Educate, Advocate, Legislate. The organization’s mission statement: “will start and bring to the campus Partnership for Responsible Driving (PRD) has seen the need to help solve issues around unsafe driving practices. The drive stems from the highway related deaths that continue to happen to young adults and drunk drivers.

There is a need for an education on safer driving practices and the potentially fatal results of not adhering to safe driving practices,” Damon McIntyre, one of the founders of the organization said. A goal of the organization is to force a change to legislative laws concerning alcohol and make the laws stricter. They will combat this by addressing issues such as driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, speeding, habitual offenders, seafarers and car seat safety.

An issue that the PRD believes is an irreproducible movement is the Amethyst Initiative. The premise of the initiative is calling for reconsideration of drinking laws. The core of the initiative is looking particularly at the minimum drinking age of 21. One-hundred thirty-four college presidents have stopped behind this initiative and signed a statement saying, “it’s time to rethink the drinking age.” The theory is that since these youth are able to vote, enlist, and claim adult status they should be allowed to consume alcohol as well.” McIntyre said.

ASG helps orphans in Mexico

Amanda Friar
News Editor

In a struggling economy, when people don’t have much money to spare, Associated Student Government (ASG) President Mark Shoberg and his wife Annie, president of Sustainability Council, are doing all that they can to help orphans in Mexico. With the help of Pacific Grove, Seasource, Target, and ANG, they plan on buying shoes to take across the border to orphanages in Mexico. Mark discovered his desire to help children when he became a youth minister in 1997. Soon after, he became an ordained minister and started doing clothing and shoe drives for the needy. Last summer the Shobergs traveled to Baja Mexico and discovered that there is a great need for people to help orphans. They saw an opportunity to help and are seizing the opportunity. They recently bought 14 feet trailers that they plan on taking to Mexico to tour the mainland. They are not letting the current dangerous situation in Mexico deter them however.

“We did our homework but aren’t afraid to take a little risk,” Mark said. “I know it’s not safe in Mexico right now, but such is life and so we will do it, drive, and live the dream south of the border.”

As the Shobergs made the decision to make this trip, a small church in Northern Minnesota heard of their plan and decided to partner with them. Wind shared the story of Living Stone Church in Grand Junction and he pledged $320 to their effort. Word continued to spread to Mesa State College where professor Carol Christ heard their plans and pledged an additional $100.

Mark then presented their proposal to ASG. ASG routinely sponsors a Family every Christmas and this year decided to use the money to pass Bill 06-29, which allocated $1900 to the Shobergs’ efforts to purchase new shoes for orphans.

In addition to buying shoes, they will be purchasing a banner to take with them for the kids to sign and then hang up at Mesa State. The Shobergs plan to make their way further south than most Americans because they believe most people stop in Tijuana to volunteer. From there’s still a lot of orphanages farther south that don’t get visited. They plan to drive south along the West Sonoran Coast, then to Poneneta, Mapazac, and the Yacatan Peninsula.

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Students and faculty alike worry that professors assigning their own textbooks for classes are only doing it to make a profit. ASG is investigating these claims for classes such as Health and Wellness, where the book required is written by professor Steve Murray, and such that it is impossible to sell the book back at the end of the semester.
Editorial Board

Morrison and me: channeling the Lizard King

Don’t Trip... ...Slip us your opinions! Email letters to Charlie.martinez@mesastate.edu

When I grow up, I wanna be an addict

The opportunity to plagiarize is something that occasionally faced as a student in a course of study. Some of us may have done it once or twice. After all, it’s not as if we don’t know what academic dishonesty looks like. In fact, we may have seen it in action ourselves. However, whether or not we ourselves have committed it, we know that when someone else plagiarizes, it’s not just a personal failure for that student, but also for the academic community as a whole. The opportunity to plagiarize also includes the intentional act of fraud, which can be defined as “the intentional act of fraud, forgery, fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism of academic documents, in order to intentionally impede or damage the academic work of others, assisting another in an act of academic dishonesty, cheating in the classroom, unauthorized attendance or causing a deficiency in academic work.”

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Mesa State presents “Fuddy Meers”

“Come for the humor, stay for the story”

Schaefer said it best when she demonstrated for the story. “If you would like more information about show times and tickets contact the Mesa State Box Office at 248-1604. Arts building call (970) 248-1604.

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April 22, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Mesa State Campus, H129

Schafer’s laughter this year was, “I think we have really great passion for the director and the librettist’s matting, committed cast and I think our chaos comes to a great end.”

Director Bri Slater shares Schaefer’s optimism and confidence. “I’m not stressed at all. I know it’s going to happen and I know things are going to go very well,” says Slater “I have complete trust in my cast; they have all the heart and soul and I am proud of them all.”

“It’s one of those shows that is going to pass me by, really great and I think it is very rarely about the casting and director as they dance around with the story, set in sight from the cast, crew and director and the mixtures around with smiles from ear to ear. The confi- dences from all this hard work and preparation that went into the performance.

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Shortly after Pattono moved to Grand Junction, a genocide in Darfur was delivered to her door. She went out to get what she thought it was a big newspaper, but instead found a bag that contained a flyer and a rock that encour- aged helpful activities in minority areas.

That experiences became the motivation needed to start Holocaust Awareness weeks at Mesa State College. “It’s very unique for this campus and this is an opportunity to get to learn more on some of these issues and not just like you learned in high school with the basics of the holocaust. These issues are all over the place, they are all different aspects of genocide and some of them can be considered far more advanced,” Patarino said.

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Young players shine for Mesa State women's tennis team

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Stay atop conference with sweep of TWolves

Mesa State wrestling coach Chuck Pipher along with Chase Walker congratulate the opponent after a dual this season. "Matta is probably the best pitch- er we have seen all season and I was impressed with the way our boys came out ready for battle," Mr. State head coach Chris Sands said following the game. "The ball didn't carry much. (It's) as if it were a game played at sea," Little said.

"We want to show the conference what we are made of and with Pueblo on our tail it was a big win," Little said. "We have to come out ready to play tomorrow and separate ourselves from the other teams in the conference."