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President Ingle outlines campus construction projects

Don't be surprised if you drop in on a colleague in Kearns Hall and find him/her not there. In fact, you probably won't be able to get into the building as it will be closed for construction for more than a year.

The renovation of Kearns Hall is one of many projects under way or scheduled for this coming year, according to CCU President Ronald Ingle.

The arena, the straightening of University Boulevard, and the renovation of Kearns Hall, the Student Center and Kimbel Library are all major projects that should at least start in 2006, in addition to construction of a new end zone facility at Brooks Stadium that will add 1,000 seats to the visitors' side.

"We have a lot going on," says Ingle, running through a list of current and near-future projects.

- The Arena. Financing for the Arena, the most widely publicized planned project, is now being arranged by the investors, according to Ingle. The first major step in the Arena project will be straightening of University Boulevard, which he predicts should begin in early 2006.
- Kearns Hall. A major overhaul is under way to bring the old building into the new millennium. Offices have been relocated to Founders Center, and education and health classes have moved to the Atlantic Center.
- Athletic Field House. "We're optimistic we will have raised the money for construction by early next semester," says Ingle, adding that construction will probably take more than a year. In the meantime, a temporary weight room will be set up in what is now the warehouse facility, which will move to the Atlantic Center.
- Science Center. State funding is being sought for the long-awaited, badly needed new Science Center. According to plans, the new building will be located on the site of the present parking lot adjacent to the Science Center. The two buildings, new and old, will connect.
- Student Center. Starting in the spring of 2006, renovations will begin on the center, designed to make the building more open and "friendly," lighter and more modern. Student Activities offices will move upstairs and will be replaced by a student lounge area with sofas and chairs. The ceiling of the game room will be raised to make it more open. The Cino Grille will be reconfigured to improve the crowd flow in the checkout area and to open up the space.
- Kimbel Library. The entrance will be renovated, a coffee bar added and meeting rooms will be updated to include more modern equipment and computers so that students can work on group projects.
- Quail Creek Golf Club at Coastal. Golf cart paths will be replaced, and a new irrigation system installed.

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Submission deadlines:
Thursday, Jan. 5
Thursday, Jan. 12

Newsletter dates:
Monday, Jan. 9, 2006
Monday, Jan. 16, 2006

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Coastal Notes

Looking for lacrosse action
Student Stacie McCormick is trying to start a lacrosse club on campus, but needs an adviser who is a full-time faculty member. If you are interested and available, contact her at smmccorm@coastal.edu.

Wells to sign books
Randall Wells will sign copies of his book, Swamp, Strand and Steamboat: Voices of Horry County, 1732-1954 on Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Wall boardroom. The event is sponsored by the Waccamaw Center for Cultural and Historical Studies.

Reception for Hanson planned
The Office of Financial Aid invites all faculty and staff to a reception in honor of Glenn Hanson on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Welcome Center (behind the bookstore). Hanson has accepted a position as director of financial aid at Southeastern Community College. He has been part of the Coastal community for 17 years; his last day will be Dec. 22.

Drum major duo named for band
Kyle Hughes of Shallotte, N.C., and Leigh Underhill of Hilton Head will be serving as the first two-drum major team at Coastal, leading the 2006 CCU Spirit of the Chanticleer Marching Band. This is the first time in the four-year history of the band that there will be more than one drum major. Drum majors are the central figures in the student leadership, morale and motivation of the band.

Hughes, a junior majoring in music, was drum major of the West Brunswick High School Band in Shallotte. Hughes is a member of the Lambda Theta chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi where he chairs various committees.

Underhill, a junior majoring in music, was drum major of the Hilton Head High School Band. Before transferring to Coastal, she was a member of the Charleston Southern University marching band. She is also a member of the Lambda Theta chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi.
Paul Olsen has had two of his photo collages accepted into the permanent collection of the National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum in Chicago. Both pieces are self portraits that commemorate the 30-year anniversary of Olsen’s service in Vietnam. He used a collection of photos he took in Vietnam along with childhood pictures. Both photo collages have shown in several local and regional shows.


Several faculty and students from the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation conducted presentations at the recent South Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention in Myrtle Beach.


Sharon Thompson presented “Overeat at night? What you need to know about Night Eating Syndrome” with students Nadia Bakalov, Allanah Dobson and Kelly Stroud.

Monair Hamilton presented “An analysis of the influence of the social support theory on physical activity participation among African-American college-age women.”

Deborah Walker presented a paper called “Creating Home a la Casa” at the 75th annual Florida Communication Association conference held in Orlando, Fla. Her paper was part of a panel entitled “Home, Work, and Play: The Physical and Cultural Construction of Space.” Walker was also honored for her service to the organization during its diamond jubilee celebration.

Dan Abel recently spoke to the Winyah Group of the Sierra Club at its regular meeting. He discussed Coastal's Sustainability Initiative.

Paul Gayes presented a seminar at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, Calif, this fall on “South Carolina Coastal Erosion Study: Regional Framework Linking Shelf to Shore,” which discussed the long-term regional study focused on the Grand Strand. The study was led by scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey-Woods Hole, (one of three marine teams that conduct research within the USGS Coastal and Marine Geology Program), College of Charleston, Scripps, USC and others. A similar integrated coastal erosion study has started along the west coast.

During the same trip, Gayes, along with Neal Gielstra and Jamie Phillips, participated in a research cruise aboard the Scripps Institution’s ship R/V New Horizon in support of the Southern California Initiative.

Jo-Ann Morgan delivered a plenary address to the 21st Annual Symposium on African American Culture and Philosophy at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., in November. Her presentation was titled “Hip-Hop Visual Aesthetics and the Promise of Black Masculinity.”

Greg London has been nominated for a National Critics Institute (NCI) Fellowship. He has been selected as the nominee for the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival Region IV, which includes 10 Southern states and hundreds of colleges and universities. The NCI’s mission is to elevate the level of arts criticism and to provide writers the opportunity to grow at the same pace as the artists whose work they review and interpret. The critic (nominee) who writes the best response and participates actively in the workshops will advance to the Kennedy Center.
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