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# Coastal Carolina

UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

April 19, 2004

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

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## May 8 commencement will be first in Brooks Stadium

Coastal Carolina University will recognize approximately 600 candidates for graduation during commencement exercises Saturday, May 8 at 9 a.m. at Brooks Stadium. May and August candidates will be recognized. The public is welcome to attend.



Lindsey Graham

Senator Lindsey O. Graham will deliver the commencement address and receive the honorary degree Doctor of Public Service. Educator Florida Yeldell will receive the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters, and S.C. Rep. Tom Keegan will receive the honorary degree Doctor of Public Service.

Graham was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2002, succeeding Strom Thurmond. Previously, he had served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has had assignments on the committees on Armed Services, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs. Graham lives in Seneca and is a member of Corinth Baptist Church.

Yeldell, of Murrells Inlet, was instrumental in launching the Third Quarter program which is now the Lifelong Learning Society. She recently established the Robert J. Jackson Collection in Kimbel Library to honor her father's lifelong dedication to reading and learning. She was an educator

for more than 25 years as administrator and professor. She lives in Murrells Inlet and has one son, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Florida Yeldell

Keegan, of Surfside, has represented District 106 (Horry County) in the state House of Representatives since 1989. Since moving to Horry County, Keegan has been actively involved in higher education as a former member of the Francis Marion Board of Trustees and an advocate of Coastal as a community member and as chair of the Ways and Means Committee's Higher Education Subcommittee. Keegan has also been a strong advocate for beach renourishment.

In case of inclement weather, the commencement ceremony will be split into two ceremonies, both in Kimbel Gymnasium in the Williams-Brice Recreation Center.

The first ceremony, at 9 a.m., will be for degree candidates in the Wall College of Business and the Spadoni College of

Education. The second ceremony at 1 p.m. is for candidates in the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the College of Natural and Applied Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.



Tom Keegan

Rain plan tickets are currently available in the Wheelwright Box Office. Every graduate will receive four tickets if picked up by Monday, May 3. Starting Tuesday, May 4, tickets that have not been picked up will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis to graduates needing additional tickets.

### Honors convocation

Coastal's Honors Convocation will be held Tuesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium to recognize and celebrate the university's outstanding students and faculty. The nearly 400 members of Coastal's 16 honor societies and the 36 students listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* will also be acknowledged.



### CCU Newsletter Publication Dates

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Monday, May 12

Publication dates:  
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Monday, May 17

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## April 19-25

- Cindy Drongowski and Jennifer Doyle on upcoming Seniors Summit
- Herb Thompson on CCU recreational facilities, campus intramurals
- Alumni profile: Pete DiMaio
- James P. Blanton Circle dedication

## April 26-May 2

- David DeCenzo and Paula Ellis on Growth Summit 2004
- Vrooman Field dedication
- Alumni profile: Chris Shannon
- *Archarios* art exhibit

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## Birthdays

### April

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|---|--|
| 17 Jim Henderson<br>Pam Spain                     | 25 Penny Oakley  |
| 19 Mary Lynn<br>Devereaux                         | 26 Emory Helms<br>Rebecca Williams                             |
| 20 Alan Case                                      | 27 Doneva Bays<br>Rick Matthews<br>Greg Oates<br>Joseph Riotto |
| 22 Richard Collin<br>Vivian Ford<br>Chris Shaffer | 28 Carlos La Fuente<br>Matt Nicholson                          |
| 23 James Alexander<br>Wiggins                     | 29 Jack Flanders   |
| 24 Micheal Mathews-<br>Rogers                     |  |

### May

- |                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Bob Nale<br>Patricia Silva | 3 Tammy Holt        |
| 2 Priscilla Howell           | 4 Kathryn Caulfield |

## CCU Symphonic Band has concert

Coastal's Symphonic Band will present its spring concert on Monday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

The Symphonic Band, which is comprised of some 50 CCU students of all majors, will perform music from Johann DeMeij's Symphony No. 1 for Wind Orchestra – "Lord of the Rings." The piece was written in the mid-1980s and won the first prize in the 1989 Sudler International Composition Contest. Lynn Franken, dean of the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, will serve as narrator. The music of John Philip Sousa will also be featured on the program,

along with arrangements of traditional American folk and popular music. The orchestra is led by James Tully, assistant professor and director of bands at Coastal.

Art work by Coastal's graphic design students will be on display in the lobby and featured on the program.

For more information, contact the Wheelwright Box Office at 349-2502.



*Symphonic musician*

## 'I Hate Hamlet' offers comedy, ghost

A fast-paced comedy meets a ghost tale and collides with one of literature's classics, as Coastal Carolina University Theater presents "I Hate Hamlet" from April 21 to 25 in the Black Box Theater.

Admission is \$10 for general seating; \$5 for students 18 and younger; CCU students, faculty and staff admitted free with Coastal ID.

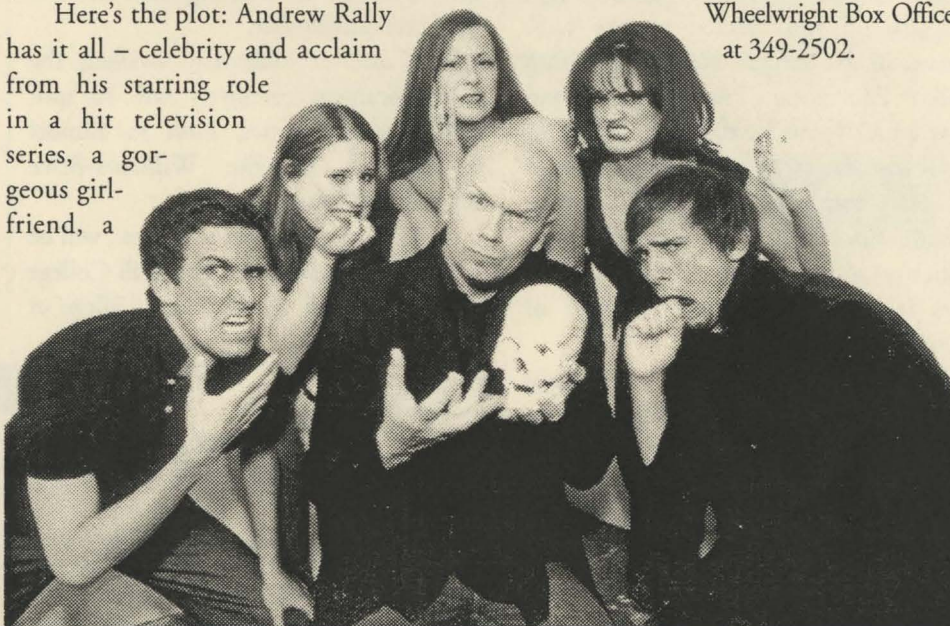
Directed by Robin Edwards Russell, the two-hour comedy by Paul Rudnick celebrates the theater and all its zaniness.

Here's the plot: Andrew Rally has it all – celebrity and acclaim from his starring role in a hit television series, a gorgeous girlfriend, a

devoted agent, the perfect New York apartment – and the chance to play "Hamlet" in Central Park. Then things begin to go sour.

The cast features Coastal students Michael Bratsafolis (as Andrew Rally, the lead character), Diane Fabiano, Danny Garrity, Sloan Huggins and Kristen Skarzynski. Coastal theater professor Greg London plays the ghost of John Barrymore.

For more information, contact the Wheelwright Box Office at 349-2502.



# Coastal People

**Paul Gayes** was featured recently in an Associated Press article on beach erosion on the coast. It aired on National Public Radio and ran in The Sun News and various



Paul Gayes

other newspapers around the state and region. Also, George Voulgaris (USC) and Gayes (both part of the Coastal Erosion Study) participated in a Coastal Erosion Workshop for public officials and managers recently that was sponsored by the North Inlet-Winyah Bay Coastal Training Program.

**Vonna Gengo** received the award for Outstanding Special Educator through the S.C. Division of Career and Transition, presented at the State Transition Coordinators meeting in Columbia last month.

Gengo was recognized as "a true advocate for students with special needs, and she is innovative in program development for such students." She was cited for being "a valuable contributor to interagency collaboration."

Shannon and **Philip Powell** are the proud parents of a son, born on Saturday, April 3, at Grand Strand Regional Hospital. Although a bit early, Alexander Michael Powell is healthy and resting at home.

**Kurry Seymour**, Coastal's assistant band director and percussion instructor, presented a clinic entitled "Fundamentals of Drumming" at the Percussive Arts Society's "Day of Percussion" at the University of South Carolina on April 3. Collegiate instructors and students as well as high school instructors and students were in attendance.

**Shannon Stewart** recently attended the 2004 Conference on College Composition and Communication in San Antonio, Texas. The theme was "Making Composition Matter: Students, Citizens, Institutions, Advocacy," and her presentation was "A Man Walks into a Bar: Using Humor for Empowerment in the Speaking-Intensive Composition Course."

Professors **Claudia McCollough**, **Cheryl Rhodes** and **Linda Schwartz** presented a panel of papers at the national College English Association Conference in Richmond, Va., earlier this month. The theme of the conference was "Is There, Should There Be, a New Aestheticism?" Schwartz presented a paper titled "Thematic Complexity and Aesthetic Merit: An Analysis of Toni Morrison's *Sula*." Rhodes presented "The Use and Abuse of Aesthetics in Contemporary Fiction and Film." McCollough presented "Defining Aesthetic Merit: Philosophic Preparation for a New Aestheticism."

Congratulations to our PGM club points leaders who traveled to Atlanta recently to compete in the "Jones Cup" against five other PGM schools – and won the Jones Cup for Coastal!

Participating golfers were **Hunter Blake**, **Ryan Corcoran**, **Charles Chapman**, **Matt Dwyer**, **Chuck Johns**, **Paul Morin**, **Felipe Salva**, **Ryan Skipton**, **Matt Veltman** and **Doug Wiltsie**. Veltman was low medalist with scores of 72, 75.

**Roy Talbert** has been asked to be the history expert for South Carolina ETV's forthcoming documentary on Francis Marion, the famous Swamp Fox.

**Susan J. Slavik**, pictured here with **Chris O'Brien** of **Go Ahead Vacations** inside the **Coliseum**,



O'Brien and Slavik

participated in a Tour Directors Convention in Rome in late March. She was invited as a consultant to help corporate operations personnel in Boston, Mass., and Lucerne, Switzerland, develop a division specializing in serving travel/study needs for higher education groups. Slavik will lead a 16-day tour to Barcelona and Northern Spain in May.

Coastal's administration and accounting faculty hosted the March 2004 annual conference of the South Carolina Association of Accounting Educators at the Breakers Resort in Myrtle Beach. **David DeCenzo** made the opening remarks. **Gregory Krippel**, **Linda Henderson** and **John Mortimer** were elected president, treasurer and secretary, respectively. This year's attendance included representatives from more than 20 universities and colleges.

Provost **Peter Barr** met with more than 40 administrators recently for the spring 2004 meeting of The Renaissance Group at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, Calif. The group is a consortium of 36 universities across the nation that share information about teacher education programs. This year's topic was "Promising Practices and Accountability," or how universities should prepare their teachers as educators under the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

## Campus Calendar

### Saturday, April 17

- CCU/STRIDE Move Your Hide! 5K Road Race, 9 a.m., CCU Recreation Center

### Monday, April 19

- Faculty Recital, featuring David Bankston and Patti Edwards performing arias, 7:30 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium
- "Shower," bittersweet comedy by Zhang Yang, Foreign Film Series, 7 p.m., Wall Auditorium

### Tuesday, April 20

- "Sarah, Plain and Tall," Theatreworks, 7:30 p.m., Wheelwright, free with CCU ID
- *Archarios*: Annual Art and Literature Publication Exhibition, reception 2 to 5 p.m., Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery

### Wednesday, April 21

- Musician Eric Himan, noon, Student Deck
- "I Hate Hamlet," 7:30 p.m., Black Box

### Thursday, April 22

- "I Hate Hamlet," 7:30 p.m., Black Box
- "Romantic and Regal," faculty flute recital, 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall
- Greek awards, 8:30 p.m., Student Deck

### Friday, April 23

- CINO Day, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Prince Lawn
- Art of the DJ, 7 p.m., Wall Auditorium
- "I Hate Hamlet," 7:30 p.m., Black Box

### Saturday, April 24

- Campuswide Yard Sale, 8 to 11:30 a.m., Blanton Circle (formerly Atheneum Circle)
- "I Hate Hamlet," 2 and 7:30 p.m., Black Box

### Sunday, April 25

- "I Hate Hamlet," 7:30 p.m., Black Box

### Monday, April 26

- Graduating Seniors Art Exhibit, Bryan Gallery

### Tuesday, April 27

- Graduating Seniors Art Exhibition, reception, 4 to 7 p.m., Bryan Gallery
- Honors Convocation, 7 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium

### Thursday, April 29

- "Jazz After Hours," CCU's Jazz Big Band, 7:30 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium

## Staff excellence awards handed out

Jackie King and David Parker are the recipients of Coastal's 2003-2004 Staff Excellence Awards. The awards are presented annually to recognize exceptional non-faculty university employees.

King, administrative specialist in the Office of Admissions, received the Staff Excellence Award for Support Staff. She has worked at Coastal for nine years in the admissions area. King lives in Conway with her husband and child, and she volunteers as a secretary for Aynor's Church of God.

Parker, director of Media Services, received the Staff Excellence Award for Professional Staff. He began working for Coastal full-time in 1979. He earned a bachelor's degree from CCU in 1980 and a master's in media arts from the University of South Carolina in 1983.

Others who were nominated for the support staff award included Jodi Epps, Stephanie Hyland, Trish Brennan, Sharon Tully, Ken Capps, Trixie Harrington, Adrian Burgess, Tabatha Causey-Singletary, Clara Rogers, Helen Peagler, Barbara Scott, Judy Hawkins, Chris Martin, Bonnie Senser, Susie Harrelson and Sally Davis.

Professional staff award nominees were Regina Lee, Peggy Bates and Patricia Bennett.



*Jackie King, administrative specialist in the Office of Admissions, receives the Staff Excellence Award for Support Staff from President Ron Ingle.*



*Director of Media Services David Parker receives the Staff Excellence Award for Professional Staff.*

## Student employee of year is named

Saleemah Tilghman-Madyun, a junior in biology, has been named the 2003-2004 Student Employee of the Year at Coastal Carolina University.

Tilghman-Madyun is the student assistant at Coastal's Office of Financial Aid. She was nominated for the award for her exemplary service by her supervisor, who cited her enthusiastic attitude and excellent work ethic.

A reception was held after the awards ceremony to honor the nominees for Student Employee of the Year. Other nominees were Shrinivas Chabba, Sal-

vatore DeGennaro, Dwayne Harris, Shawn Heilemann, Melissa Honaker, Matthew Parker Ridge and Pamela Whittington.

The campus reception was hosted by the Office of Career Services and Vice President of Student Affairs Lynn Willett.



*Saleemah Tilghman-Madyun*

## Coastal Notes

### Growth Summit 2004 to bring area leaders together at CCU

Coastal and The Sun News are co-sponsoring Growth Summit 2004 on May 4 to bring regional leaders together to discuss the quality of life issues facing the Grand Strand.

How to manage growth is the central topic of the afternoon summit that begins at 1:30 p.m. in Coastal's Wheelwright Auditorium; it is free and open to the public.

Shelley Lauten, project director of myregion.org in Orlando, Fla., will be the main speaker at 2 p.m., offering tips on how her seven-county region in central Florida collaborated to improve quality of life, education, transportation and other issues.

A panel discussion at 3:10 p.m. will feature Lauten and Michael Gallis, a Charlotte, N.C., consultant who helped

the Orlando area adopt a regional approach to growth.

David DeCenzo, dean of Coastal's Wall College of Business Administration, will bring the conference to conclusion with a call to action and final questions.

### SuperSonic Summer courses set

SuperSonic Summer Youth Programs, educational classes designed for students ages 7 to 15, are being offered June 7 through Aug. 20 at Coastal.

Kitchen Chemistry, astronomy, dance, foreign languages, computer animation, the coastal wetlands, pottery and creative writing are just a few of the more than 50 programs available through Coastal's Division of Continuing Studies.

For more information or to register, visit [www.coastal.edu/learn](http://www.coastal.edu/learn) on the Web site or call 349-2665.

## Athletic events

### Friday, April 16

- Women's track at Big South Conference Championships, Charleston, TBA
- Softball at Winthrop, 4 p.m.
- Men's track at Big South Conference Championships, Radford, Va., TBA
- Baseball at Radford, Va., 3 p.m.
- Men and Women's tennis at Big South Tournament, Rock Hill

### Saturday, April 17

- Baseball at Radford, Va., 1 p.m.
- Men and Women's track at Big South Conference Championships, Charleston, TBA

### April 17 to 19

- Men's golf at Big South Conference Championship, Greenwood, all day

### Sunday, April 18

- Baseball at Radford, Va., 1 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 20

- Baseball at UNC Wilmington, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 21

- Baseball hosts College of Charleston, 6 p.m.

### April 22 to 24

- Women's and men's track at Penn Relays Carnival, 2 p.m.

### Friday, April 23

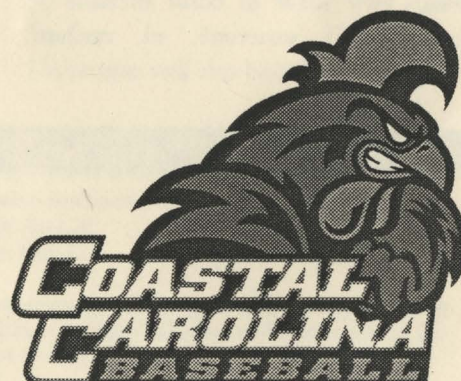
- Baseball hosts UNC-Asheville, 6 p.m.

### Saturday, April 24

- Baseball hosts UNC-Asheville, 2 p.m.

### Sunday, April 25

- Baseball hosts UNC-Asheville, 1 p.m.



## Faculty, student concerts coming up

A wide range of concerts featuring the musical talents of Coastal students and faculty are coming up over the next couple of weeks.

**David Bankston** and **Patti Edwards** will present a **faculty recital** on Monday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Wheelwright Auditorium. They will perform classical arias and duets. The concert is free and open to the public, as are all the following concert events.

Bankston has performed extensively in opera and musical theater, including leading roles in companies such as the Houston Grand Opera, Washington Opera and New Orleans Opera.

Edwards, a native of Georgetown, taught at Bemidji State University in Minnesota, Charleston Southern University, the College of Charleston, Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas, and was a doctoral teaching fellow at the University of North Texas.

On Thursday, April 22, **Amy Tully** and musical friends will perform a variety

of romantic solo and chamber works for flute in a recital titled "**Romantic and Regal.**" The concert is at 7:30 p.m. in the Edwards Recital Hall.

Tully is a member of the Long Bay Symphony, as well as the chamber groups Strand Strings and Tidelands Trio. She has performed with the Wilmington Sea Flutes, Wilmington Symphony Orchestra and the Opera House Theatre Company in Wilmington.

**CCU's Symphonic Band Concert** is set for Monday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium. Under direction of James Tully, the premier instrumental ensemble on campus will present an evening of traditional wind band music by composers such as Percy Grainger and John Philip Sousa. Kurry Seymour will be featured as marimba soloist.

The **Pop 101 Concert** is Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium, and **Jazz After Hours** is Thursday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright.

## This Issue:

- *Commencement set for May 8 at Brooks Stadium*
- *CCU staff excellence awards distributed*
- *'I Hate Hamlet' debuts in Black Box*
- *Coastal's Symphonic Band to perform*

THE CCU  
SYMPHONIC  
BAND  
Spring Concert

Monday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.  
Wheelwright Auditorium

Free and open to the public. For more information,  
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