with next. I hope that he will continue to be a leader who values innovation and progress.

Letter to the Editor:
Citable policies criteria

Amanda Friar

Dear Mr. President,
I am writing to express my concern about the recent events in Ferguson, Missouri.

The violence that has taken place over the past few days is unacceptable. Our nation needs to come together and find a way to address the root causes of these conflicts.

I urge you to use your platform as President to lead the way in promoting dialogue and understanding. We need to work toward a future where all Americans feel safe and respected.

Sincerely,
Amanda Friar
Mesa State art students “Embrace” show

It’s coming down to crunch time for some of the art students at Mesa State College as they work on last minute preparations for their 3rd fall annual juried student art show “Embrace.” There are 14 students enrolled in the Exhibitions and Visual Arts Administration class, who are in charge of coordinating this event.

“These students in my class are learning every aspect of the business side of how to put a major show together,” Deborah Smider, assistant professor of art education said.

Last year, there were over 500 guests that came to the event and they are expecting an even greater turn out this year.

The work is submitted by any student from both the Grand Junction and Montrose campuses as well as Western Colorado Community College.

The work will be judged by jurors Terry Shepherd and Kurt Pollard.

On April 3, from 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. the jurors will give a gallery talk and announce the award winners.

The work will be hung in Saunders. They will also be recognized in the Daily Sentinel and the Grand Junction Times. The work will be hung in Saunders.

The event because of “all the great things Mesa State does for the Grand Junction community” according to company president Jamie Hamilton. “Mesa State College is really a jewel in our community.”

Tickets are on sale at the Foundation office for $50 which will include dinner and drinks. To purchase, you can stop by the office or simply call 248-1902.

All proceeds benefit the Western Slope.”

Features

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Laura Barton Features Editor

Some Grand Junction natives aren’t since you live in the Grand Valley, you are destined to stay until you have collected dirt from at least one of the local landmarks. Mount Garfield, the Grand Mesa, the Bookcliffs and of course the Colorado National Monument make up the outdoors scene here and provide some of the most unique experiences many of the town’s unseen history can be revealed for residents and tourists alike.

After being in Grand Junction for the past five years, I have hiked many trails on the Monument, from Liberty Cap to Sposito Trail, but had never given much thought to their creation. I just figured the trails were always there; I never considered the work that would have gone into forming them.

That is until I interviewed Alan Kania, author of “The Colorado National Monument” I now have a new appreciation for each trail I step foot on. Kania, a former seasonal park ranger at the Monument, has spent over 50 years researching it and specifically the well-known protagonist John Otto.

Otto came to the park around 1908 and stayed there until the early 1930s. According to Kania, John Otto worked for a dollar a day in the National Monument. “The scenery can’t be beat, plus it was a very big park,” Kania said.

As far as national parks go so when park rangers are assigned there they are really dedicated to that park.”

Kania said. ‘There is just so much there, that every time you go out into the park you find something new.”

Kania is extremely knowledgeable about the history of the area and will be speaking at Mesa State College, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the New Classroom Building (ACII), room 111. His visit will give everyone the opportunity to hear his wealth of information, as well as see pictures, letters and other artifacts from the time of John Otto. Kania will also be doing a book signing after his presentation.

If you are tired of doing the same thing every night after work and are looking for something new, it is encourage to attend this event and learn a bit more about the town’s history and potentially trails you have visited or will visit in the future.

Laura Barton

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Vegas comes to Mesa State for Casino Night

Brian Erickson Reporter

It’s six miles, seven hours and 20 gallons of gas to Las Vegas from Grand Junction, but on March 27, the casinos are coming to Mesa State College. Rummage Ads in Saunders Fieldhouse will host the Mesa State College Foundation’s second annual Casino Night.

Casino Night is a fund-raiser benefitting the Mesa State student programs and scholarships. Professional dealers will be on hand to deal Blackjack, poker, craps and many other games. It offers a chance to play on a Las Vegas style buffet as well as win door and raffle prizes including a stay for two to Caesar’s Palace.

Players will be competing for long nights and at the end of the night the participant with the highest chip count will be Casino Night’s “High Roller” and will be hung in Saunders. They will also be recognized in the Daily Sentinel and Free Press.

‘It’s a great way to support the students, college and have a great time’ Director of Development Kristi Pollard said.

According to Pollard, last year’s casino night drew in over 700 people and raised around $150,000 for the foundation. This year the foundation is expecting an even greater turnout and hopes to top last year. The casino theme is replacing the “gala” theme of years past as a new foundation with a more exciting and fun way for people to donate to the college.

Casino night is being sponsored by Chevron, Sonic Bank, and Home Loan and Investment among others.

“One of the things Chevron holds very strongly is education as a source of potential development for our most valuable asset: people,” Chevron representative Sean Norris said. Chevron contributed over $10,000 to Casino Night.

Grand Junction’s Home Loan and Investment chose to sponsor the event because of “all the great things Mesa State does for the Grand Junction community” according to company president Jamie Hamilton. “Mesa State College is really a jewel in our community.”

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Mullbery takes repeat win at Mad Cow classic

Club sports a great option for students seeking athletics

Victor Block
Guest Reporter

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The club soccer team is relatively new and seeking new players who enjoy the sport, and think they can contribute to the team. The team practices at 7:15 p.m. every Tuesday at Walker Stadium. Nick Kirchhof, the assistant varsity soccer coach, is helping out on coaching the team. The team plays against other club teams throughout Colorado. NCAA has rules in regard to club sports. According to Kirchhof, the athlete “must attend the college and have enough credits to be eligible.”

Some students may have a competitive spirit in them when it comes to soccer, but they didn’t make the varsity team. Joining the club soccer team is a way to enjoy and contribute.

Cameron Lewis, a resident from Pinion Hall and a member on the club soccer team, said that “working every day is necessary to improve. If you are there to have fun, then that’s up to you.”

Lewis enjoys club soccer, especially the games, but the practices he doesn’t enjoy as much, except, when we scrimmage.” Club soccer has given Lewis a “slower pace” to perform hopefully at the varsity level.

The slower pace gives you a less stressful environment to work in, according to the Criminal Justice major from Denver.

Eric Garcia, a resident of Walnut Ridge and the captain on the club team, and I enjoy playing games, and also socializing. Commitment is a crucial need to have and if they don’t have it then they are not getting anything.

Each year more athletes are joining club soccer and it’s a great way to meet new people around the campus. Lewis has a lot of friends he has met over club soccer, and he has meet some of the varsity players as well.

The Mesa State Cycling team as a whole is ranked seventh nationally in all of NCAA Division II road cycling. Although the team competes at a Division II level, they consistently compete against the strongest Division I teams in Fort Lewis College (second), Colorado State (third), and the University of Colorado at Boulder (fourth).

In fact, seven of the eighteen teams they compete against in the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Cycling Conference are ranked nationally making the conference one of the most competitive in the nation.

Mesa State will travel to the Colorado School of Mines April 4-5 to race in a time trial and criterium.

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Softball splits with Regis drops final two games
Lady Mavs outscored 16-6 in Sunday doubleheader

Who’s Next?
Women’s Softball

**Who:** Fort Lewis College

**When:** Tonight @ 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Bergman Field

The Lady Mavs found themselves haunted by errors and missed plays in a game where they were playing catch-up throughout. The Lady Rangers took an early 2-0 lead, courtesy of a Regis left fielder Gabriella Patti’s error who committed an error, allowing Regis leadoff hitter Ashley Rayman to get to third to start the game. However, our women’s program its best opportunity to compete in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

The first game of the day however, looked to be a pitcher’s dual until Mesa pitcher Jessica Reisman was hit by a ball. The injury affected her performance as she allowed the only two runs of the game for either team. Jordan came in for relief and held Regis scoreless. Regis’ Natalie Adams and Jackie Murrall each had one RBI in the victory.

We had our opportunities in the first game with runners on second and third with one out,” Mort said. “One base hit would have made a difference in that game, one hit. It’s unfortunate because I thought our pitchers threw well enough.”

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Mesa State broke out the bats in this one. Leading the way was Mesa State second baseman Kevin Becker who went 5 for 5 with 2 RBIs.

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WP: Chris Garra-9-2
LP: Mike McEachin-0-1
Down 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth, Mesa State Scored four in the top of the seventh and held Regis scoreless in the bottom of the frame to secure the victory.

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