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‘Close to Shore’ author to speak

Michael Capuzzo, author of *Close to Shore*, the book Coastal freshmen are reading *en masse*, will speak Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium.

*Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916*, Capuzzo’s first book, is a nonfiction account of the first shark attacks on an American vacation resort. The book describes the early beach resorts of the Jersey shore and the solitary odyssey of one great white shark that got off course and preyed on tourists there during the summer of 1916.

All new students were assigned to read the book as part of a new campuswide reading project inaugurated this year. The shared reading experience is a central element in the New Student Convocation, held on Sunday, Aug. 15, and group discussions on Monday, Aug. 16. The “big read” event for freshmen creates a shared intellectual pursuit that invites an entire class of entering freshman to bond as a group.

Capuzzo has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize four times and has also been a National Magazine Award finalist. He has worked as a feature writer for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Miami Herald*. His stories have also appeared in *Esquire*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Life* and *Reader’s Digest*. Capuzzo lives with his wife and two children in rural New Jersey.

Kristol, Waldman debate Sept. 9

A former White House chief speechwriter and a distinguished political analyst will face off in a debate on the presidential race Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium.

Michael Waldman and William Kristol will share the spotlight as the speakers of Coastal’s Kimbel Distinguished Lecturer Series. The event is free and open to the public.

In conjunction with the debate, the university is also conducting a register-to-vote promotion to encourage student participation in the electoral process.

Waldman, chief speechwriter for President Bill Clinton from 1995 to 1999, is author of *POTUS Speaks: Finding the Words That Defined the Clinton Presidency*. Most recently he edited *My Fellow Americans*, an anthology of 43 major speeches by American presidents from George Washington to George W. Bush. Waldman has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *Nightline* and *Hardball*.

Kristol, editor of the Washington-based political magazine, *The Weekly Standard*, is widely recognized as one of the nation’s leading political analysts and commentators.

He appears regularly on *Fox News Sunday* and as an analyst on the Fox news channel. Kristol recently co-authored *The New York Times* bestseller *The War Over Iraq: America’s Mission and Saddam’s Tyranny*.

The purpose of the Kimbel Distinguished Lecturer Series is to present programs promoting an appreciation for the intellectual values in broad social issues, religion, geopolitics and the arts.

For more information, call the Wheelwright Box Office at 349-2502.
Special interest housing offered to new students for first time

A new freshman residential program starts this month as students arrive for the fall semester.

Special Interest Housing communities bring students with common interests together in residence hall environments designed to integrate learning and community living. Faculty and staff members serve as advisers to each community.

Incoming freshmen can now choose one of three special interest housing programs. They include:
- Wilderness and Outdoor Experience
  - This community offers practical and educational experiences for residents to learn about wilderness skills and activities such as canoeing, kayaking, caving, white-water rafting, backpacking and the like.
- The Sea Floor
  - For people who share a passion for all things about the ocean.
- Chanticleer Spirit and Leadership Development
  - This housing group will provide opportunities for students to develop their school spirit, leadership and communication skills.

Lynn Willett, vice president for student affairs, said the special interest housing programs can ease the transition for freshmen by providing peer groups of students with similar interests.

Coastal Notes

SCETV Road Show comes to CCU

Coastal will be featured on the new South Carolina ETV program Road Show. The one-hour program is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11 at 3 p.m.

The show will feature interviews with President Ronald R. Ingle, David Bennett, Warren Koegel, Matt Hogue, Charlie Thrash, Don Millus, students, tailgaters, cheerleaders and alumni. The Coastal vs. Davidson football game will be shown live at 7 p.m.

Road Show's coverage of Coastal is part of SCETV's statewide launch of the South Carolina Channel, a digital broadcast service that will air events and programs about the Palmetto State.

Alumni: Want to play volleyball?

Former CCU volleyball players are invited to an Alumni Volleyball Reunion in August. A social event is set for Aug. 20 at 7 p.m., and a game and pizza party is scheduled for Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. For more information, call Doneva Bays at 349-2942 or e-mail dbays@coastal.edu.

Coastal wins financial award

For the second year, Coastal has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, a national award given by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

As the individual primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR, Coastal comptroller Linda P. Lyerly received an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement.

Shuttle service expands

Beginning Monday, Aug. 16, Lymo will expand its free shuttle service on and around campus. Every 15 minutes, the Bronze Shuttle will pick up and drop off passengers at University Place, the Humanities and Fine Arts Building, the Wall Building and the Student Center. Every 20 minutes, the Teal Shuttle will make stops at the Student Center and at the Burroughs & Chapin Center for Marine and Wetland Studies in the Atlantic Center. The Bronze Shuttle runs daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the Teal Shuttle runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shuttle schedules are available at the Law Enforcement office in Atheneum Hall.
Fran Gilbert has successfully completed the requirements for graduation from the South Carolina Executive Institute, a program offered by the State Budget & Control Board. The 2004 Class was comprised of 40 nominated individuals, selected from a broad cross-section of primarily public sector leaders throughout South Carolina. The Executive Institute, designed for senior level executives and managers, is a nine-month program that focuses on leadership skills and executive strategies. The program is led by faculty from leading institutions, including Professor Dan Fenn of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Var Limpasuvan published, as lead-author, an article titled “The Life Cycle of the Northern Hemisphere Sudden Stratospheric Warmings” in the July issue of the Journal of Climate. Supported by NSF funding, the work examines the dynamics of the coupled wintertime evolution between the polar vortex and the near-surface atmospheric circulation. Additionally, he co-authored with Dennis L. Hartmann of the University of Washington an article titled “The Stratosphere in the Climate System” in the spring 2004 issue of the World Climate Research Programme’s Stratospheric Processes and their Role in Climate (SPARC) News. The work discusses the dynamical influence of the stratosphere on the climate.

Vivian McCain, director of ITS’s Academic Support Services, and Laura Hogue, technology specialist for the TEAL Center, attended the WebCT 2004 National Conference in Orlando, where they presented “Other Uses of WebCT Tools: Creative Uses of WebCT Tools to Create Community and Enhance Instruction.”

Paul Rice’s antiques column in The Sun News, “Grandmother’s Stuff,” was recently syndicated nationally by Knight Ridder Tribune. Newspapers that have picked up the column include The Lexington (Ky.) Herald Leader, The Amarillo (Texas) Globe News, The Biloxi (Miss.) Sun Herald and The Duluth (Minn.) News Tribune. The weekly column deals with antiques and collectibles, their history and value.

Sara L. Sanders has been appointed the new chair of the Department of English and Journalism in the Thomas W and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Sanders joined the Coastal faculty in 1987. A graduate of Baptist College of Charleston (now Charleston Southern University), she earned a master’s degree and a Ph.D. in linguistics, both from the University of South Carolina. She was director of Coastal’s Honors Program from 1992 to 1996.
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**Faculty Jazz Ensemble**

Tuesday, Aug. 24
7:30 p.m. • Wheelwright Auditorium
Free and open to the public

Featuring:
- Bill Hamilton, on jazz piano
- Kurry Seymour, on percussions
- Dan O'Reilly, on saxophone
- Tom Yoder, on guitar
- Philip Powell, on piano
- Guitarist/vocalist David Bankston
  and Steve Bailey on bass

From traditional jazz to funk to Brazilian...and even rock...
Original compositions as well as jazz standards.