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Welcome and Welcome Back

by Lynda Herrington

This is the beginning of a new semester and for some a new school. Your student government representatives would like to give a big welcome to all students, faculty, and staff on our fine campus here at CMC.

As well as welcoming everyone we would like to let everyone know that we are here to help with any concerns, problems, or would like to participate. We can be reached in the office in Bruce's Café or during meetings which are held in Room 109 Thursdays from 12 pm to 2 pm.

We would love to have all the students participate and be a part of the new things we have in mind for this semester and the rest of the year. We are here to help better the college experience for all. Come join us and see for yourselves.

Bye, George Platko

By Lynda Herrington

George Platko, day time security guard, retired over the past summer. Platko had worked at Copper Mountain College (CMC) for 25 years. "I was meant to be here," Platko said. He started work in August 1984 and was employed in two positions, which at the time were, combined into one.

He was the security guard and the grounds keeper. Platko did grounds work for four hours and in the evenings secured the college. That was his job for four years.

At that time there was only phase I. Many of have a hard time believing this, a already college being so small, as it is, let alone only one phase. In 1988 when the second phase was added to the campus, the job was split into two positions.

Platko was allowed the choice of either position and made the choice we all grew to love him for, security. He was just as satisfied by his decision as we all were for so many years.

For ten years Platko worked a split shift. "It was really a hard shift. I didn't particularly enjoy it, but I knew I had to do it. The highest volume of students was in the morning and the evening," Platko said.

Donald Kelley was hired as a second security guard after Platko's 15th year. Malion Perkins was hired on for Saturdays as well.

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George Platko
Photo Courtesy George Platko

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Information Technology: A Noble Profession

By T. Dorionne

The scent of blueberry muffins is intoxicating as you enter Copper Mountain College's (CMC) Information Technology (IT) office, you discover to your delight that it's really blueberry-flavored coffee, and you are being offered some. I sip my cup quietly and lurk as I wait to enter Steve Kemp, the IS department director's office.

Right away you can tell the atmosphere here is a cheerful one, and casual one. The kind of place you would want to work.

Kemp seems a little overwhelmed, unsure of where to begin, and as the laundry list pours out it understood why.

The spectrum of tasks the IT department is in charge of is monstrous, including supporting the entire computer infrastructure, which means every computer on campus.

They are also responsible for maintaining the voicemail and phone system, e-mail, supporting a management information service (which has to do with statistics on things like enrollment), Audio Visual (AV), and the list goes on and on. It's not just our campus they are in charge of, but the one on the Marine Base as well.

As put by the IT department's mission statement, "The goal is to have every piece of equipment working at all times and to maximize the efficiency of technology for all educational opportunities."

Noting how many computers, phones, printers, and TVs we have on campus, the amount of things that can and will go wrong, that adds up to a lot of work!

Of course, this means that every day is a busy one filled with tons of different tasks, ranging from server maintenance to updating software. According to Steve, prioritizing which of these jobs is most important is the most difficult part.

"Emergencies come first, for example if a student printer goes down, we'll take care of that first," Kemp said.

Kemp himself has worked for the IT department for 10 years, and before that worked with computers in the Marine Corps.

Information Technology Continued

"In the late '80s I fell into PCs and just liked it," Kemp elaborates when asked why he started working with computers.

He does seem to genuinely enjoy his job. "Every day is funny here. We laugh, we crack jokes all day. It's a great environment," Kemp said.

You cannot decide on your major? Thinking about working with computers? To work a basic computer job at an entry level, you need to simply be good with computers. For higher level jobs, you will need certificates, according to Steve,

And IT is certainly an important job to get into. In our modern society, we depend greatly upon not only technology, but technology that works when and how it should. Anyone who has been in a business during a power outage can understand how the world would be without the technological devices we rely on so heavily, and the up-keep of those devices is clearly a noble profession.

Financial Aid Savior: Pam Hoyt

By Ashley L. Owens

Being a student at Copper Mountain College (CMC), it is good to know the people that work here. Many would say the most important building in CMC is the Student Services Office. It holds very important people that are extremely helpful to students, such as Pam Hoyt, Financial Aid Specialist.

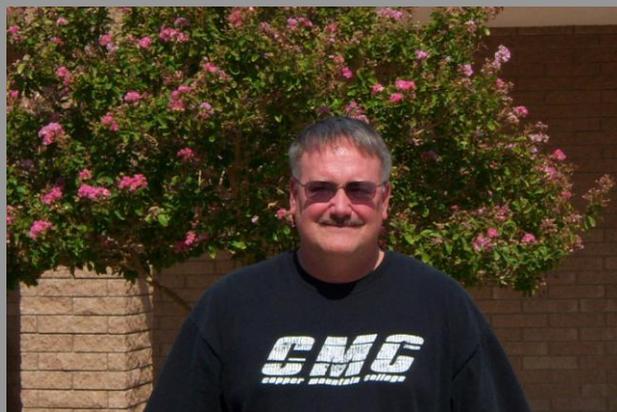
Hoyt has been in this position for going on three years. She loves it. When asked if she could be promoted, "I probably could but I don't want to. I really like what I'm doing," Hoyt said.

Hoyt has been working at CMC for a total of nine years. Hoyt has had her history here. Hoyt started working in the Student Services Office in 2000 in the Admissions and Records department. She did that for three years then she moved to the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) department and did that for three years as well.

"I would say the circumstances I was in at the time. Copper Mountain College was hiring and I was available so I applied and got the job working in Admissions and Records," Hoyt said. Everything fell into place for Hoyt and she was extremely happy to have the opportunity to work here and now that she has been a Financial Aid Specialist at CMC, she wants to keep it that way.

What Hoyt likes most about being a Financial Aid Specialist is working with the students. She loves helping them out.

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Steve Kemp

Photo Courtesy Lynda Herrington

Financial Aid Savior: Pam Hoyt Continued from Page 2

By Ashley L. Owens

"I like to know that after I talked to a student that they walked out of the office with a smile on their face," Hoyt said.

To her dismay, the smiles on people's faces don't always happen. The most challenging part of Hoyt's job is not being able to explain a concept to a student so that they will understand.

"People comprehend things differently than others, so I have to try to explain something in another form and if I can't, brings one of the many reasons why there are other people that work in the Financial Aid department and most likely someone will get the point across to a student so that they will understand the concept," Hoyt said.

Hoyt has actually been yelled at by a student because they would not even take the time to understand what she was saying. Although that occurred, Hoyt believes one of her greatest strengths is people skills and because that is clearly true considering how helpful she is and that she loves her job, Hoyt belongs here.

Hoyt is not a student like some of the staff her at CMC but she did take a few classes here in the past. From her experience, she believes CMC is a great school to attend. Hoyt has some college in her background. She has her Associates' degree but what most people don't know about Hoyt is that she never got her Bachelor's degree.

What she really wanted to do at the time, being a mom, meant so much more to her. "When your children walk through the door after their day at school or from an activity they were doing that day, they have an expression on their face that you will only see once and after they are in the house, the expression goes away. I wanted to always know how they were feeling every day and that expression tells you. I didn't want to miss anything," Hoyt said.

Choosing to be a stay at home mom was the right choice for her. She doesn't regret quitting college. Which led me to my next question, if she planned on furthering her education by going back to school and getting her Bachelor's degree. Hoyt simply stated, "Oh no," and laughed.



Pam Hoyt

Photo Courtesy Lynda Herrington

Upon elaboration she explained how proud she is to see people that have kids, or husbands in the military, or people that are above age 40, and have jobs going to school even though they are in those situations that make it harder on them. "The students here at CMC are very strong and I am extremely happy to help them," Hoyt said.

Hoyt is an advisor for the Christian Club here at CMC. She is very excited about it. The club depends on the students. They get together once a week and sometimes have special speakers.

The club, in Hoyt's opinion, helps enlighten the students and helps them with any problems they may have. "The club sheds some light on the campus for the students and encourages them to do well. It is a great atmosphere when the club gets together and I love being a part of it," Hoyt said.

Hoyt will retire in six years. Unfortunately, Hoyt will not be here at CMC forever even though 15 years is a really long time. "I feel like I will have fulfilled my duty here at CMC and will be financially stable to retire I will miss doing this though. I really love my job and the people I work with. I will miss them all very much and I will miss the students too," Hoyt said.

CMC and grasp every opportunity and meet with the counselors. They will help you have a more smooth sailing through college to get to where you want to be," Hoyt said.

I would like to speak for the students at Copper Mountain College and say Thank you Pam for giving a true relief that you do really want us all to succeed. It means a lot.

"I like to know that after I talked to a student that they walked out of the office with a smile on their face."

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Platko has quite a bit of educational background. "At one time I was thinking about being a teacher," Platko said.

Platko earned an Associate's of Arts degree from Cypress College. From there he earned a Bachelor's degree in Leisure Studies, recreation from San Jose State. From that he worked as a recreation director at a summer camp in Santa Cruz for several years.

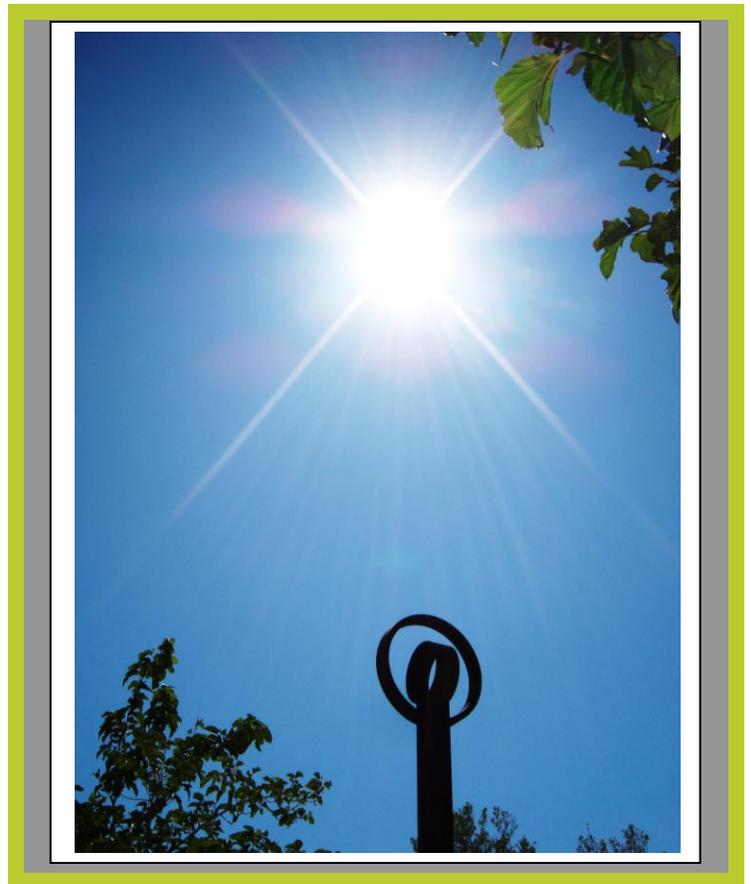
Platko went on to earn a Master's degree in Religion from Azusa Pacific College. Before being work at CMC Platko worked at Chapman University, on the Marine Base, for three summers teaching religion courses. "I enjoyed teaching, but after teaching I didn't know if I wanted to do it full time," Platko said.

Jesus Christ is Platko's inspiration. "He's number one in my life," Platko said. Platko is passionate about reading the Bible, and sharing his faith in Christ with others. "One of my greatest joys at the college was serving as the advisor of the Christian Club. I truly felt a lot of fulfillment in mentoring and working with college students," Platko said.

Platko has many books he has collected over time and saved for the day when he had more time. Now that he will have that time Platko intends on spending time catching up on reading, something he truly enjoys. Biographies and non-fiction are a real favorite.

"I love people, I love serving people, I love helping people," Platko describes as his greatest strengths. Where ever needed Platko was sensitive and did whatever was needed to help.

George, just as you cared for all of our safeties here at the college; you will be missed by all. Come back and see us. Many of us will move on, but many of us will always call this home as you have for so long. Those of us will always be around thinking of you, and waiting for a visit.



Half Henge In Line

Photo Courtesy Lynda Herrington
Digital Photography Class with Spellman Downer

This could be your art work or other literary Student Submission

To submit your work please email it to
Jerry Hunt
Jerryhunt92284@yahoo.com

Subject Line: Student Submission

**Deadline: The Monday one week before the
beginning of the next month.**

The Voice

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Newsletter by the Associated Students of Copper Mountain College

Want to Feel Good about Yourself by Helping?

Computer literacy is critical today and many mature adults are being left behind because of its lack. You, a student at Copper Mountain College, can help. The Joshua Tree Branch library, at 6465 Park Boulevard, has a small adult computer literacy tutoring program it is looking to expand. We are looking for a few good tutors to give about four to six hours of one on one teaching time to each computer literacy student to help them learn basic computer skills.

You do not have to be a computer 'guru'; you should have patience and the knowledge to teach simple computer skills such as how to use a mouse, open an application, open an e-mail account and prepare and send an e-mail, open an internet browser, use Google to locate information on the web, save, print, and other simple tasks you probably use every day.

The goal of this training is to give adults with no computer knowledge basic computer skills so they can feel confident if they wish to further their education through computer classes or simply to give them the skills do basic computer functions they may encounter in everyday life such as requesting information, filling out forms or e-mailing family.

Call:

Penny Mason
Branch Manager
Joshua Tree Branch Library
6465 Park Blvd.
Joshua Tree, CA 92252
(760) 366-8615

Critical Thinking

Digging Dirt:

How much dirt is in a round hole that is 9 feet deep with a diameter of 3 feet?

(Hint: You do not have to do any math to get the answer.

Just use your head.)

Word Sense:

Take the letters **ERGRO**. Put three letters in front of it, and the same three letter behind to form a common English word.

Up Hill and Down Hill

By Lewis Carrol

Two travelers spend from 3 o'clock 'til 9 walking along a level road, up a hill, and back home again: Their pace on the level being 4 miles an hour, uphill at 3mph, and downhill at 6mph.

Find the distance walked: also (within half an hour) the time of reaching the top of the hill.

Back To School

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Upcoming Event

College Closed	September 7
AWARE Fundraiser	September 14
Financial Aid Disbursement	September 23
No Classes	October 6
College Closed	November 11
Financial Aid Disbursement	November 12
College Closed	November 26-28
Final Exams	December 14-19
Last Day of Semester	December 19
College Closed	December 23-31

Go Ahead, Light Up...

By Cathy Inscore

Smoking; Ahhh, the taste of that first cigarette, the feeling of relaxation and utter enjoyment inhaling one brings. I know about wanting that cigarette during a break, needing the fulfillment of pleasure. There *are* responsibilities associated with this desire.

Over last spring break a few faculty, staff, and students went around our campus and tried to bring a sense of life back. Plaques and water fountains were cleaned, trash and debris was picked up; a renewed sense of pride was felt. There are a few more subtle things we can all do to maintain the pleasant ambiance of our desert oasis; one is the reoccurring issue of those nasty burnt out, tossed on the ground cigarette butts.

Yesterday, I picked up over five handfuls of cigarette butts near the smoking area in phase I; the sad part is, whoever tosses them are just a few feet away from two ashtrays! Another issue is, people are smoking right next to a classroom; the smoke permeates into those rooms and well, we are now infringing on those who choose not to partake!

My purpose in this message is: If everyone does their part, no matter how small, our campus can remain an esthetic atmosphere. So please, if you like the pleasure inhaling that lovely puff of nicotine, deposit those nasty butts in their proper places.

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Smoking Area

Courtesy Cathy Inscore

Pretty Ugly, Right? Help maintain our beautiful campus.

Your Voice Heard (Letters to the Editor)

Editor: Jerry Hunt

Please submit all letters to the editor for the next month's issue by, the Monday one week before the beginning of the next month and try to keep letters to about 150 words maximum.

Submissions can be emailed to Jerry Hunt at jerryhunt92284@yahoo.com.

Monthly Quote

"If it's a penny for your thoughts and you put in your two cents worth, then someone, somewhere is making a penny."

~ Steven Wright

Word of the Month:

Pavlovian: conditioned responses: 1931, from the theories, experiments, and methods of Rus. physiologist Ivan Petrovich Pavlov (1849-1936), especially in connection with the salivary reflexes of dogs to mental stimulus of the sound of a bell.

Answers

Critical Thinking

Digging Dirt: None. You make a hole by digging out the dirt, so, the hole is empty.

Word Sense: **UND(ERGRO)UND** Underground

Uphill – Downhill:

A level mile takes quarter of an hour, uphill one third, downhill one sixth. Hence, to go and return over the same mile, whether on the level, or on the hill-side, takes half an hour. Hence in six hours they went 12 miles out and 12 miles back. If the 12 miles out had been nearly all level, they would have taken a little over 3 hours; if nearly all up hill, a little fewer than 4. Hence three and a half hours must be within half an hour of the time taken in reaching the peak; Thus, as they started at 3, they got there within half an hour of half past six

Oxymorons

Pairing two contradictory terms

Act naturally	Bad luck
Advanced BASIC	Baked Alaska
Almost exactly	Bittersweet
Alone together	Black light
American English	Blank expression
Authentic replica	Business ethics
Awfully good	Butthead
California expressway	Paid volunteer
Cardinal sin	Paperless office
Christian Scientist	Passive aggression
Civil war	Peace force
Classic novel	Peace offensive
Classically modern	Peacekeeper missile
Clearly confused	Plastic wood
Cold comfort	Positively cynical
Communist leader	Press release
Conspicuous absence	Pretty ugly
Constant change	Pronounced silence
Cowardly lion	
Criminal justice	

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Club Information

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<p>Bicycle Club Meetings: TBA President: Jeffrey Layne Sk8tsunami44@aol.com Advisor: Paul Delaney pdelaney@cmccd.edu</p>	<p>Christian Club Meetings: Wed. 12-1pm Bruce's President: Kelvin Easterling kelvineasterling@yahoo.com Advisor: Pam Hoyt phoyt@cmccd.edu</p>	<p>Cancer Support Group Meetings: TBA President: Maria Perez mperez@cmccd.edu Advisor: Mike Danza mdanza@cmccd.edu</p>
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Do you not see a club you are interested in?

Start a new club!

There are only a few small steps to begin;

- 1) Select a faculty advisor
- 2) Write up by-laws
- 3) Set up a time to present your club to Student Government

For more information contact Lynda Herrington (ASCMC Public Information Officer)
government office & student resource in Bruce's Café or email butterflynda@hotmail.com

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Copper Mountain College Programs

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Free Tutoring



English, Math, Accounting, Statistics, Spanish, Economics, and other subjects

Located in the
Student Success Center
Room 111 Phase I
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Call for tutor availability
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Friday 8am – 5pm

For more Information call:
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Do you have a GPA of 3.0, an A or B in the subject, and enrolled in 6 or more units?

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Need Help?



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Book Loan Program, Career Assistance, Tutoring, TEP, Computer & Printer, and Other Resources

Located in the
In Phase III
Past Library & Around the Corner
To the Right

Monday – Thursday
8am – 6:30pm
Friday
8am – 5pm

For more Information call:
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EOPS



Extended Opportunity Programs & Services

Academic Counseling, Priority Registration, Book Loans, Tutoring, Transfer Information & Assistance

Requirements:
CA resident, enrolled in 12 or more units, BOGG Wavier A or B, Educationally disadvantaged.

Located in
Student Services

For more Information call:
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Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education

Requirements:
In good standing with EOPS, enrolled in 12 or more units, CalWORKs/TANF, has at one child less than 14 years, is a single head of household.

Located in
Student Services

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