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

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 Jamie 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 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 Hoteler 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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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 win­
ner 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.

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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 numer­
ous surveys, assessments, feasibility studies
and impact studies.

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

Birthdays

Feb

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 explor­
ing 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, con­
tact 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
found ing 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

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 intend­
ed to assist you to understand and maximize
the online budget information that is avail­
able to you. Sessions will run approximately
one hour. All interested parties will be regis­
tered for a one-on-one session. To register
contact Tim Martin (budget director) at
extension 2038.

Snow Day

Gov. Mark Sanford has elected to pro­
vide 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 compen­
satory time on an hour for hour basis for
the hours worked.

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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 Ecosystems."

- **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.
- Men's Basketball at High Point, 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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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