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of the Associated Students of Copper Mountain College

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TURTLE POWER

By Jerry Hunt

"Cowabunga, dude!" was one of the memorable lines from the cartoon, "Teenage Mutant Ninja turtles" that was played every Saturday morning for my generation. It was a popular cartoon that turned into a main screen movie and even a video game. I like turtles. Let's talk about turtles.

Well, tortoises actually. Here in our desert, we have desert tortoises living alongside us. I, personally, have never seen one. That is probably why they are listed as a threatened species by both the California Fish and Game Commission and the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service. As our campus grows from its current size to encompass a 156-acre complex during construction, it is important for us to take into account our ecosystem.

In order to keep these animals safe, we should refrain from using the expanded area to spin donuts in the newly-shaped terrain which will appeal to off-roaders. You should avoid trying to jump desert tortoises with your dirt bikes in the new trails created by construction. But seriously, you should avoid all contact with these fragile animals at all. It is illegal to touch them or harass

them. So you could be breaking the law without even touching them. The desert tortoise is the same as most animals, even us, when it comes to the fight or flight response that is natural to our bodies.

The tortoise's body dumps all its fluids, similar to our body's natural response, in order to make it lighter in the event of flight. Wetting yourself is no laughing matter. Water doesn't exactly grow on trees here in the desert and the tortoise has little available resources with which to replace that valuable substance.

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OUR NEW PRESIDENT, CONTINUED

By Lynda Herrington

Dr. Wagner and his family like it here in the desert and he plans to be here until he has worn out his welcome with the Board. Dr. Wagner finds it rewarding to see students graduate and move

on to work or continue their education; without the community college they may not have been able to accomplish their goals. As a community college student, he knows very well the challenges

of having a family and work as well as going to school. He enrolled in a four-year college but was unsuccessful and it was the community college that helped him find his place in higher education.

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A NOTE FROM THE SWA

I would like to thank all the students, faculty and staff for their participation in the 50-50 during the Fall Festival on September 17, 2008. We collected \$130.00. David Shook of Financial Aid was the winner of \$65.00 which he graciously donated back to the club.

On November 3rd and 4th the Students With Abilities Club had our Fall Bake Sale. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped support our club raise money for scholarships and local charities.

On behalf of the SWA I thank you,

Terry Bonsor
President

VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE A FOSTER HOME FOR A DOG

By Jenni Stanley

Our organization is a private non-profit organization called Love 4 Canines and can be found online at <http://www.love4canines.org>. We work with rescued dogs in southern California. Dogs come to us come from shelters as well as from people who have pets that they are no longer able to care for.

All foster home applicants have the ability to choose what sort of dog they are willing to foster and only have to take on a dog or dogs that they feel able to care for. Ages of our dogs range from puppies to elderly dogs and they come in sizes ranging from toy poodle mixes to dogs resembling Saint Bernards. Some of the dogs have special needs. Tyson, looking for a forever home, survived distemper which left him with muscle tremors.

We can help by providing Veterinary care, food, vitamins, leashes, and crates. Foster applications can be filled out on our website: love4canines.org. If anyone has any specific questions that they would like answered before applying, they can be directed to Cindy at 364-4816 or to Laura by sending an email to laura@love4canines.org.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

The following organizations were on campus on October 16th providing information. These groups are primarily staffed by volunteers. Please consider joining them.

Reach Out Morongo Basin

361-1410

Reach Out Morongo Basin supports seniors and disabled with services such as visits, phone calls, shopping, running errands and yard work. They will provide transportation to medical appointments.

Morongo Basin Unity Home

366-9663

The Unity Home is a domestic violence shelter. They supply food, clothing, counseling, parenting classes, legal advocacy and educational information. They accept donations of gently used clothing.

Training With Pay

365-8402

They provide weekend meals to students dependent on school lunches during the week. Literacy development, support of good work ethics and life skills are available year round.

Food for Life Ministry

361-1410

The Food For Life Ministry is looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve meals, in particular Thanksgiving. Volunteers with food handler's certificates are especially appreciated.

Boys and Girls Club

365-5437

The Boys and Girls Club, serving the area for 26 years, has assistance with homework, a computer lab, exercise programs and arts and crafts.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

He reminds us that it is absolutely worth it when finished and you can go anywhere you want to go in life. Dr. Wagner enthusiastically stated, "Don't ever be satisfied. Set realistic goals, when you reach those goals, set new ones."

Dr. Wagner is a man that does not tend to have much stress. He believes this may be a result of spending so much time in law enforcement. Dr. Wagner said that if you learn to stay calm you think better and tend to respond better. He has an ability to deal with people at any level and sees himself very much as a people person.

On a more personal note, Dr. Wagner is a motorcycle enthusiast and a private pilot. He likes paint ball, the color blue, chocolate milk shakes, easy listening music, James Taylor, and *Craig's list*. His favored books are [The Grapes of Wrath](#) and [The Da Vinci Code](#), and a favored

poem is "If" by Rudyard Kipling. He and his wife have two sons; one is attending ITT Technical Institute in Seattle and the other is attending the University of Arkansas. He is currently a member of the Joshua Tree Rotary Club, and a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Joshua Tree where he is the groundskeeper, which he says keeps him balanced with being the President here at Copper Mountain College.

He has lived in Taiwan, the Philippines, and Holland, and has traveled to Thailand, Guam, Japan, Germany, France, Belgium, and Luxembourg. Something most people do not know about Dr. Wagner is while he was in law enforcement in the military he had to deliver a baby in the back seat of a patrol car that did not make it from the Main Gate to the hospital. When it was stated that it sounded interesting, we both laughed and Dr. Wagner said, "It was interesting, but not some-

thing I would want to do again."

The interview was concluded and we shook hands and smiled. Dr. Wagner has a handshake that deserves respect and gives respect at the same time. He made the interview quite smooth and the interaction was comfortable.

With confidence, he stated, "If there is anything you ever need, come and see me." It's nice to hear that from someone who will have a huge impact on our lives throughout our time here at CMC. It sure does make it feel like there is a true open door policy with Dr. Wagner, which is quite comforting to many of us, and nice to know that he is not just someone in a box we will never know.

Welcome to Copper Mountain College as our new President, Dr. Wagner, and thank you for taking the time out of your day to let us all get to know you better.

The History Club and Ryan Stoermer, President, have provided the following inspirational quotation from history.

"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future."

George Bernard Shaw

INTERESTING AND HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR STUDENTS

David E. Joyce is a Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at Clark University. He has a webpage that allows the user to input parameters into a Mandelbrot and Julia set generator. These fractal patterns are a visual guide to a mathematical process. The beautiful designs make fabulous desktop wallpaper. Clicking on Professor Joyce's name leads to pages with information on Mathematics including free courses on trigonometry and complex numbers.

<http://aleph0.clarku.edu/~djoyce/julia/explorer.html>

This website is a product of Washington College's Michael Harvey. He demonstrates how to write essays, develop arguments, do research and check punctuation. Detailed instructions are given regarding writing in MLA, APA, Chicago, and CBE styles. Various types of writing styles are covered including communicative, expressive argumentative, essays and research. His book, [Nuts and Bolts](#), is available from Amazon. One copy is free to teachers.

<http://nutsandbolts.washcoll.edu>

TURTLE POWER

We should leave the turtles to the professionals and cartoons. If you come in contact with a desert tortoise at CMC, you should contact a member of the staff or security so that they can contact animal services to help it or contact Paul Delaney at 366-3791.

Check under your vehicle, throw away your trash, drive posted speed limits and stay alert. Protect the tortoises because it's the right thing to do and it's the law. Who wants to share a cell with an axe murderer for poking a tortoise?



CMC AT PIONEER DAYS

By Linda Deneher

Pioneer Days was attended by students, teachers, members of the board of trustees and members of the Foundation. The President of the Foundation, Jane Smith, and her husband Paul, a teacher of Business Law at CMC, served as the Grand Marshalls.

The CMC float in the Pioneer Days parade was a bus provided by the Morongo Basin Transit Authority and driven by Rita Houghten.

Riding the bus were Board of Trustees members Eva Kinsman and Phil Fultz, Vice President of Student Services Greg Brown, Art teacher Cathy Allen, Gary Bernard from the Computer Lab, and Tom Erdmann.

The ASCMC was represented by their Secretary Lynda Herrington, Ambassador Bailey Winn Paschall, and Senator Norma Baz who was accompanied by her husband, Chris. Also present was



Photograph by Kelly O'Sullivan of The Desert Trail.

Lynda Herrington's nephew Joessph. Everyone enjoyed waving to the crowd except for young Joessph who was napping.

The parade in Luckie Park was for pets. Prizes were given for howling, best costume, and size. Third place winner for largest dog was Spot, owned by Syndee Slayton, Director of the Foundation. The third place prize for smallness was won by Sparky, owned by Linda Deneher, a CMC student and Editor of The Voice.

A COYOTE KITCHEN AT CMC

By Michelle Cervantes

Approaching the Copper Mountain College (CMC) Greenleaf Library and the Student Services building, it is almost inevitable to smell the fine cooking coming from the Coyote Kitchen Cafeteria, also known as "Bruce's Place."

Bruce Campbell has been in business his entire adult life. He opened his first business at the age of 22 when he was fresh out of the U.S Army. "It was much easier to start a business back in those days. The 60s and 70s were times of economic growth, and it didn't take a lot of cash to start a business and leases were easy to get," stated Campbell. The business career was not something planned, but it was something that just happened in Campbell's life. "I have been self-employed now for 40 years and I plan to do it for the rest of my life", says Campbell with determination on his face.

Campbell has been



running Coyote Kitchen for the past eight years. He had a location in Yucca Valley for three years when he decided to close it down and move it over to CMC. He has been serving quality food and providing great service for five years at CMC. So what is Campbell's advice for all those students who one day aspire to open their own business? "Tenacity, lots and lots of tenacity, and a good financial plan."

The Coyote Kitchen is here for any one who would like to enjoy a good meal.

CAMPUS CLUBS AND COMMITTEES

Students with Abilities
Meetings in Bruce's Café on the first and third Thursdays at noon December 4
For information contact Terry Bonsor 760-333-0520
Cheyenne Bonnell 760-366-3791 ext. 0393

History Club
For information contact Ryan Stoermer kabalisnightshade@yahoo.com

Alpha Beta Gamma
Business Honors
For information contact Pat Dutkiewicz pdutkiewicz@cmccd.edu

Christian Club
Meetings in Room 126 on Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
For information contact Lolly Rivera desertgal57@hotmail.com

Want to start a club?
For information contact Tami Montgomery Ascmc@cmccd.edu
Melynie Schiel mschiel@cmccd.edu
or
Mike Danza mdanza@cmccd.edu

Debate & Speech Club
For information contact Joe DeSantis jdesantis@cmccd.edu

Math Club
December 3 at noon Room 121
For information contact Phil Curra hidesertphil@yahoo.com

ASCMC Student Government
Thursdays in room 5 from 1 to 3 p.m.
For information contact Tami Montgomery President Ascmc@cmccd.edu

Creative Writing and Literary Society
In the Library
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
December 9

Desert Studies
December 9 and 23 Room 11 at 3:00 p.m.
For information contact Jim Hopkins jhopkins@cmccd.edu

Student Leadership
Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Room 5
For information about the class, contact Melynie Schiel mschiel@cmccd.edu
or
Mike Danza mdanza@cmccd.edu

Art Club
For information contact Spelman Downer sdowner@cmccd.edu

CMC CANDIDATES IN FORUM

On Monday, October 27, at 3:30 pm three of the four candidates for positions on the CMC Board of Trustees participated in a forum. Present were incumbents Phil Fultz, Owen Gillick and Dick Rogers. Candidate Rita Dean was absent.

The ASCMC and Joe DeSantis, a teacher in the English Department and faculty advisor for the Debate and Speech Club, organized the forum. It was attended by CMC students, faculty, staff, administration and members of the community.

Questions were collected by the ASCMC through suggestions from the public.

While each candidate had a different opinion, an appreciation for technology was apparent in their individual philosophies.

Phil Fultz noted that CMC is in direct competition for student enrollment from an increasing number of colleges offering online courses as well as degrees.

Owen Gillick recognized the impact of online learning by discussing the potential for online textbooks to save money for students.

Dick Rogers discussed the need for CMC to use and teach green methods of energy production.

CNA STUDENTS PINNED

Ten graduates from the CMC Certified Nursing Assistant program were pinned in a ceremony at 2:30 p.m. on November 10th in Bruce's Coyote Kitchen.

To provide information about their courses, the Health Sciences Program at CMC is having free two-hour-long information sessions.

The two sessions to be held in December are on the 4th at 9:00 a.m. and on the 18th at 3:00 p.m.

Attend one and find out how you can become a Registered Nurse, Vocational Nurse, Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, or an Emergency Medical Technician.

FREE TUTORING

The Student Success Center offers free tutoring to all CMC students in math and writing. They also teach effective study habits and organization. Practice tests and computer software programs are provided.

While they will help with homework, they will not do it for you. Corrections are the students' responsibility.

The Center, located in Room 8 in Phase I, is funded through the Student Success Initiative and a Title V grant. Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drop by and fill out an information card and enroll.

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Returning and continuing student registration	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 New student registration	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Final exams	16 Final exams	17 Final exams	18 Final exams	19 Final exams	20 Last day of Fall session
21	22	23	24 College closed	25 College closed	26 College closed	27 College closed
28	29 College closed	30 College closed	31 College closed			

