

Human Performance Lab seeks funding from student fees



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Kelsey Follett, a sophomore track runner at Mesa State is working with Dr. Guy "Gig" Leadbetter in the Human Performance Lab.

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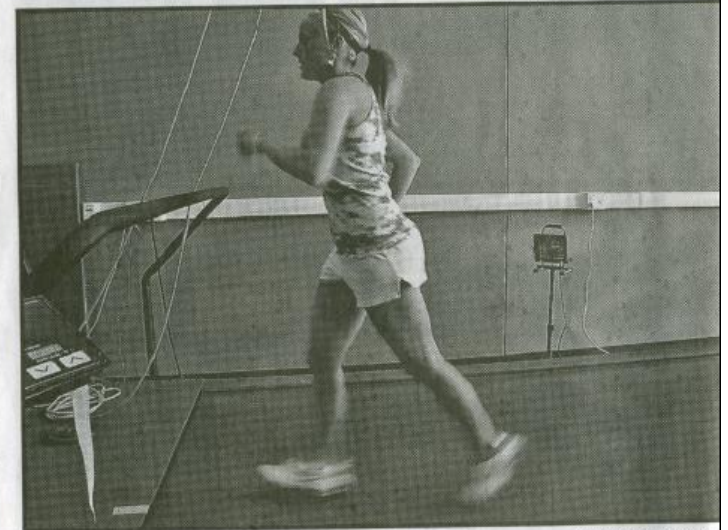
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Victoria Sargent, a student at Mesa, participated in various tests in the Human Performance Lab in Saunders Field House.

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