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A Newsletter for Faculty, Staff and Friends of Coastal Carolina University

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# Ngwenya named national scholar

Junior Joseph Ngwenya has been named the NSCAA/Adidas Scholar Athlete of the Year. Ngwenya is the first male player to win the award in his junior year, giving him the opportunity to become the first repeat winner in 2003.

A forward, Ngwenya was named the Big South Conference Player of the Year after leading the nation with 26 goals scored and 63 points, breaking Coastal Carolina's single-season record in both categories. A native of Bulwayo, Zimbabwe, he led the continued on page 2

# Campbell ranks fourth in nation

Coastal junior thrower Amber Campbell is ranked fourth in the country, according to the December edition of *Track and Field* magazine.

Campbell, a native of Indianapolis, is the top collegiate thrower behind three post-collegiate women American record holder and national champion Anna Norgren Mahon, former American record holder and University of South Carolina NCAA Champion Dawn Ellerbe, and former Clemson University NCAA champion Jamine Moton.

Campbell finished fourth at the 2002 Indoor USATF National Championships in the weight throw and fourth at the 2002 Outdoor USATF National Championships in the hammer throw. Campbell also finished third at the Penn Relays Olympic Development hammer throw in 2002.

# Loftus to head Center for Economic and Community Development

Gary M. Loftus has been named director of Coastal Carolina University's Center for Economic and Community Development. The center, housed in Coastal's E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration, serves as a bridge between the university and the business community,

sponsoring applied research for local business and governmental agencies as well as other projects relating to economy and business.

Loftus is a noted area civic and tourism industry leader. He is chairman of the Road Improvement and Development Committee (R.I.D.E.) and the Myrtle Beach Area Hospitality Association and serves on the board of directors of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, the South Carolina Hotel-Motel Association, Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday and the City of Myrtle Beach Tourism Committee. From 1974 to 2002, he was general manager of the Bar Harbor Motor Inn in Myrtle Beach. He is president of G & K Management, Inc., a Surfside Beach management and consulting firm.

Loftus has been the recipient of the



Order of the Palmetto (1997), the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Award (1998) and the South Carolina Hotelier of the Year Award (1995-1996).

"We are very fortunate to have someone with Gary's vast experience and considerable

expertise at the helm of the Center for Economic and Community Development," said David DeCenzo, dean of Coastal's Wall College of Business Administration. "A major facet of the center's mission is to interact with the surrounding community, involving faculty and students in projects with practical applications which benefit area businesses and organizations. Gary's extensive background in the private and public sectors at both the local and state levels will enable him to lead the center to new levels of excellence."

The Horry County Higher Education Commission created the Center for Economic and Community Development in 1988 to conduct applied research and offer special services that are relevant to the

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#### **CCU** Newsletter Publication Dates

Submission deadlines: Monday, February 3 Monday, February 17 Publication dates: Monday, February 10 Monday, February 24

Coastal Carolina University Newsletter is published biweekly during the academic year and monthly during June, July and August by the Office of Marketing Communications. Submissions should be sent to the Office of Marketing Communications in SNGL 204 by noon the Monday before publication.

Deadline to submit information for the next issue is Monday, February 3 at noon.

Information for the CCU Newsletter should be submitted to news@coastal.edu in the Office of Marketing Communications, Singleton 204.

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Chanticleers to a 19-3-2 record and the No. 25 ranking in the final NSCAA/Adidas Division I national poll. He was named Most Valuable Player of the Kentucky Traditional Bank Invitational and to two other all-tournament teams. He also earned second-team NSCAA/Adidas All-America honors this year. Ngwenya has a 3.56 GPA in computer science.

Ngwenya, along with the women's winner Joanna Lohman of Penn State University, will be recognized for his achievements at the NSCAA/Adidas All-America Luncheon, was held Jan. 18, as part of the 2003 NSCAA Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

#### Loftus continued from cover

needs of the region. Under the guidance of an advisory board of local business leaders, the center has conducted many research projects through the years including numerous surveys, assessments, feasibility studies and impact studies.

Loftus earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Princeton University in 1962.

## **Birthdays**

#### **February**

- 3 James Hendrick
- 4 Matt Morrin 5 Hong Li
- Charles Moss Jeanne Turner
- 6 Tricia Bailey Judy Fontana Shawn Hale Mario Morales Sara Sanders
- 7 Cookie Elston
- 8 Deborah Gore Joseph Gore Ernie Locklair
- 9 Enda Byrt Clifford Saunders
- 10 June Brown Claudia McCollough Thomas Wilson

# Coastal initiates community dialogue on "Being American"

"On Being American: A Community Dialogue," a series of public forums exploring what it means to be an American, will be held in February and March at the Waccamaw Public Library in Pawleys Island. The series is free and open to the public.

The events, sponsored by the Board of Visitors of Coastal Carolina University's Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, are designed to involve area citizens and Coastal faculty in discussions about the basic tenets of American life and culture. For more information, contact the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts at (843) 349-2421.

The following events are scheduled: The Politics of Being American

Wednesday, February 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m. What does the legacy of our political past teach us about what it means to be an American? This panel will discuss the founding ideas, as they were understood in principle, by the framers. It will also explore how these ideas have changed in history and how Americans are viewed from a global perspective.

Panel:

Pamela Martin, adjunct professor of politics

Eldred "Wink" Prince, chair of Coastal's Department of History

Jack Riley, associate professor of politics

Being American in Global Perspective

Wednesday, February 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m. In this age of conflicting loyalties, moral uncertainties, and global political upheaval, how can Americans be both ardent patriots and responsible citizens of the world?

Panel:

Lynn Franken, dean of the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Nils Rauhut, assistant professor of philosophy and religion

Nelljean Rice, assistant professor of English

## The American Experience in Art and Music

Wednesday, March 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

This interactive, multimedia presentation will explore how the ongoing struggle for freedom and democracy has shaped America's unique and vibrant heritage in music and the arts.

Panel:

David Bankston, associate professor of music

Jo-Ann Morgan, assistant professor of art

# **Campus Notes**

**Budget training** 

Individual budget training for Datatel users is being offered on an on-going basis. To participate you must have Datatel access to financial information. Classes are intended to assist you to understand and maximize the online budget information that is available to you. Sessions will run approximately one hour. All interested parties will be registered for a one-on-one session. To register contact Tim Martin (budget director) at extension 2038.

Snow Day

Gov. Mark Sanford has elected to provide state employees with leave with pay for absences from work due to hazardous weather conditions on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003. Time should be reported as "worked" for that period.

Essential employees who were required to work during this time should earn compensatory time on an hour for hour basis for the hours worked.

# Premier Undergraduate Education

### Van Leer performs one-man show

Coastal will present actor Darryl Van Leer's one-man show, *Power on Earth*, on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in Wall Auditorium as part of the university's 2003 African American Celebration. The event is free and open to the public.

The show features vivid portrayals of some of history's most important and influential African-Americans. In the program Van Leer plays eight different characters including Nat Turner, Frederick Douglass, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr. and Thurgood Marshall.

The show earned Van Leer a nomination for the 1996 NAACP Theatre Award. He performs the show at more than 60 colleges and universities a year. Van Leer's work was recognized by the National Association of Campus Activities in 1994 as "Best Performance."

Van Leer's career has included appearances in feature films (A League of Their Own starring Tom Hanks), on TV (Witness to an Execution on NBC) and in comedy clubs such as Catch a Rising Star and The Comic Strip.

### Coastal Carolina People

Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit information to be included in the "Coastal Carolina People" section of this newsletter. Information will be published following the presentation or activity.

- David Bankston's CD Galvez Town was named one of the 10 best CDs of 2002 by The Sun News.
- Alan Case recently coordinated the annual Senior Fall Festival at the Grand Strand Senior Center in Myrtle Beach. Case and his students work jointly with the Horry County Council on Aging and the Horry County Parks and Recreation Department to plan and implement the event.
- NATO will provide a \$30,900 grant to fund **Richard Dame's** project "The Comparative Roles of Benthic Suspension Feeders in Aqueous Ecsystems."
- Gib Darden published an applied research article titled "High School Students Attitudes Toward Physical Education." in the November 2002 issue of *The Virginia Journal*. Darden also recently completed his term as president of the Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (VAHPERD).
- Mollie Fout has been named to the 2003 Administrative Board of the Coastal Organization of Human Resources (COHR) as the education chairperson. Fout will facilitate the development of a student chapter of the Society for Human Resources

Management (SHRM), the national organization to which COHR is connected, and identify applicants for COHR scholarships for students interested in a career in human resources management.

- Sally Hare received the annual Community Catalyst Award from the Grand Strand chapter of the American Business Women's Association.
- Elissa Howard recently co-conducted two workshops designed to train health and special education teachers in Wisconsin and Alaska. Howard also presided over a student session titled "Highlighting Undergraduate Research in Health Promotion" at the recent South Carolina Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention in Myrtle Beach.
- Varavut Limpasuvan recently gave an invited talk titled "Stratospheric Warming and the Northern Hemisphere Annular Mode of Climate Variability" at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Climate Data Center (NCDC) in Asheville.
- Sandra Nelson and Coastal physical education students recently hosted the annual "Superstars" competition at the South Carolina Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention in Myrtle Beach. The competition pitted 11 teams from universities around the state in academic and fitness events.

### Campus Calendar

Friday, Jan. 31

 All County Orchestra Concert, Wheelwright Auditorium, 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1

 All County Senior Chorus Concert, Wheelwright Auditorium, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Power on Earth, Wall Auditorium, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 5

 Politics of Being American, Waccamaw Library, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 9

 Gospel Singout, Wheelwright Auditorium, 4:30 p.m.

#### **Athletic Events**

Saturday, Feb. 1

 Men's Basketball at Birmingham-Southern, 8 p.m.

• Women's Basketball hosts Radford, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 2

- Women's Tennis hosts Augusta State, 9 a.m.
- Men's Tennis hosts Augusta State, 9 a.m.
- Women's Tennis hosts South Carolina State, 2 p.m.
- Men's Tennis hosts South Carolina State, 2 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 3

- Women's Basketball hosts Liberty, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7
- Women's Basketball at High Point, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8
- Men's Basketball hosts Winthrop, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)
- · Baseball hosts Western Carolina, 2 p.m.
- Women's Tennis at North Carolina State, 1 p.m.
- Women's Tennis vs. Appalachian State (at Raleigh), 5:30 p.m.
- · Men's Tennis at The Citadel, noon
- Women's Indoor Track at Carolina Heels Challenge (Chapel Hill), 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 9

- · Women's Basketball at Elon, 7 p.m.
- Baseball hosts Western Carolina, 3 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 10

- · Men's Basketball hosts High Point, 7 p.m.
- Men's Golf at Rice Intercollegiate (Cypress, Tex.), All Day





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# TUDENT ALUMNI MBASSADORS

# Spring Membership Drive

Applications due February 7

Join us for a Student Alumni Ambassadors Information Session on Wednesday, January 29 at 5 p.m. in the Wall Board Room.

Pick up your application in the Office of Alumni Affairs – Atheneum Hall 001B



