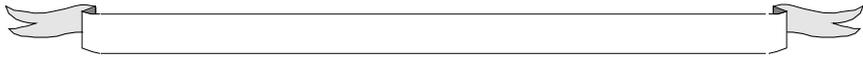


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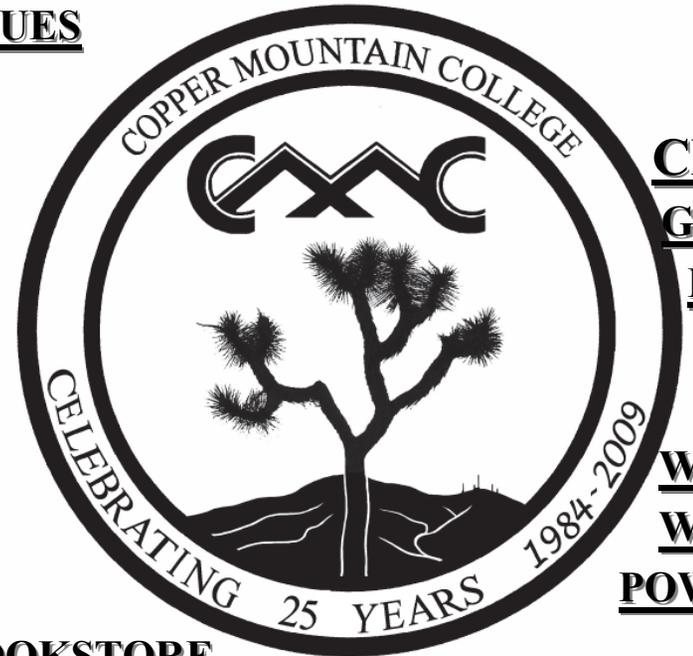
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Editor's Note

Hi. I'm Jerry. Some of you know me; some of you don't. Now that the introduction is out of the way, you're probably wondering who I am.

Well, I could go through this long drawn out biography and pat myself on my back for what I've done right or, if I'm really balanced, point out everything I've done wrong. But hey, it's not THAT kind of paper.

A long story short: I'm a former Marine and now I'm a business major. I'm also a current serving senator in the Associated Students of Copper Mountain College (ASCMC), or student government to keep it simple. Last year, I was treasurer and this year I decided to tackle the idea of a school newsletter.

Some of you may not even know we have a school newsletter. That's the response I have gotten when telling people that I'm editor or even looking for additional staff members to participate in the development of this publication. Well, I want to change that. I want to give you no choice but to learn we have a newsletter. I want it to be in your face. If needed, we can provide water so that way the paper cuts aren't tough to swallow.

So, the next question would be, "How do you plan on changing things?" That's a good question. This paper has been running for quite a while. I used to write for the one last year. But I feel that it's just not about the students. The staff and faculty have their own pay, benefits, and praise system. I'm not about to dedicate a student publication to staff and faculty.

I want you to know what's going on around campus. This is a volunteer position, so I have no fear of losing this "job." I don't have anyone on this campus to impress. I want to try and bring what experience I have at this campus to your advantage. I want to bring you news that you can use. If all else fails, make sure you check out the last page of this newsletter for fun paper folding ideas so you can spiral this thing to your local recycling bin.

Coming Soon

Sections concerning your major:

Liberal Arts, Business, Nursing and others

Comic strips

Photos of campus life

More fun stuff

Region IX, SSCCC, and ASCMC updates

Staff spotlight

Free food

And more.....

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We all have things that we don't like that happen on campus. Well, here's your chance to let the school and the powers-that-be know exactly how you feel. Please, take the time to let your voice be heard. As the student body, we are THE largest group on campus. We outnumber the staff and faculty by far, at least 2-to-1.

Your opinion counts. Are you happy or unhappy with any of the following:

- Registration
- Assessment
- Financial aid
- Bruce's
- Bookstore
- Library
- Or any other services...?

So, come on — let's hear it. If the problems aren't transparent, then the solutions can't be found!.

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Games to soothe the ADHD

For people like me who get distract-...hey, do you like waffles?

SUDOKU

For those that don't know, the object of Sudoku is to place only one number from 1 to 9 in each line, both vertically and horizontally, while including all the numbers from 1 to 9 in each 9-digit box as well.

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Solutions on myspace.com/cmcthevoice

Hidato is a game created by Israeli mathematician Dr. Benedek.

The object is to place each number in sequence to the final number (in this case, 1 to 80) such as 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. The numbers must touch horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

HIDATO

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Are CMC's Budget Cuts Affecting Students?

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advised him to take a particular class. According to that counselor, the class in question would count towards full-time.

"The class wound up not counting," Surs revealed. "I only got a half-time Pell grant this fall." In a follow-up appointment, Surs was advised to drop the class and "try to find another one," despite it being so late in the semester.

Another area

of concern for some students is the Bell Center – specifically, how CMC can afford to build it in the midst of a budget crisis.

President Wagner made to clarify the matter. "The gym was built with state money which can only be spent on the gym. It's match money – a local donated \$1.5 million to the Bell Center."

With an increase of 860 in duplicated headcount, and more students taking more classes, I

asked Wagner what he believes is the biggest problem this semester. "Student growth, without tuition reimbursement from the state," he stated.

President Wagner also predicted what we might see in the spring. "I think the funding trend will continue. . . . We might see more students coming, and we'll max out facility space. Once there are no classrooms left we might be limited. Maybe we could use the Bell Center?"

ASK E.V. - for entertainment purposes only

Dear E.V.,

I am enrolled in a class that is way more than I bargained for this semester. Between out of school responsibilities and my other classes, this one class is taking up a lot of time. I am also not getting the grade I know I could be getting. Do you think it would be bad if I dropped my class right now? Some guidance would be nice!

Sincerely,

Stressed in my studies.

Dear Stressed,

Count to ten will ya, and take a deep breath. Better? So you're stressed? Welcome to the wonderful world of higher education. That being said, I think everyone of us has had to withdraw or drop a class or two in the course of our college careers. Now let's talk about your current situation,. The first thing to consider is the date. Our college catalog and every syllabus the professors' hand out give a drop date pertinent to the current semester. Do not exceed

this date! If you are good on the date, make an appointment to talk to your counselor. They can advise you if dropping your class will have any other negative effects as far as your educational goals; or if it is even being offered in the near future. Also remember if you are receiving GI Bill benefits or any other financial aid, the amount of units you are enrolled in can affect the money you receive.

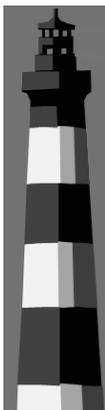
The thing to remember is that we are here to LEARN. Being over stressed cheapens the learning experience and if dropping one class will enable you to pass two or three others with a better grade then jump on that train and withdraw already! That being said, let's talk prevention for a minute. The next time you want to be Superman and conquer the world, how about a plan of action? Just a thought: find people who have taken the class and ask questions, actually read the course description and finally make a schedule for study/homework time and KEEP IT. While you're at it, schedule some fun time. It sounds like you need it. Stay strong Stressed and remember: there is no crying in baseball!



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Eye on Student Government

Hey! Surprise, you have a student government here at Copper Mountain College. What a bunch of nerds, right? Ha ha. But seriously, what this means is you have representation.

Like previously mentioned in this edition, we are the largest body on this campus. So, the next question would be, "What exactly does student government do for me?"

Well, student government, formally the Associated Students of Copper Mountain College (ASCMC), provides you that representation. Currently, we don't have Wi-Fi in Bruce's Café. Well, Beth Cantu, one of our senators, is working to make that happen for the students. This is just one example of our efforts.

You can be involved or let us know about things that bother you on campus that you think can be improved. Our meetings are every other Thursday @ 12 pm in room 109. If you can't make the meetings, you can email us at ascmcpresident@cmccd.edu.

Spring Schedules Available @

www.cmccd.edu

This is the website for Copper Mountain College. You can find out on-campus events as well as get help from different services, learn the different services, connect to BlackBoard for your online classes, ASCMC's website and other things.

BLOWING IN DOLLARS

By Jeffrey Layne

Copper Mountain College has united with Chevron to become more environmentally sustainable by installing a state of the art wind turbine that will save the college in energy costs.

At the board meeting at Copper Mountain, the project managers of Chevron proposed to install a Sky Stream 3.7 wind generator that will convert wind into clean electricity. This environmental solu-

tion to lower energy costs will not only pay for itself, the turbine can provide "up to 100% of energy needs for a home or small business" with any surplus feeding back into the grid, "spinning the meter backward," becoming a credit to the college.

The 170 pound gentle giant is quiet, designed for long life and can generate 1800 watts in twenty seconds, depending on wind speed.

The performance of the Skystream wind turbine can be monitored by community members from their personal computers thanks to the Skyview software technology that is integrated in the generator.

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“DEBIT OR CREDIT, SIR?”

By Dustin Kronemeyer

One student’s disillusionment over fraudulent charges made by the Copper Mountain College bookstore sparks a personal boycott of on-campus purchases.

Much of our day-to-day commerce requires the use of plastic. “Debit or credit Sir?” These days, many of us worry little about the chance of fraudulent charges being made to these accounts because, well, we take such great care in preserving our “secret code.”

You know, the one Seinfeld’s George Costanza won’t divulge to his fiancé, or anyone else for that matter,

even in the event of emergency?

There is reason to fear fraud in the least suspect of places.

One of those places would be Follett Bookstore, at which one student purchased several books sum-

ming up to rough 240 dollars.

There was no reason or rhyme for concern for this student until six weeks later when he was mysteriously charged the same amount that he initially paid for the texts. Upon

personal investigation, it was discovered that the bookstore, which is apparently only a resident business of the campus and not an affiliate, indeed did make an unwarranted charge.

This was not the end.

After spending hours on the phone and weeks of waiting, the student’s account was finally credited the money.

Several weeks later, the mistake would happen again, this time a lesser amount, somewhere in the range of fifty dollars.



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Again the student was credited his money, but was disillusioned by the lack of action taken by both the bank investigator as well as the Follett staff. This student chooses to no longer use plastic on campus.

Have you heard of our sister paper? It’s called the *Coyote Informer*. It’s written by journalism students and has a lot of information about the campus. You can find it on www.cmccd.edu . Click on Students at the top menu and then find the *Coyote Informer* link on the left sidebar. Stay informed — coyote style.

Region IX and SSSCC

Region IX, for those that don’t know, is the ninth region of the student senate. You thought you had a student senate at Copper Mountain College?

Well, you do, but there’s different levels of government. Just like there’s city council at the local level, state Congress at the state level, and Congress at the federal level.

Similarly, a comparable structure exists in the community colleges of California.

Your local student government is in place here at Copper Mountain. At a regional level, is Region IX, which consists of a delegate from each community college for equal representation.

Finally, there

is a state level government. This is called the Student Senate of California Community College (SSCC).

As a whole, it represents 2.9 million community college students. That’s a lot of influence. Region IX and SSCC uses that influence to represent you and your interests.

Stay tuned to keep up-to-date and involved.