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

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Coastal celebrates its 50th with Founders' Day



On Monday, Sept. 20 Coastal Carolina University turned 50 and threw itself a celebration, complete with concerts, birthday cake, a convocation, burial of a time capsule and dedication of the new Graham Bell Tower.

In observance of Coastal's 50th anniversary, Horry County Schools, the College of Charleston and the University of South Carolina were honored for the important roles they played in Coastal's founding and development.

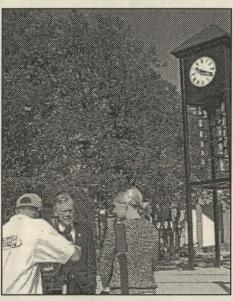
• Horry County Schools—The idea to start a college locally originated in the Horry County school district. In order to provide sorely needed higher educational opportunities for area students and teachers, Horry County Schools superintendent Thurman Anderson and his assistants J. Kenyon



Left, SGA President Taurean Davis and Rob Shelton, head of the Alumni Association, bury the time capsule; above center, Charles Wright's sculptures commissioned for Founders' Day; right, CCU President Ronald R. Ingle is interviewed by WPDE-TV in front of the new Graham Bell Tower.

East and Parks M. Coble began laying the plans and securing support for a two-year college here in the early 1950s. The county school district was closely involved with the founding and early growth of Coastal.

• College of Charleston— George D. Grice, president of the College of Charleston, was the only higher education leader in the state who would consent to sponsor the Horry plan for a two-year college. The college agreed to sponsor and extend its academ-



ic credit to Coastal for four years, beginning in September 1954.

• The University of South Carolina—From 1960 to 1993, Coastal was a branch campus of USC. Under its guidance, Coastal matured from a small two-year program with 100 students and no campus of its own to a flourishing four-year program with a 244-acre campus with residence halls and 4,000 students. Coastal became an independent, public institution in July 1993.



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Submission deadlines: Monday, Oct. 4 Friday, Oct. 18 Publication dates: Monday, Oct.11 Monday, Oct. 25

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Sept. 27-Oct. 3

 Founders' Day events including Convocation, Graham Bell Tower dedication, time capsule, picnic and donor dinner

Oct. 4-10

- Edwin McCain concert (taped)
- Silvard piano concert (taped)

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Time Warner Cable • Channel 5 Sundays at 7:30 p.m. & Wednesdays at 4 p.m. (Conway, MB, NMB)

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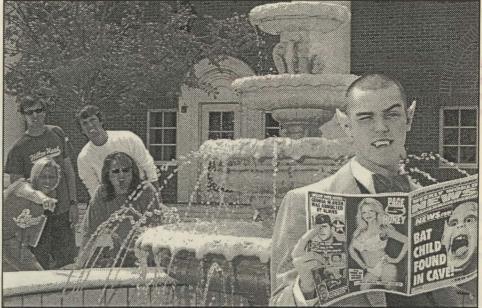
E-mail: coastaltoday@coastal.edu

ODK seeks new members

Invitation e-mails and application links have been sent to more than 600 juniors and seniors who are academically eligible for election to Omicron Delta Kappa.

To be eligible, a student must be a full time student of junior or senior status (excluding seniors graduating in December 2004), rank in the top third of their respective class, and have held at least one leadership position. Students who have not received an email notice and who consider themselves eligible should contact ODK through the ODK website, www.coastal.edu/students/org/odk.

Students who have received an e-mail notice from Omicron Delta Kappa are encouraged to complete the form and submit it by the Friday, Sept. 29 deadline. Students with questions should contact Bob Squatriglia at drbob@coastal, extension 2111.



"Bat Boy: The Musical" opens Thursday, Sept. 30, directed by Greg London and starring a cast of 12, with freshman Trey Gerrald as the half human, half bat boy who's discovered in a cave in West Virginia. A local family offers him a home and tries to teach with social skills, which has mixed results. The play is based on a series of articles in the notorious tabloid the Weekly World News.

Coastal Notes

'Controversy in Classroom' discussion

In conjunction with other events planned for Banned Books Week, Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, the Center for Effective Teaching and Learning will host a panel "Controversy in the discussion, Classroom," on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 3:30 p.m. in Wall 109. Panelists will give a brief presentation in which they discuss the sorts of controversial topics/issues that are specific to their discipline, and how they plan to introduce, teach and confront such topics in the classroom. Panel participants include Arne Flaten, Dennis Earl, Tony Albiniak and Richard Collin. An open discussion will follow the panel presentations.

'Eyes on Biology' series begins

The first lecture in this year's "Eyes on Biology" series will be Thursday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

"Death by a Thousand Cuts" will be the topic discussed by Kevin S. Godwin, assistant professor in the Department of Biology. His talk will deal with the implications of the U.S. Supreme Court's isolated wetland ruling on South Carolina wetlands.

Godwin earned a Ph.D. in landscape ecology from the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, where he focused on wetland communities.

Family Festival coming up

Don Rockey's Program Planning class (RSM 390) is planning, in cooperation with the City of Conway Parks and Recreation Department, a "Fall into Conway: A Riverside Family Festival" for Oct. 30. The event, which is being held under the bridge in Conway, will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. There will be demonstrations by local businesses, live bands and entertainment, food vendors, a costume contest and plenty of activities for children and families. The event is free. For more

information, call Rockey at 349-2137 or the Conway Parks Department at 248-1740.

Lassez earns international computer science prize

Jean-Louis Lassez, professor and chair of Coastal Carolina University's Department of Computer Science, was recently honored by the Association for Logic Programming, an international organization of computer scientists, professors and researchers, for producing "the Most Influential Paper in 20 Years."

The award, presented at an international conference in St. Malo, France (Lassez's hometown), recognizes his pioneering achievement in developing a new computer programming language called constraint logic programming. The paper that won the award was highly influential in the creation of a new field of research that uses special computer software to solve highly complex mathematical problems.

Lassez wrote the paper in 1987 while serving as a senior scientist at the IBM Research Center in New York. The paper was written in collaboration



with Joxan Jaffar, now dean of the School of Informational Sciences at the National University of Singapore.

Lassez, who joined the Coastal faculty in 2001, now works in the field of bioinformatics, a relatively new discipline devoted to analyzing highly complex mathematical data generated though DNA research. A native of Bordeaux, France, Lassez earned

degrees in mathematics and computer science from the University of Paris and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. He has taught at Purdue, the University of Melbourne (Australia), and was an adjunct professor at New York University and Brown University during his tenure at the IBM Research Center.

In December 2004, the 9th Asian Computer Science Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand, will be dedicated to Lassez in honor of his significant achievements in computer science research. Jonathan Bernick, assistant professor of computer science at Coastal, is an invited speaker at the conference.

Birthdays

September

- 25 Scott Pleasant Sara Kay Thompson Dennis Wiseman
- 28 Catherine Goodwin Linda Henderson Wink Prince
- 26 Doug Nelson Robert Oliver Paul Rice
- 29 Janis Chesson Mike Ferguson Diane Gaskins
- 27 James Farsolas Stephanie Hyland Chrystal Medley

October

- 1 Angela Marlowe
- 2 Adrian Burgess Shaun Docking Bill Edmonds Dan Lawless Jim Tully
- 3 Margaret Bates Craig Gilman Nadine Godwin Denitress Pennix Susan Slavik
- 4 Evan Cullipher
- 5 Nils Rauhut

- 6 Pete Barr Bobbie Che
 - Bobbie Chestnut Val Dunham Joanne Flanders
- 8 Sharon Thompson
- 9 Eric Howington Reid Johnson
- 10 Tamaria Jackson Wanda Lewis Mike McClellan Maria Torres
- 11 Tom Jones

Campus calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 29

 "The Writing Process," featuring Maria Bachman, Steve Hamelman and Billy Hills, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., Kimbel Library

Ongoing through Sept. 30

 "The Everchanging Artscape: Studio Art Alumni Exhibition in Celebration of CCU's 50th Anniversary," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery

Monday, Oct. 4

"Aimee & Januar," Foreign Film Series,
 7 p.m., Wall Auditorium, free

Wednesday, Oct. 6

 Marketing Day, featuring three area businessmen, 1:30 p.m., Wall Auditorium

Saturday, Oct. 16

 Edwards College Fall Gala, Edwards Courtyard, 6 to 9 p.m.

Friday to Sunday, Oct. 22-24

 Family Weekend, various activities throughout, call Community Relations at 349-4101

Campus tours coming up soon

Coastal will host two special campus tour and visitation programs for prospective students and parents of prospective students on Saturday, Oct. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. An Open House will also be held on Saturday, Oct. 30.

To participate in the Saturday tour and visitation programs, meet in front of Wheelwright Auditorium on the Coastal campus at 9:15 a.m. on the appropriate Saturdays. The Saturday visitation/tour programs are designed to serve as an introduction to Coastal's academic opportunities, its campus and its history.

There will also be an Open House program on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with registration at 8 a.m. in Spadoni Park. Registration is recommended but not mandatory. To register, or for more information, call 349-2026.

New Zealand historian to speak

The distinguished New Zealand historian Erik Olssen, Emeritus Professor of History at Otago University, will speak at Coastal on Monday, Sept. 27, at 4 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

His topic will be "Global Themes and Local Peculiarities: Comparative Community History in New Zealand and the United States." The event is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow the lecture.

"Olssen is virtually unique in his knowledge of both American and New Zealand history," says Charles Joyner, Burroughs Distinguished Professor of History and director of Coastal's Waccamaw Center for Cultural and Historical Studies.

Professor Olssen earned his Ph.D. in American and New Zealand history at Duke University and has written and taught about both throughout his career. He is the author of six books and numerous articles.

"Since my undergraduate days," says Professor Olssen, "my main interest has been the relationships and intersections between politics, society, ideas, culture and economics. The ways in which they produce the lives of individuals and their societies has been a particular interest."

During the past decade Olssen has been director of the Caversham Project, studying space, time, work and gender in a working-class suburb of Dunedin, New Zealand. According to Joyner, Olssen's book "Building the New World: Work, Politics and Society in Caversham, 1880s-1920s" is a model of what Joyner has called the study of "large questions in small places."

The lecture is sponsored by Coastal's Waccamaw Center for Cultural and Historical Studies, the Department of History, Phi Alpha Theta and the History Club.

Wall College to host Major Days highlighting areas of study

Coastal's E.
Craig Wall Sr.
College of
Business Administration will host
Major Days, a
series of events
highlighting specific programs of
study offered at
Coastal.



The presentations, which are free and open to the public, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 6, and Thursday, Oct. 14, both in the Wall Auditorium.

Marketing Day, on Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m., will feature Shan C. Coughlin, marketing research manager for Burroughs & Chapin Co., Inc.; Sira Christensen, national sales manager,

WPDE; and Steve Mays, tournament director, Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday.

Management Day, on Oct. 14 at 1 p.m., will feature Bill Marsh, owner and general manager of Palmetto Chevrolet; Gary Loftus, director of CCU's Coastal Federal Center for Economic & Community Development; and Mike Starn, financial services associate for Prudential Financial.

At each event the three featured speakers will make brief presentations about their experiences and backgrounds, and will offer suggestions for those who are planning to pursue careers in their respective fields. A question and answer period will follow.

For more information, contact the Wall College of Business Administration at 349-2071.

CCU Athletics

Saturday, Sept. 25

 Chanticleer football vs. North Greenville, 7 p.m., Brooks Stadium

Sunday, Sept. 26

 Men's soccer vs. Birmingham-Southern, 2 p.m., CCU Soccer Field

Monday, Sept. 27-28

 Men's golf at Opus Husky Invitational, Seattle, Wash.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Men's soccer vs. UNC Asheville, 4 p.m., CCU Soccer Field

Friday, Oct. 1

- Women's golf at USF/Beacon Woods Invitational
- Men's Cross Country, at Great American Cross Country Invitational, 6 p.m., Cary, N.C.
- Volleyball at Radford, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 9

- Volleyball vs. UNC Asheville, 2 p.m., Kimbel Arena
- Chanticleer football vs. West Virginia,
 7 p.m., Brooks Stadium

CARA to meet

The annual Carolinas Active Retirement Association (CARA) Conference, co-sponsored by Coastal Carolina University, will be held Oct. 13 to 15 in Beaufort, with the theme "Understanding the Carolinas' 'Age Wave'." The focus of the conference is how to better serve, market to and build for aging Carolinians, as well as thousands of retirees who migrate to the state each year.

The conference is geared toward business people and service providers who work with older adults and retirees. Coastal's Center for the Study of Aging and Active Retirement (CSAAR), in concert with the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business, is co-sponsoring the conference, and Reid Johnson and Rocky Cartisano of CSAAR will represent the university.

Coastal People

James
Henderson,
Pam Martin,
and Paul Peterson attended
the 100th
Annual Meeting of the
American
Political
Science



Association, held in Chicago Sept. 1-5. Peterson was a discussant on the panel "Constitution-alism at the End of History" and delivered a paper titled "Michael Curtiz: The Mystery-Man Director of 'Casablanca'" on the panel "Political Philosophy Comes to Rick's: 'Casablanca' and American Civic Culture." The panels from the Casablanca panel will be published as an anthology by Lexington Books.

Jane Guentzel presented an invited paper titled "Atmospheric Deposition and Geochemical Cycling of Mercury in South Carolina" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers, held on Sept. 17. in Myrtle Beach.

Jose Sanjines has published a short story, "Una Noche en Mi Medusa," in Los Noveles, an online magazine of Latin American literature. The story was written in collaboration with Edumndo Paz Soldan. You can access the story, in Spanish, at losnoveles.net.

Sculptors Jo-Ann Morgan and Charles Wright, accompanied by CCU student Robert Brownlow, traveled to Lenoir, N.C., recently to participate in the annual "Caldwell Arts Council Sculpture Celebration," which attracts sculptors from throughout the Southeast.

Wright's "Black Widow" and

Brownlow's "Get to the Point" are each large welded steel sculptures which they placed on the grounds of Broyhill Park in Lenoir.

The three sculptors have other work currently on exhibition in North Carolina. Morgan's small wire sculpture "Petite Bustier" is showing with "The Suitcase Show" at the Caldwell Art Council gallery for the month of September. Brownlow and Wright each have large welded steel sculptures installed in a Tri-State Sculptors-sponsored outdoor display at the North Carolina School for the Arts in Winston-Salem.

Gary Stegall has been selected to perform in the NYC series "Music in Chelsea" on Nov. 14. He'll be playing the New York premiere of a recently-discovered piano piece of Debussy, composed in 1917 and now confirmed by French scholars to be the last piece that Debussy wrote for piano solo. The piece, entitled "les soirs illuminees par l'ardeur du char-

bon" (evenings lit by glowing coal), was discovered about a year ago in a trunk belonging to the ancestors of Debussy's coal distributor.

Linda Schwartz has been asked by Thomson-Wadsworth Publishing to write a guide to the American Psychological Association's (APA) documentation. The new book will be similar in format to Schwartz's "Wadsworth Guide to MLA Documentation."

Greg London has been invited to understudy Macbeth for the Folger Shakespeare Theater in Washington. The invitation came on short notice and after the semester had begun, so London is unable to accept.

Alberto Perez will present at the Modern Language Association annual convention in December. His paper is titled "Discursive Crossings Between Science and Literature in Spanish American Modernist Writers."



A Name of Their Own: In honor of Coastal's 50th Anniversary, the Campus Tour Guide organization would like to establish a name for themselves—a name other than "tour guides." Submit names by e-mail to rbarry@coastal.edu or in-person at the Admissions Office by noon on Friday, Sept. 24. If your suggestion is the winning name, you'll win a CCU sweatshirt.



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