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## *Cowles Mountain Journal faces funding problems*

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To be or not to be. That is the question that the Cowles Mountain Journal must face every year. This year was no different.

As the printing deadline approached, the Cowles Mountain Journal found itself \$1,000 short, according to Jennifer Merilees, Printing Department Supervisor. She recommended that the Printing Department absorb the \$1,000. They complied, and once again the Journal is in full swing.

The Journal is a collection of photos, poetry, essays, and fiction written by Grossmont College faculty and staff. The journal is put together by an editorial board. Richard Lantz, board member, provide some insight on how the journal gets put together.

The journal was started in 1987, with an idea originally borrowed from other colleges. According to Lantz, the editorial board puts out a call for works from faculty and staff. Every year the board receives many submissions and decides on what gets published. Lantz says that this year they have received more submissions than ever before. Lantz described the

journal as "a way of helping the faculty to get to know each other better."

"It is an idea that is gaining with every publishing," said Lantz. Unfortunately, this might be the journal's last publication.

The journal receives no funding from the school and must survive solely on donations and fund raisers.

"We are a microcosm of the arts everywhere," said Lantz.

Publishing the journal is becoming more and more difficulty every year. With the upcoming budgets cuts, the mere existence of the journal is in jeopardy.

"The arts are the first casualty with the budget cuts," says Lantz.

"This is not a nation that favors the arts. We are more inter-

ested in expensive cars and boats that just sit around in our garages or crowd Mission Bay," said Lantz.

The Cowles Mountain Journal is the only medium for faculty and staff to display their talents. At the moment the journal seems as thought it has seen its last publication, but Lantz said, "We won't go."