Squatriglia to deliver commencement, honorees named

Robert W. Squatriglia, retiring vice president for student affairs, will deliver the May 10th commencement address to some 600 candidates for degrees.

Commencement will be at 9 a.m. at Coastal Federal Field on 21st Avenue North in Myrtle Beach. May and August candidates will be recognized. In case of a rain delay, the ceremony will be postponed until 2 p.m. at the same location.

Receiving honorary degrees this year will be “Mr. Myrtle Beach,” Ashby Ward, and David Drayton, retired principal of Georgetown’s Howard High School who helped bring the Amistad freedom schooner to the area two years ago.

Squatriglia has served as dean of students and vice president for student affairs at Coastal since 1977. He has been instrumental in the development of student services and programs, including campus residence halls.

In April, 2002, he received the Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) honorary leadership society's Meritorious Service Award. He served as Faculty Circle Secretary of Coastal's Circle of ODK since it was chartered in 1980.

Prior to joining Coastal, he was vice president for student affairs at State University of New York at Brockport and associate dean of students at State University of New York at Albany. He also has held positions at USC and the College of William and Mary.

Receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service from Coastal is Ashby Ward, a longtime promoter of Myrtle Beach and the area. He has headed the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce since 1974.

During his tenure as president and CEO, the Myrtle Beach area has grown substantially and been recognized as a major center for recreation, tourism and business development.

Because he was widely credited as a driving force behind the economic success of the Grand Strand, Ward was awarded the highest honor a civilian can receive from the State of South Carolina, the Order of the Palmetto, in 2002.

He was also awarded an honorary Doctorate of Commerce degree by the State Senate in 1995, and last year the chamber’s board of directors honored him by naming the new visitor center in his honor. The Ashby Ward Official Myrtle Beach/Grand Strand Welcome Center opened in Aynor in December 2002.

David Drayton, principal of Georgetown’s Howard High School for 21 years, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by the university at commencement.

In November, 2001, he co-chaired the steering committee that organized the visit of the Amistad in Georgetown, serving as chairman of Georgetown's Committee for African American Historical Observances.

Drayton is chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Georgetown Housing Authority and a member of the Georgetown County AIDS Task Force.

He retired in 1987 after a 34-year career at Howard High, where he served in various capacities before being appointed principal.

Since retiring, he has continued to be active in the civic arena, working on the AIDS task force and foster care review boards, as well as conducting Gullah roots tours of historical African American sites in Georgetown.
‘Wishful Thinking’ makes debut

What happens when a modern-day, plus-size woman unleashes a trash-talking, disco-loving genie from a bottle and gets to make one wish?

Well, of course she makes the obvious wish – to be thin. What follows is a comic romp with twists and turns – and laughs and guffaws – along the way.

Written by local playwright Kathryn Martin and directed by Coastal senior Jason Adams, “Wishful Thinking” will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10 to 12, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13 at the Edwards “Black Box” Theater.

Starring in the two-act play are Lizz Farmer as Kelly, the girl with the mature figure, and Michael Bratsafolis as the hip genie. Other characters are played by Hannah Palkovitz, Jullian Colletta, Chaz Fries, Kenny Greer, Brian Nunez and Dan Morgan.

Michael Bratsafolis is the Genie, and Lizz Farmer is Kelly, the plus-size woman who gets just one wish in “Wishful Thinking.”

Free concerts abound in month of April

Music faculty and students are busy providing prime entertainment for their colleagues. Be sure to take advantage of all the concert music being offered throughout this month.

• On Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m., the Saxophone Ensemble makes its public debut with a diverse program in the Recital Hall in the Edwards Building.

The quartet includes students Crystal Brown, Simon Harding and Christian Johnson, as well as professor Dan O’Reilly.

Brown and Harding are music majors, and Johnson is a marine science major.

The program will include transcriptions of classical pieces by Bach and Handel as well as jazz and pop standards.

• A Piano Duo Recital featuring the talents of Gary Stegall and Nadine DeLetaille and the works of Debussy, Ravel and Milhaud will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 13 in the Recital Hall in the Edwards Building.

Seating for this concert is by reservation only, but tickets can be obtained at the Wheelwright Box Office or at the door on a first-come, first-served basis. General admission for the public is $10, but students, faculty and staff get in free with a Coastal ID card.

• The CCU Band’s Spring Concert is on Monday, April 14, the final concert of the season. James L. Tully and Dan O’Reilly will conduct the ambitious program featuring ensembles of all types – symphonic, jazz and chamber. It’s free at Wheelwright Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

• Next there’s Pop 101 Rocks on Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium, featuring Coastal’s student vocal ensemble specializing in popular music.

The free concert will focus on classic rock in the Lynard Skynard tradition and more contemporary sounds.

• On April 24, there’s the “Music at the Court of Frederick the Great,” which is Amy Tully’s flute recital, also featuring chamber musicians Gary Stegall on harpsichord and piano, Erin Althorr on violin and Tamar Ben-Pazi on cello.

The concert is free at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall in the Edwards Building.

• Jazz After Hours is on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m., featuring a 20-piece ensemble including students and musicians from the community. This concert will feature Latin jazz, standards, pop tunes and gospel. It’s free at Wheelwright Auditorium.
‘Psycho Beach Party’ is so bad, it’s fun – in the camp style

Bucking a trend of presenting tasteful theatrical fare to the public, the Coastal’s Department of Performing Arts is staying up late to throw a “Psycho Beach Party” that promises raucous hilarity – and you’re invited.

Starting Thursday, April 17, and continuing through April 26, with all shows at 10 p.m. in the Black Box Theater, the free performance is decidedly “not for everyone,” warns director Greg London, adjunct theater professor who also plays Kanaka, the greatest surfer in the world.

This character spoof of the early ’60s beach movies (think Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello) is rowdy with bad language, violence and a male actor playing the lead role of Chicklet, the beach “girl” around whom all the action centers. “Some language might not be acceptable to everyone,” said London.

Written by Charles Busch in the camp genre, this “really raucous” show has a murder mystery plot at its heart. Described as a combination slasher movie, surf movie and thriller, the plot of “Psycho Beach Party” revolves around people being attacked and shaved “from head to toe,” and no one can figure out who’s doing it.

Senior theater student Danny Garrity plays the lead character of Chicklet, a beach girl, and Emily Perkins, a freshman, is the B movie actress. Community actor Jourdan Green is the nerdy best friend of Chicklet, and Michael Bratsafolis is the beach hunk.

Jean Doyle plays the hateful beach girl, and Katie Cush is the crazed mother of Chicklet who locks her in her room when she begins to suspect her daughter of the dastardly misdeeds.

Melissa Lyons acts as DeeDee, the perky beach girl, while Scott Dean and Dan Morgan are surf bums.

The two-act play with a 10-minute intermission should run about an hour and 20 minutes, and it’s free. So leave your inhibitions at home, Dude, and come enjoy this campy romp.

Call 349-2621 for more information.

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Beauty or freak? Viewer decides at photo show

“An International Collection of Freaks and Beauties” is the one-man show by senior art student Clifton Parker that opens Friday, April 18, and continues on Monday, April 21.

The two-day exhibition in the Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery, located in the Edwards Building, features a “twisted portfolio” of photographs from travels around the world. His work has appeared in galleries and publications throughout the southeast as well as in Tokyo.

Parker has studied visual and audio arts at the University of South Carolina, Tokyo Denki University and Coastal Carolina University.

He draws influence and inspiration from the music and fashion industries and incorporates these ideas into his photos.

“The essence of photography is about capturing a moment,” said Parker in his artist’s statement. “It is about catching a fleeting moment. It is not always about the technicalities of the medium providing the perfect photograph. A painting can only create the illusion of a moment or an emotion. Photography is truth. It is realism even in fantasy. It is the unguarded nakedness of a moment.”

You might expect to see a statue’s clasped hands, called “Enlightenment” in this exhibit, or a young Asian girl staring fixedly at the camera, or a girl in blue tones with an angel (or fairy?) tattoo.

He talks of a passion for “excitingly unusual people and places combined with the elements of sensuality and cultural imagery.”

Parker’s photos might evoke a mixture of the works of Helmut Newton, David LaChappelle and Araki Nobuyoshi, but with a “twisted existence of its own.”
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.


• Coastal alumnus Alex Larrazabal is scheduled to play in the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Ga., being held this week, April 7 through 13.

On the official Masters Web site (www.masters.org), Larrazabal's introduction read as follows: Alejandro Larrazabal (Spain) (7), captured the British Amateur Championship, defeating Martin Sell one up in the 36-hole final at the links of Royal Porthcawl...third Spaniard to win the British Amateur joining Jose Maria Olazabal (1984) and Sergio Garcia (1998)...attended Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC...competed in the 2002 British Open.

Larrazabal and Coastal's men's golf coach Allen Terrell also conducted a charity clinic as part of the Atlanta Junior Golf program prior to the tournament.

• Ten Coastal students who presented original research papers at the regional meeting of Phi Alpha Theta on April 4 and 5 were: Derrick Ebbitt, Frank Ardo, Jeremy Todd, Bradley Hensell (2003 grad), Jason Schipper, Brandon Hooks, Charles Sena, Brandie Carlucci, Rebecca Wright, and Seth Morrow.

Scott Hileman of the history faculty also presented a paper. Scott Hucks, president of CCU's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, was the first speaker. Thirteen other Coastal students or recent graduates served as session moderators, and eight Edwards College faculty were judges.

• Coastal recently hosted the spring meeting of The Renaissance Group—a consortium of 36 universities across the nation that share information about their teacher education programs.

Administrators and faculty from Coastal Carolina University attending the conference included: President Ronald R. Ingle; Gilbert Hunt, dean of the College of Education; Rebecca Snyder, assistant dean for funded research; Lance Bedwell, director of the center for the study of standards-based educational reform; and Sandra Lee, coordinator of clinical placements.

• Donald Brook, chief of the Department of Public Safety, was elected secretary of the National Board of the Auxiliary of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians at their March meeting in Nashville.

• At the January 2003 ALA (American Library Association) Mid-Winter meeting, Micheline Brown, collection management librarian, presented "Collaborative Opportunities for Technical and Public Services Librarians" to the ALCTS Role of the Professional in Academic Research Technical Services Departments Discussion Group.

• Sara Brallier and Aaron Ard recently presented a paper, "The Social Support Networks of Unmarried, Childless, Elderly Persons," at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in New Orleans.

• Coastal Carolina softball infelder Holly Lee (Darlington) was named Big South Softball Player of the Week on March 18. She earned the honor after a five-home run, five-win week. She is the second Lady Chanticleer to earn the league's in-season honor, as freshman pitcher Christine Doyle was named Pitcher of the Week, Feb. 26. Lee lead the team to a 5-3 record, including a runner-up finish at the Hokie Fastpitch Classic.

IN APPRECIATION

To my Coastal family,

Thank you for all your support to Jim and me from the time of his diagnosis in December 2001, until his death on March 16, 2003.

We appreciated so much your calls, cards, words of encouragement, and the wonderful meals you brought to our home on weekends while he was getting treatment in Charleston at MUSC.

It was a long, hard battle for us, and the many expressions of love and concern you extended to us will always be cherished.

Sincerely,
Janet Straub

Campus Notes

Math competition hosts local kids

Some 226 students from middle and high schools competed recently in the 24th annual Math competition sponsored by Coastal and Verizon. The contest was on March 28 on campus.

Last shore walk set on April Saturday

The last session of "Litchfield Naturally," a new Lifelong Learning Society program offering environmental tours to nature lovers, will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 19.

"Wetland Plants," led by adjunct professor Tara Aldlen from the Center for Marine and Wetland Studies, will explore an area wetland, and participants will learn to identify native plants and their ecological roles.

The walk will be at Litchfield Beach; the exact location will be provided when registering. The cost per tour is $10 for adults, $5 for students, and free for children under age five. To register, call 349-2665.
Campus Calendar

Monday, April 7 through Friday, April 11
• Advisement for Summer 2003

Wednesday, April 9
• CCU Saxophone Ensemble, 7:30 p.m.
  Recital Hall, Edwards Building

Thursday, April 10
• "Wishful Thinking," 7:30 p.m.,
  Wheelwright Auditorium

Friday, April 11
• "Wishful Thinking," 7:30 p.m.,
  Wheelwright Auditorium

Saturday, April 12
• Piano Duo Recital featuring Gary Stegall and
guest pianist Nadine Deletaille, 4 p.m.
  Recital Hall, Edwards Building
• "Wishful Thinking," 7:30 p.m.,
  Wheelwright Auditorium

Monday, April 14 through Friday, April 18
• Advance registration for Summer 2003

Monday, April 14
• Spring Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.,
  Wheelwright Auditorium

Thursday, April 17
• Pop 101 (Student vocal group) concert,
  7:30 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium
• "Psycho Beach Party," 10 p.m.,
  Edwards Black Box Theater

Friday, April 18
• Clifton Parker art show, opening reception,
  6 to 9 p.m., Bryan Art Gallery, Edwards Building
• Gary Stegall, piano concert, 7:30 p.m.
  Recital Hall, Edwards Building
• "Psycho Beach Party," 10 p.m.,
  Edwards Black Box Theater

Saturday, April 19
• "Litchfield Naturally," environmental tour,
  9 to 11 a.m., Litchfield Beach

226 math whizzes compete at Coastal Carolina University event

Middle and high school winners of the recent Math Competition at Coastal:
Front row, left to right: Kenny Pearson, Lake View High; Kevin Smith, James Island High; Zachary Miller, Aynor High; Scott Imler, Aynor High; Katie Lloyd, Mullins High; Peter Maginnis, Dobyns-Bennett High.
Back row, left to right: Michael Spain, Dobyns-Bennett High School; Matthew Herbaugh, Aynor High; Matt King, Summerville High; Kenny Fladger, Mullins High; Justin Shelby, Summerville High; Peter Dong, Carolina Forest High.

The 24th annual CCU-Verizon Math Contest was here on March 28 on campus.

Athletic events

Monday, April 14
• Women's golf hosts Big South Conference
  Championship, Sunset Beach, N.C., all day

Tuesday, April 15
• Baseball at Clemson, 7:15 p.m.
• Women's golf hosts Big South Conference
  Championship Sunset Beach, N.C., all day

Wednesday, April 16
• Baseball at Clemson, 4 p.m.
• Softball hosts UNC Wilmington, 4 p.m.
• Women's golf hosts Big South Conference
  Championship Sunset Beach, N.C., all day

Thursday, April 17
• Men's golf hosts Big South Conference
  Championship, Sunset Beach, N.C., all day
• Outdoor men's and women's track at Big South
  Championships, Radford, Va.
• Men and women's tennis at Big South
  Conference Tournament, Elon, N.C.

Friday, April 18
• Baseball at High Point, 3 p.m.
• Men's golf hosts Big South Conference
  Championship Sunset Beach, N.C., all day
• Outdoor men's and women's track at Big South
  Championships, Radford, Va.
• Women and men's tennis at Big South
  Conference Tournament, Elon, N.C.

Saturday, April 19
• Baseball at High Point, 1 p.m.
• Men's golf hosts Big South Conference
  Championship Sunset Beach, N.C., all day
• Outdoor men and women's track at Big South
  Championships, Radford, Va.
• Women and men's tennis at Big South
  Conference Tournament, Elon, N.C.
This Issue:

- Commencement speaker announced
- Open House at Waite's Island
- April is concert month
- CCU offers two new plays

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