

COYOTE CHRONICLE

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) have banded together to resurrect the "Coyote Chronicle." This newspaper was once a part of the Cerro Coso college life and has fallen into disuse. Our plans are to publish this paper once a month with articles about and for the students. This is the first paper off the press and we are pleased to present it to you.

As you can see, we need a heading, so we are having a contest for the best heading for our paper. The rules are:

- It must incorporate the name "Coyote Chronicle"
- Be in digital format
- Single color
- Be representative of our college

We need these entries in the Student Activities Office (Room 248) by October 25th, 2005. The winning entry will not only get a prize but will be showcased to all in the November paper. Good luck to all that participate!

Coyote Basketball

Written by Stephanie Hart

This years women's basketball team, comprised of girls from Arizona, Michigan, our hometown Ridgecrest, and all around, is starting to look extremely promising. With gains in height and speed, this season they hope to do very well. Each day they're building stronger and getting better together and are currently putting in their offense.



Lady Coyote Basketball Team (2005-2006)

The Lady Coyotes are looking forward to start scrimmaging

soon, and are getting very anxious to begin putting all of their talent together in their first game against Life Pacific College in San Dimas on Nov. 12th. As their season rolls around they appreciate all the support they can get, and look forward to a huge crowd on their first home game December 3rd, and they believe this to be a great season!



Captains Stephanie Hart, Angel Lash, Brittany Graybill, and Jamie Donaldson

TRiO on Our Campus

Written by Yolanda Vasquez

TRiO is a federally funded program under the Student Support Services grant. TRiO's goal is to assist students with their academic endeavors, whether it is to graduate from Cerro Coso Community College and/or transfer to a four-year university. TRiO serves a total of 250 students from Indian Wells Valley (IWW) and Kern River Valley (KRV) campuses. Services are designed to enhance study skills, strengthen student leadership capabilities and reinforce their college survival skills, all necessary to be an effective and successful college student.

TRiO services include: advising, technical and transfer

workshops, cultural enrichment events, tutoring, honor grant, and campus tours. In order to qualify for the program, a student must meet at least one of the following requirements: be low-income, be first generation student, or have a verified learning and/or have a physical disability. In addition, the student must also meet all of the following criteria: be a US Citizen or Legal Resident, have a FAFSA on file, currently attend CCC with a minimum of 6 units and work towards a degree or plan to transfer to a four-year college; as well as have an academic need.

A very important service that TRiO offers the students is the Honor Grant. Every semester a total of 36 students, 18 from IWV and 18 from KRV, each, are awarded approximately \$400, which can be used to meet their educational expenses. Students are only allowed to receive the grant once a year, either in the fall or spring semester. To date, 144 Honor Grants have been awarded to students at both campuses, for a total of \$57,600.

Undoubtedly, as a result of the services TRiO offers, a significant impact has been made in the success of many students. Given adequate support and opportunity, many more students will remain in school, transfer to a four-year college or university, and achieve, at the very least, a

bachelor's degree. And in the hopes of obtaining this, TRiO, with the help of the ASCC, is coordinating a trip to the U.C.L.A. campus on October 20th. All those interested in attending need to sign up with Cheryl Fitzsimmons in the counseling office.

That's Sooooo Drama!

Written by Savanah Liszka

The Drama department is an ever-growing department with more and more students participating each semester. This semester there are several drama classes which include four levels of acting, an online play reading class, improv, technical theatre, and two production classes.

The two productions this semester will be a murder mystery dinner theatre, which will be performed November 18 at the Elks lodge, and *The Rimers of Eldritch*, which will be performed December 9th, 10th, and 11th in the Cerro Coso lecture center. Also performing this semester will be the Who Said What Now? Improv Troupe, whose performance will take place on December 12th.



Drama students Alexis Smith and Kristen Leville

Not only is the Drama department growing, but the Drama Club is as well!

The Drama Club is not limited to drama students but is open to everyone. They tentatively meet every other Wednesday from 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. in the old library, Room 358. The Club raises money by participating in ASCC related events and by holding performances of their own. At the end of each year the Drama Club hosts a banquet for both its members and the drama students enabling them to socialize one last time before the summers begin.

Together the Drama department and Drama Club have been a huge success and they are always looking for more people to participate with the activities Drama puts on. If you're interested in the department or the club, you can contact Dr. Melinda Fogle Oliver by phone at 384-6114 or by e-mail at mfogle@cerrococo.edu. But if you don't want to actively participate with Drama, then support them by watching their productions this semester!

Student Vocational Nurses "Hit The Ground Running"

The Student Vocational Nurses of Cerro Coso are back, hard at work for the second semester of their three semester program. All of the students are looking forward to the challenges this new semester is to bring.

"I'm glad to be back. I love going to the clinical sites," stated Ella Damron. "We learned so much in Semester 1," declared Micki Hanley, "I hope I did not forget anything over the summer." Dawn Parker proclaims "This is an amazing program that really gets us prepared for our future as nurses."

The Director of Nurses, Mary Kowalski, states that there will be some exciting things in store for the student nurses this year and she believes "The SVNs are so enthusiastic about being back, I really enjoy teaching them."

Their new clinical instructor, Cheryl Gates, RN, BSN, is a student herself. Mrs. Gates is hard at work on her Master's Degree in nursing, and brings years of experience with her working in a large variety of clinical settings. Mrs. Gates stated she was tired after the first day of clinical with the SVNs but she has thoroughly enjoyed teaching and providing students with a variety of clinical experiences.



Student Nurses in classroom discussion

The semester began with a bang for the SVN club President Kristen Blohm, who was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Foundation. Ms. Blohm immediately decided to donate a portion of her scholarship money to disaster relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Along the same lines a Katrina Disaster

Hit the Ground Running (cont.)

Relief Fund was established by the SVN Club, and they continue their fund drive as part of a coordination effort with the City of Ridgecrest. Funds may be donated to this community based effort which is spearheaded by Mayor Chip Holloway.

Students began the semester with an incredibly informative and timely presentation by the Kern County Public Health Service which is involved with fundraising when disasters such as Hurricane Katrina occur.

New experiences at their clinical rotations will provide training in medical/surgical nursing, pediatrics, and obstetrics for this semester. Other clinical rotations will find students at the Drummond Medical Group and the Cerro Coso Child Development Center. Director Kowalski believes "Students are excited at the diversity this semester offers" and Kristen Blohm proves her point in exclaiming "I got to give an insulin injection shot today."

As always, the students look forward to growing friendships with each other and networking with those they hope to someday work with upon graduation. Leslie O'Neill deems that "Working together as a team and growing in a relationship with those who share this passion for nursing is an important part of the nursing school experience. It brings home the fact you are part of something bigger than yourself."



Student Vocational Nurses in action

Look for more on the Student Vocational Nurses in next months issue of the Coyote Chronicle.

How the C.A.R.E. Program Cares for the Students

Written by Timothy Coombes

The C.A.R.E Program, detailed by Sharelle Dodson, a two year C.A.R.E. veteran, is an organization designed for "single parents helping them meet the needs necessary in continuing their education." An "excellent source for resources," she has learned through C.A.R.E. "that no matter how hard things get anyone can succeed."



Sharelle Dodson, a two year member

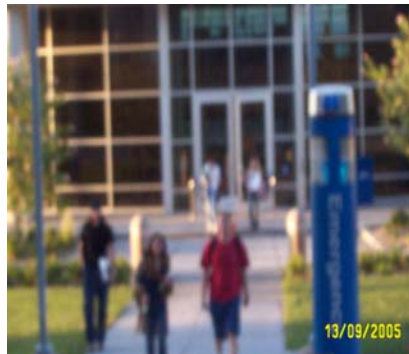
The program is focused on showing students that no matter how hard times might seem there is always help for those who will take the time to look for it. Students in the C.A.R.E. program look out for each other making sure that everyone is able to succeed in their goals.

If you are interested in finding out more information about C.A.R.E. or to see if you qualify for the

program, you can talk to one of the two co-directors, Paula Suarez or Penny Talley, both counselors at the college.

The Learning Assistance Center Giving A Helping Hand to the Students

Written by Timothy Coombes



If you need help with Math, English, or any other subject come to the Learning Assistance Center and sign-up for tutoring. The tutors are hired, trained, and supervised by the LAC staff, meaning no money out of your own pocket. Giving you the tools and assistance you need to excel, the LAC has extended its hours to fit your needs.

Proctoring services are available to all Cerro Coso students so please call (760) 384-6161, one week in advance to schedule an appointment for all exams and quizzes.

Also, those who need a distant learning test proctored from another university or

educational institution can call the LAC to schedule an appointment, but know that there is a proctoring fee of \$25.00 per exam.

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a way to earn college credits by examination and their exams are computer based with immediate scoring capabilities. The LAC has thirty-five different exams covering a wide variety of subjects available online, and they also offer a military fee-waver option for those who qualify under the guidelines of the CLEP organization. The cost for each CLEP exam is \$80.00.

The GED Examination class is a free open lab opportunity for students who need to brush up on their skills in order to pass the exam. Students can come to the LAC anytime during their hours of operation to get assistance, to review their GED textbooks, as well as view any of forty videotapes with the television and VCR provided on site.

Located on the second floor of the Learning Resource Center, the LAC is found in Room 704.

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Current Events Club

Written by David Winchester

Are you as informed as you would like to be about the world and the daily events that shape it? Would you like to be more informed? Then you should come to the Current Events Club.

The CEC, as its name might suggest, is a gathering where people get together to discuss the events of the day. Professor Girardot is the sponsor of this small group of students that gets together every Friday afternoon (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room 229). A newcomer would be struck by the fact that the debates are always lively, and rarely hostile.

People of all political and social persuasions get together, and more often than not, agree to disagree (devils' advocates are the order of the day). A wide spectrum of topics are discussed which include, but are not limited to, politics (right, left, and center), world events (war, economics, and disasters), and a general critique of the country (and world's) social sphere as a whole. Feel free to stop by; the more people involved, the more lively the debate, and the better informed all involved will be.

Getting To Know . . .

Kimberlee Kelly

Written by Brittany Throckmorton



Ridgecrest native Kimberlee Kelly has returned to town to fill both the positions of Physical Education Instructor and Head Athletic Trainer at Cerro Coso. Before the semester began she saw the opening and the opportunity advertised and decided to take hold of it for she knew she wanted to explore the academic side of the athletic world.

With a Bachelors Degree from Humbolt State University and a Master's from Arizona School of Health Sciences, Kimberlee has a wide range of experience in her athletic training. She has worked with the professional Milwaukee Brewers baseball team, with both mentally and physically disabled persons, with high school students, and has had six years of orthopedic experience.

Ms. Kelly currently teaches four classes at Cerro Coso ranging from Health, to Personal Life

Long Fitness, to Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries, all the way to Cardiovascular Fitness.

Happy to be back in town and reunited with her family, she looks forward to Cerro Coso's upcoming events whether they be in athletics, theatre, or simply club dealings. Kimberlee strives to supporting all and the functions of the college and anticipates becoming acquainted with the college life again.

The Special Services Club

The Special Services Club meets twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Lecture Center. Not only does the club represent students from a diverse background and strive to educate the college and community about the needs and contributions of a diverse population, but they also provide opportunities for students to participate in leadership roles on campus.

The Club sponsors Curt Sherwood fund raising activities which assist students in financial crisis. The Special Services Club is one of the most active clubs on campus and is supported by the Special Services Program.