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SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB

By Lisa Marshall

The evidence is everywhere on campus: freshly graded lots, construction workers, heavy machinery. Expansion has landed at Copper Mountain Community College and new and exciting changes are underway. Along with the physical development of the campus come other benefits, including a growing number of new opportunities for students interested in participating in extracurricular activities.

The newly formed Speech and Debate Club provides students with the opportunity to learn strong public speaking

skills that will enable them to better express themselves in their lives and careers. Joe DeSantis, the club's advisor and a new instructor on campus, says that, "Any student can be on the Speech and Debate team." He explains that although the perception is that participants sit around and argue, that is only partially true. There are events that range from debate, to standup comedy routines, to informative lectures, to dramatic readings.

"Some students like to argue and think that they are right about everything, other students like

to perform and like to engage in theatrical events, other students like to do research and learn new things, other students just want to be social or want to participate on campus and be active," explains DeSantis. "Any of those different types of students are more than able to participate," DeSantis remarks, "because any of those kinds of desires can be fulfilled."

The Speech and Debate Club can also have an impact on a student's scholastic achievement, higher education goals, and career opportunities. "The top benefit, I think,

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DISASTER SHAKES CMC

By Linda Deneher



On November 13th at 10:00 a.m. CMC participated in The Great California ShakeOut. The ShakeOut Drill, a portion of the state's emergency response exercise, Golden Guardian 2008, had more than 5.3 million participants dropping, covering and holding on at the same time for a drill simulating a 7.8 magnitude earthquake on the San Andreas fault.

The scenario for the drill was

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NEW GATHERING PLACE

By Linda Deneher



The photograph above shows the current appearance of the area on the south side of Phase I between the exterior of the President's office and the slope leading down to the parking lot. CMC teacher and member of the Desert Studies Committee, Jim Hopkins, gave a tour and discussed developing this unused space into a gathering area.

Suggestions for amenities include leveling the ground, adding tables with benches, planting landscape appropriate for the desert environment, and plumbing for a fountain or other water feature.

The amazing view from this area to the mountains to the west is currently obscured by the lower branches of several pine trees. These branches will be trimmed so that the view can be enjoyed.

Southern-facing exposures provide microclimates, areas where the climate is somewhat different than the surrounding area. In this case, the wall to the north blocks the chilling winter winds and traps the heat from the sun. Anyone looking for a warm place to sit and study, drink a warm cup of coffee from Bruce's or just enjoy the view is invited to stop and check out the location.

Students interested in learning more about the Desert Studies program are welcome to attend their meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 3:00 p.m. in room 11 in Phase I. Their next meeting, which will be the first one for the year, is scheduled for January 13th.

CMC ROCK CLIMBING CLUB

By Jennifer Art



If you want to experience an outdoor sport which challenges both your mental capability and physical ability, rock climbing is it. Joshua Tree National Park is a superlative rock climbing region and attracts renowned climbers from all over the world. Joshua Tree has approximately 5,000 recognized rock climbing routes and numerous adventures in bouldering.

Most people think that rock climbing is an upper body strength oriented sport. The fact of the matter is rock climbing primarily uses legs, good footwork and balance. Being able to do a pull up is not a requirement to learning to rock climb. If you have a desire to try rock climbing, you have met the prerequisite.

The Rock Climbing club, led by Bailey Wynn and Aaron Nevue, had their first meeting in November. Nine of the fifteen members were in attendance and their skills included beginners to experienced. Their second meeting was December 7th at Nomad Ventures located at 61795 29 Palms Highway in Joshua Tree. For any and all information, email the club at climbersclub@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!!

"The best climber in the world is the one who's having the most fun."

Alex Lowe

SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB

By Lisa Marshall

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is it prepares you for other classes because you are used to delivering speeches [and] writing speeches. You become much more adept at doing the same kinds of research for other classes,” says DeSantis. He is quick to add, “It also builds confidence.”

He goes on to explain, “You increase your professional network with students from other colleges around the state. You also increase your network with faculty from other colleges around the state, including four-year universities for students who want to transfer.” On an individual level, DeSantis notes that students benefit from “a social network of people who will help you do research [and] help you figure out what you want to do.”

Speech and Debate Club participation also allows students the chance to get out of the class room and impact both the campus and the

larger community. Students with philanthropic interests, DeSantis explains, have “opportunities for community service working with elementary, middle, and high school debate programs.”

He continues to note that Speech and Debate Club members often parlay their newfound skills into “campus involvement and political and social activism. For example, we helped the student government with the Board of Trustees forum, so it offers the ability to become active in community issues.”

DeSantis, a former debater himself, explains what draws many students to debate. “The competition is an adrenaline rush! People jump out of airplanes with parachutes for fun because they like the adrenaline. I go in front of audiences of any size and argue with people because I think it is fun and I get adrenaline out

of it.”

DeSantis also remarks on the social aspects of competition, “The people are really cool. If you like to have a large group of people that you can have open dialogue and discourse with who have open minds, Speech and Debate is the place to be.” DeSantis further explains “It is a combination of an extracurricular activity and athletic activity. You are competing just like athletes compete. You are working and researching and thinking just like academics.”

The Speech and Debate Club held an informational meeting on December 6th outside of the Greenleaf library. The spring semester holds several opportunities for competition and participation so interested students are encouraged to attend. Anyone with questions about the Speech and Debate Club is encouraged to send email to Joe DeSantis at jdesantis@cmccd.edu.

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

“History is a race between education and catastrophe.”

H. G. Wells

INTERESTING AND HELPFUL WEBSITES

Got a list of formulas, or definitions, or people you have to memorize and would like a different way of looking at them? Register free with JigZone and upload your lists as gifs or jpegs and work them as puzzles. You can have puzzles with as few as six pieces or as many as 247. Puzzles are categorized into groups such as Art, Sports, Travel and Gardens. Take a break from studying and try their puzzle of the day or one of the hundreds that are available on their site.

www.jigzone.com

One way to save studying time is to use a crock pot when preparing meals. This website has 230 recipes just for crock pots including soups, stews, goulashes, stroganoffs and fondue. Their other selections include 90 choices in the salad section with delicious vegetables such as bok choy, asparagus, eggplant, spinach and artichokes. Their section on quick snacks has 21 recipes for dips. Finish the meal with pies, cakes, cookies, cobblers, truffles, haystacks and puddings.

<http://www.freequickrecipes.com>

DR. MORRISON

By Jetty Hunt

Dr. Doug Morrison is a professor here at Copper Mountain College. If you are pursuing a degree in business, economics, or accounting, you will get to know his face and the various “educational opportunities” he gives alongside real-world experience at a top auditing firm and information related to current events such as the bailouts and personal debt.

But other than another professor to plea bargain your way up the 100+ unit ladder to a degree, who is he but another face – one confusingly shared to that of the television character House (I think he looks similar to Jethro from the television series “NCIS”) – who is this master of the GAAP?

He’s a rock star. No, seriously. He’s also known as a member of Gentleman Jim and the Horsemen. They produced a minor hit. How do you go from a rock star to a professor?

Dr. Morrison was born into a normal family. His

mother was his role model as she was a college professor and taught in various countries including India where she also helped establish rural schools. She had a great sense of humor. His father instilled in him a love of music. He also wanted Dr. Morrison to become a concert pianist, until the 7th grade. Like all children, Dr. Morrison did not go the way of the parentally chosen career when he discovered rock ‘n’ roll.

While no longer the Gentleman Jim or the next Chopin, Dr. Morrison still likes the rhythm and blues of old and jazz, a few of his favorite genres. His movie tastes are varied and he prefers a few of the classic actors such as Cary Grant, Humphrey Bogart, Lawrence Olivier, and Anthony Hopkins. Some of his favorite news sources are Michael Moorer, Bill Maher, and Stephen Colbert.

So what satisfies the escapee of the hair band generation? Squash and racquetball are two of his

favorite sports. He cooks with his wife from recipes they’ve collected for over twenty years, sometimes using organic tomatoes and other foods grown themselves. For the odd occasion they don’t eat at home, he prefers the local restaurant, Chen’s.

So what sagely advice can come from Dr. Morrison’s experience? When asked what he would recommend to students, he suggested that we be more focused and disciplined as a lesson learned. Good advice as no one has received a job or scholarship for the longest keg stand. For our upcoming administration and government, he thinks politics often stand in the way of true, evidence-based reform.

But while our government is bailing out banks, car companies, and insurance companies, who is going to bail us out? Dr. Morrison suggests a few tips to bail ourselves out. Personal finance is not only a class he teaches, but also the solution for

ourselves. We should always try to live below our means. That means even though you can afford a PlayStation 237, you don’t need it or the 87 inch TV. As a nation, we spend more than we earn. It also means to be informed. Research your rates – credit, loans, insurance, etc. – and be aware and informed. An informed consumer is a healthy consumer. Try to avoid borrowing at all costs.

So whether you intend on being the next Gentleman Jim or Dr. Morrison, take a page from his life and apply it to yours. After becoming a CPA, Dr. Morrison traded accounting set-ups to learn trade skills such as carpentry and masonry.

I think the lesson to be learned is that we can’t expect bailouts in our own lives. We need to put down the simulated guitar and a simulated lifestyle and start living our own. Be your own architect, mason, gardener, financial planner and boss. Although neither he nor you may be the next American Idol – create one in yourself.

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designed in part by the U.S. Geological Survey note that people near the fault would experience shaking for almost two minutes. The shaking, in reality, would cause \$200 billion in damage to homes, businesses, and infrastructure such as roads, water and electrical lines.

CMC student and ASCMC Secretary, Lynda Herrington, was asked to describe her impression of the drill. She responded by saying, "I was expecting a drill, as the news had stated it would be done across California, and

the way we had done it as children in elementary school. I hoped that we would be under desks until after the quake, when it was safe, we would evacuate the buildings. It did run well and organized, yet, I hope that our next one includes these things, since in a actual quake we would not be rushing out buildings, but trying to protect ourselves."

A visual model of a 7.8 magnitude earthquake can be seen at <http://www.shakeout.org/scenario>.

CAMPUS CLUBS AND COMMITTEES

Students with Abilities
Bruce's Café at noon
Every other Thursday
For information contact
Terry Bonsor
760-333-0520
Cheyenne Bonnell
760-366-3791 ext. 0393

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

ASCMC
Student Government
Thursdays in room 5
from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
For information contact
Tami Montgomery
President
Ascmc@cmccd.edu

Christian Club
Fridays in Room 126
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
For information contact
Lolly Rivera
desert-
gal57@hotmail.com

History Club
For information contact
Ryan Stoermer
kabalisnightshade
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Debate & Speech Club
For information contact
Joe DeSantis
jdesantis@cmccd.edu

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

Student Leadership Class
ASCMC
Room 5, Thursdays at 1
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mschiel@cmccd.edu
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Business Honors
For information contact
Pat Dutkiewicz
pdutkiewicz@cmccd.edu

Math Club
For information contact
Phil Curra
hidesertphil
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Desert Studies
Room 11 at 3:00 p.m.
For information contact
Jim Hopkins
jhopkins@cmccd.edu

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

RECYCLING WITH TERRY

Do you know where all that aluminum and plastic trash goes after we drop it in the red bins? Ever wonder why they are red? Terry Bonsor knows. Terry, President of the Students With Abilities Club, is the person responsible for sorting through the bins and transporting the contents to Wulf's Recycling.

The plan to recycle was formed as a result of the Club's arranging for the soda and snack machines to be in multiple areas of our campus. Recognizing the need to keep the cans out of the

waste stream, they got the bins donated by the CMC Foundation and set them up.

Revenue generated by the recycling goes toward scholarships, local charities, and sending children to Camp Forrest through the Angel View Crippled Children's Foundation, Inc. The camp is located in Joshua Tree.

Activities enjoyed during the six-day sessions by the children include swimming, cookouts, arts and crafts, and archery.



STEPS TO SUCCESS

The Steps to Success program has been designed to assist spouses of people in the military at or below the rank of sergeant. The program starts with a series of three-hour courses held over four days.

The program will teach students how to mitigate some of the common obstacles to success in college such as a lack of reliable child care, financial barriers, and transportation to and from classes.

After completion of the classes, the new students will be registered

with CMC for the semester immediately following the class. They will also receive free textbooks.

At the end of the course students and their spouses will have a luncheon together. A job fair will also be provided to help show participants what careers they can have with a college education.

The program and courses can be found at the Combat Center's CMC office in Building 1526. Spouses interested in learning more about Steps to Success may contact instructor Kelly Nekvinda at ksweetman@cmccd.edu.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 K-12/HS Concurrent Enrollment Registration	6	7	8 Staff Devel- opment Day college closed	9 Flex Day, no classes, college open	10
11	12 Start of the Spring Semester	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Holiday, college closed	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Last day to drop with a refund	27	28	29	30	

