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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

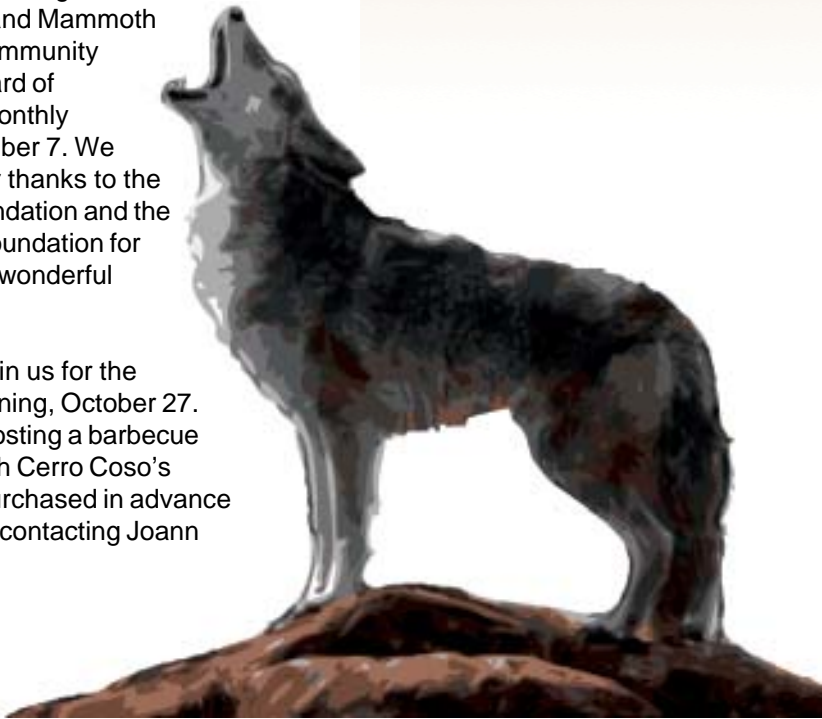
Cerro Coso Community College is well into the fall semester and we are serving over 230 more students than last fall semester. That is great news for the College!

Cerro Coso and the entire Kern Community College District will undergo its regular six-year re-accreditation process in October. Accreditation of California Community Colleges consists of a lengthy self-study process, followed by a site visit of 10-12 community college professionals to evaluate adherence to accreditation standards. We are well-prepared and anticipate a smooth process.



The Eastern Sierra College Centers at Bishop and Mammoth hosted the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees for their monthly meeting on September 7. We wish to express our thanks to the Eastern Sierra Foundation and the Mammoth Lakes Foundation for their support of this wonderful two-day event.

We hope you will join us for the Astronomical Barbecue and Star Party on Friday evening, October 27. The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation is hosting a barbecue dinner with live music, followed by star gazing through Cerro Coso's \$500,000 collection of telescopes. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce or by contacting Joann Handeland at 384-6230.



CERRO COSO COLLEGE & FOUNDATION SPONSOR ASTRONOMICAL BBQ & STAR PARTY



Dr. Alex Shlanta and Dr. Maryn Retterer

Cerro Coso Community College and the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation are teaming up to sponsor the first ever Astronomical Barbecue & Star Party!!! **Mark your calendars** for this fun-filled fundraiser which is a benefit for the "Dr. Alex Shlanta Astronomical Observatory" at Cerro Coso. The fundraiser is scheduled for **Friday, October 27** with the barbecue dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the College Library's front lawn (with chef's Mary Retterer and her husband Rich) with the Star Party beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Observatory.

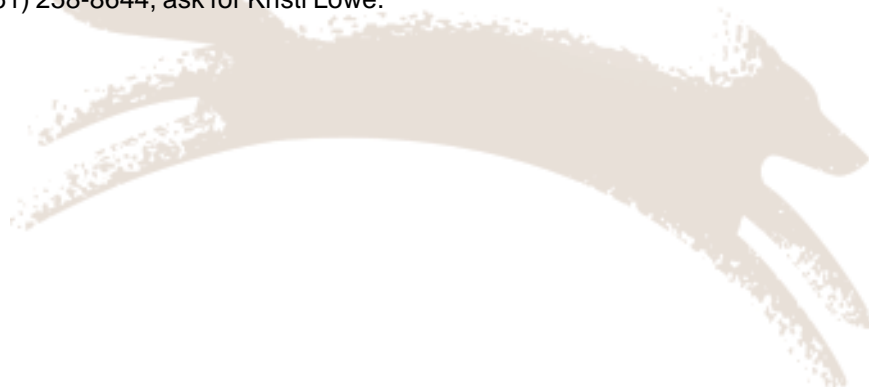
"Yesterdaze" a popular local band (with John Stenger-Smith) and the CERRO COSO COMMUNITY BAND (with Tom Foggia) will both be providing musical entertainment during the dinner. Presale tickets are adults: \$8.00, children \$6.00, and family four-pack \$25.00. Tickets are available at Lou's Hallmark, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and the Cerro Coso Business Office. Come and enjoy the fun!

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET RETURNS TO MOJAVE

Auditions for the Cerro Coso Community College production of the Nutcracker Ballet will be held at the Mojave High School Mustang Gymnasium on Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Mojave High School Gymnasium is located at 15732 "O" Street in Mojave. There is no charge for the audition.

Roles are available for adults and children age seven years and up. Previous dance or stage experience is desirable but not necessary; however, solo and feature dances require some dance training, including the ability to dance on point. Gymnasts and actors are welcome. People interested in backstage experience are invited to sign up for the production crew.

The Nutcracker Ballet will be presented on Saturday December 2 and Sunday December 3 2006 in Mojave. This will be the eleventh production of this holiday classic. For more information contact Cerro Coso Community College, South Kern at (661) 258-8644, ask for Kristi Lowe.



CERRO COSO BASEBALL PLAYERS ACKNOWLEDGED

On Sunday, August 27th, Baseball Coach Dick Adams and Assistant Coach Joey Davis kicked off the fall semester with their annual baseball team orientation. The coaches meet all afternoon with the new and returning student athletes to begin “team building” and to provide the players’ guidelines on what it takes to be a successful student at Cerro Coso. Dr. Jane Harmon, Vice President of Student Learning, and Jill Board, Vice President of Student Services both addressed the students welcoming them to the college. That evening, the team met at a local restaurant and were addressed by a past player who encouraged the team to take advantage of the opportunities that our college athletic program offers, and stressed how important it was to keep their attitude and priorities straight. Coach Adams finished the day by presenting certificates to the returning players who received All-Foothill Conference First and Second Team recognition. The players who received First Team were shortstop, Mark Sayas, and for Second Team designated hitter Cameron White, pitcher Jessie Zuber, and outfielder Jon Proesi.



CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SPONSORS “REGISTER AND WIN” PROMOTION

The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation recently sponsored a “Register and Win” promotion on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College. Postcards were sent to households in the College’s service area and individuals were asked to log on to the College web site and register to win a \$100 prize towards textbooks in the College’s Bookstore the “Book Nook”.

Ms. Ruthie Lancaster from Trona is the online winner of the \$100 for textbooks promotion. Lancaster is a full-time Cerro Coso on-line student taking 13 units during the Fall 06 Semester. She works at both the Trona Branch Library of San Bernardino County and the Trona High School Library. Bookstore Manager, Natalie Dorrell, presents a smiling and thrilled Ruthie Lancaster with her textbooks.



Sean Lundin, a concurrently enrolled student (Mesquite High School and Cerro Coso) is the winner of the “Register & Win” promotional contest at Cerro Coso Community College. Lundin received a \$100 gift certificate toward the purchase of textbooks in the Cerro Coso Book Nook. Lundin who is enrolled in Calculus and English at the College for the fall semester smiles as Vice President of Student Services, Jill Board and Natalie Dorrell, Bookstore Manager present the textbooks. The \$100 gift certificate was made possible by the Cerro Coso College Foundation. Each of the College campuses: Kern River Valley Campus, Eastern Sierra College Center – Mammoth Lakes and Bishop and South Kern at Edwards AFB all presented a student with a \$100 gift certificate for textbooks.





ASCC HOST 9/11 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

At 12:30 p.m. on September 11, 2006, the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) hosted a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony around the College flag pole. Ted Hagle, ASCC President, presented Dr. Mary Retterer, Interim President of Cerro Coso with a new flag purchased by the ASCC. Cerro Coso staffer, Rudy Solidarius, raised the new flag with assistance from Burroughs graduate, Air Force Tech Sergeant Patrick Connelly. Connelly recently returned home from Germany and two deployments to Iraq. The assemblage sang the National Anthem, taps played and a moment of silence was observed for those lives lost and their families.

CERRO COSO STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

The Learning Disabilities Association of California Awards and Scholarship Committee recently awarded The John Arena Memorial Scholarship (JAMS) for \$1,000 to Cerro Coso College student Naomi Toborg. Ms. Toborg is a full-time Cerro Coso student, enrolled in 13 units for the fall semester. The JAMS award committee chose Ms. Toborg for her academic perseverance and tenacity and her campus service as Vice President of Special Services Club and as a participant in the Student Ambassador Program.

John Arena was a teacher, writer, lecturer, publisher and college instructor who dedicated his life to those with learning disabilities teaching others to teach to students' strengths to help them overcome their weaknesses. The Award Committee stated Ms. Toborg carried on these same qualities in that "she has gone beyond being a student with a disability to being an instructor and role model for other students."

"I was surprised and grateful to be honored in such a wonderful fashion," stated Toborg.

Naomi Toborg was recommended for her willingness to assist other students and work and service related accomplishments by faculty members Jon Tittle and Bonita Robison.



RUSH HOUR WEEK AT CERRO COSO

An invitation was sent out college-wide to participate in the "Rush Week" activities. The week of September 11, 2006 was designated as Rush Week this semester at Cerro Coso.

"Rush Week" is designed to provide students with an introduction to the Clubs, ASCC Activities and Student Life on campus. This is a time to recruit new students and gather returning students back into action. Faculty were asked to recruit Area Representatives that could attend the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) meetings. Department Chairs were invited to participate and to provide students with information regarding their Department, particularly any co-curricular activities or events that their Department is providing for students.

This semester's "Rush Week" included both the fifth-year remembrance of 9/11 and the day chosen to celebrate US Constitution Day.

Small flags were disseminated on September 11th, and copies of the United States Constitution on September 14th along with information regarding the ASCC.

Rush Week Events

Monday: 9-11 Remembrance 12:30 – 1:30

Tuesday: Club Competition (trivia quiz) Student Center 11:00 – 2:00

Wednesday: Club Fund Raisers Student Center/Patio 11:00 – 2:00

Thursday: Constitution Day-Wear Red, White & Blue Student Center 11:00 – 2:00

On Wednesday, September 13th, during "Rush Week", the CARE Club offered a "Dunk the Staff" activity in the grass area adjacent to the fountain outside of the Student Center. A huge THANK YOU to those volunteered! In addition to the club raising funds, this was a great opportunity for staff to inform students about themselves.

Participating staff included:

11:00-11:15	Betty Jones, Educational Advisor, Counseling
11:15-11:30	Debby Kilburn, Faculty, CIS
11:30-11:45	Dick Benson, Faculty, Art
11:45-12:00	Dan Johnson, Adjunct Faculty, Information Technology
12:00-12:30	Jan Moline, Faculty, Counseling, ASB Advisor
12:30-12:45	Eloy Rodriguez, Faculty, Mathematics
12:45-1:00	Kim Kelly, Faculty, Physical Education & Wellness
1:00-1:15	Karen O'Connor, Faculty, Business
1:15-1:30	Rudy Solidarios, Custodian
1:30 - 2:00	Jim Manion, Faculty, Mathematics



Dick Benson



Jim Manion



Karen O'Connor



NEW ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH

Baseball Coach, Dick Adams, announces new Assistant Baseball Coach, Joe Davis. Joe Davis is originally from the Chico area but most recently northern Nevada. He has played professional baseball, pitched collegiately at Napa College and coached at Solano College.

Mr. Davis will be an adjunct instructor in the PE/Athletics Department. He will coach the pitchers, and assist with recruiting. Mr. Davis plans to rejuvenate the winter baseball camp and continue our summer camp tradition.

Mr. Davis has been married 10 years to his wife Tammy. Tammy works at Payless Drugs where she is a licensed Pharmaceutical Technician.

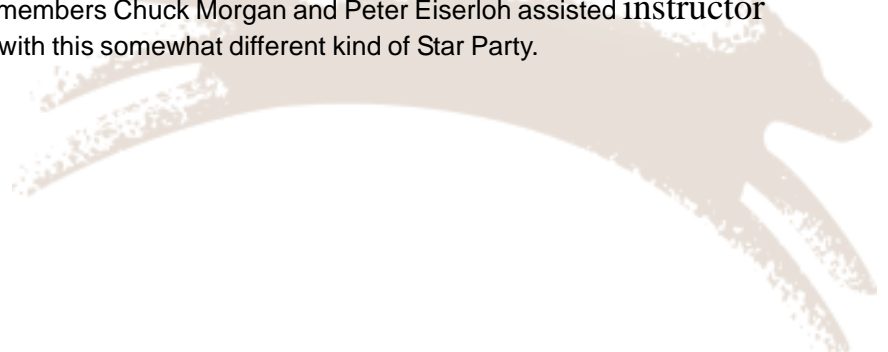
Mr. Davis replaced Paul Bassett who accepted a volunteer job at BYU, who will work camps and part time grounds on the baseball field. We wish Paul well as he follows his dreams in his pursuit of coaching at a Division 1 University.

Mr. Davis has hit the job with his feet running! We are so pleased with his expertise and performance is well received by the players.

Welcome Joe and Tammy Davis to our valley and college!

STAR PARTY FOR 3RD GRADE GATEWAY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Windy or not the show must go on! A Star Party was held at the Cerro Coso College Observatory on Friday, September 15, 2006 for the 3rd grade classes of Virginia Weisz and Paige Sorbo from Gateway Elementary. "About 50 students and parents attended the event and they were an enthusiastic group. The weather defied the forecast and presented a real challenge for the outing. It was 63 degree F, partially cloudy, with a wind WSW at 25 mph, and gusts into the 30's. Needless to say, the wind precluded the use of telescopes. I was thinking about canceling the Star Party when the Gateway elementary group appeared at the College. But, I noticed they all were so eager and I just couldn't let them down. So, a variation on the star party theme was carried out and it proved to be effective," stated Cerro Coso instructor Alex Shlanta. China Lake Astronomical Society members Chuck Morgan and Peter Eiserloh assisted instructor Shlanta with this somewhat different kind of Star Party.



EVENTS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2006

"Rush Week" September 11-14, 2006

Monday: September 11, 2006
9-11 Remembrance East Entrance
Flagpole 12:30 – 1:30

Tuesday, September 12, 2006
Club Competition (Trivia Quiz)
Student Center 11:00 – 2:00

Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Club Fund Raisers Student Center/Patio
11:00 – 2:00

Thursday, September 14, 2006
Constitution Day-
Wear Red, White & Blue
Student Center 11:00 – 2:00

Nutcracker Auditions, Saturday,
September 23, 2006,
Mojave High School Mustang Gym

Tuesday, October 3, 2006,
Special Services "Octoberfest"
Welcome Back Program,
12:30 – 1:30 PM, First Floor, Fountain Area,

Monday, October 9, 2006,
Classified Staff Development Training

Friday, October 27, 2006, 5:30 PM
Astronomical Star Party

The Star Party commenced with Shlanta using a green laser pointer and pointing out some of the primary Constellations that could be seen. Indicated were the big dipper in Ursa Major, Cassiopeia, the Summer Triangle of stars, Northern Cross in Cygnus, the Square of Pegasus, and the Andromeda Constellation. Shlanta shared a few stories and anecdotes which accompanied this sky tour. Then the group was walked through a model of the solar system with stakes in the ground spaced to represent the relative distances between planets. "When we stopped at each stake the group was told some of the characteristics of that planet. We talked about there being only 8 planets now with Pluto, Eris (2003 UB 313), and Ceres being in the Dwarf planet category," shared Shlanta. The group toured the three domes that were open in the observatory compound and the 3rd graders took an up-close look at the telescopes inside the domes. Chuck Morgan demonstrated how to use the Orion 12-in Dobsonian mount reflector the students then took a look down at the mirror. Then Morgan went to the Meade 12-inch LX200 Schmidt Cassegrain telescope on a fork mount. The students particularly liked it when Morgan controlled the motion of the LX200 with the hand controller. Peter Eiserloh then demonstrated the Cave 10-inch reflector on an equatorial mount and the use of a finder.

Teachers Virginia Weisz and Paige Sorbo were pleased with the Star Party. Now that their students had some background they would like to come back with them again in the springtime to do some actual looking through telescopes at celestial objects.



CLASSIFIED STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Monday, October 9, 2006, a non-instructional day at all Cerro Coso Community College sites, Classified staff will participate in two-sessions, with lunch in the middle, Staff Training. The first session will address Ergonomics and the second address Stress Management. There will be no classes that day and the Cerro Coso Child Development Centers in Ridgecrest and California City will also be closed. The College will be closed to the public on October 9th due to staff development training. The College and the Child Development Centers will resume normal activities on Tuesday, October 10th

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