The high price of education

By Candace Davis
staff writer

Textbooks.

Money.

These words go hand-in-hand for college students, and since you, as a student, are spending too much money on books, it is, you have the right to know where to find the best prices.

For some time now, Coastal students have believed that books are cheaper at the off-campus 544 bookstore. As a junior at Coastal, I have bought all of my books at the off-campus bookstore for the past three years. I have always found that my books are cheaper by an overall price ranging from $15-50 at the off-campus store. As of this semester, the tables have turned.

First of all, the ownership of the on-campus bookstore changed from being University owned to being owned by a national chain called Follett. Since then, the management of the bookstore has put in an extra effort to buy books from the cheapest wholesalers, not just the first company they find that carries the necessary materials.

Carrie Kryakakis, the textbook manager, knows how students feel as far as the financial difficulties that come with buying books. “I just got out of school, so I know what you guys (students) are going through. I try really hard to bring in the least expensive books, and we’ve also changed so that we now have a big market for used books.”

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Excitement abounds, Homecoming nears

President Ron Ingle looks on as 2000 Homecoming Queen Terri Gilmore crowns the reigning 2001 Homecoming Queen Katie Embrick in last year’s events. This year’s Homecoming King and Queen will be announced during the Step Show, Fri, Feb. 8.

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Time off not always good idea

By Noah Byrne and Dan Grigg
staff writers

“Time off”, “time alone”, “a break from school”, “a semester or two vacation”, whatever one chooses to call it, dropping out is no joke. The slogan “dropout” has become all too familiar among universities throughout the world, yet in no other country more so than the United States.

According to keynews.org, in a study of the world’s top 29 rich countries, more students in the United States go to college than in other. Yet the United States also has the highest dropout rate of all the countries.

There are many reasons students drop out. They vary from simple things like general disinterest in higher education, to more complex personal problems such as marriage, unplanned pregnancy, or drug and alcohol addictions. According to factsontap.org, 159,000 of today’s first-year college students will drop out of school the following term for alcohol or other drug-related reasons. These people are often placed into a type of rehabilitation center, or they simply cannot continue to go to school because most are consumed with personal addiction mentally, physically, or perhaps financially.

The majority of those who choose to drop out make preparations to return, but statistics show that most
Excitement abounds, Homecoming nears

By Nicole Service
assistant editor

Break out the plastic beads, masks and beer, and get yourself ready for one heck of a party because it's time for CCU to be transformed into a Mardi Gras Homecoming celebration. With more events than ever planned for the week of February 4th through the 10th, there will be games, prizes, food, entertainment and all the necessary elements for the blowout of the year.

It all starts on Monday, February 4th when the Lady Chants take on Big South rival Elon in the Kimbel Arena at 7:00 p.m. Besides going to support the team, you'll also get to watch the Homecoming Court be announced during halftime. Also, as a prelude to the big Homecoming game, the men will take on Elon on Tuesday, same time and place as the women's game.

If you're not much of a sports fan, Tuesday's event might be right up your alley. That's right, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium, the Creative Dating Program will be held. They'll answer questions like "How do you know that someone is really interested in you? Why do men never call back? Why do long distance relationships fail?" With David Coleman, the entertainer and comedian known as "The Dating Doctor" answering all the questions you have (and probably even some you'd rather not know), it's sure an evening of life-inspired laughs. If you can't make that show, don't worry. On Thursday at 7:30 in the Wheelwright Auditorium, another comedy show will grace CCU.

Wednesday, February 6th marks Coastal's very first "Big Fun Day." Under the pretense of casting votes for Homecoming King and Queen, which everyone is welcome to do, there will be tons of student-sponsored booths filled with food, games and prizes that will hopefully make the day live up to its name.

"I encourage everyone to attend Coastal's first 'Big Fun Day.' It's going to be a great time, and the booth that is the most fun wins $100," Matt Morrin, Director of Student Activities, said.

If classes, work and everything else keeps you too busy during the week to attend these activities and you have to wait until the weekend to get involved, don't think that you've missed out. On Friday night at 7:30 in the Wheelwright Auditorium, the annual Step Show will take place as Coastal students exhibit their talents in an effort to win prizes and generally celebrate true Coastal spirit. The 2002 King and Queen, Prince and Princess will be crowned following the show.

Saturday will be jam-packed with events for every walk of life. For the sports fans, the CCU baseball team will take on Campbell at 2:00 p.m. at Charles L. Watson Stadium, and that night at 5:00 p.m., the men's basketball team will take on High Point for the annual Homecoming game.

"I'm looking forward to the basketball game because it's a Coastal tradition, and all the events of the week lead up to and center on the game. Also, since we're playing a Big South rival, it's a pretty important game," Brian Nunez, SGA President, said.

Before the game, you can schmooze with friends and faculty members in true Southern fashion at the Annual Oyster Roast and Pig Pickin' in the Singleton Horseshoe. After the game, the Student/Alumni Homecoming Dance will be held in the PE Center Gym. A $2 donation is requested, so bring your masks and beads to celebrate Mardi Gras like only CCU can.

The week winds down with the Greater Gospel Sing Out at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Wheelwright Auditorium. The CCU Gospel Choir with regional guest choirs will lead this celebration of joyous and religious music.

There's an event out there to fit everyone's personality and interests, so don't let it pass you by. Get out there and enjoy Coastal's Homecoming celebration with all your classmates, professors and friends from the community.

Books

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For Spring 2002, I again bought my books at the 544 bookstore. Out of curiosity, my Sociology 101 professor asked my class where they had purchased theirs. She then compared the prices of those who bought their books on-campus as opposed to those who bought theirs off-campus. The results caused me to think twice about buying books at the off-campus bookstore anymore. The students who purchased their books at the on-campus store had paid only $57.50 for a used copy. I, on the other hand, had paid $70.

Most students look for used books, which are considerably cheaper than new ones, and that is a big money maker for bookstores. Until this semester, the on-campus store would buy back books for a miniscule 10% of the original price, making the off-campus 50% buyback seem like a great deal.

"As of this semester, we're (on-campus store) buying back books for 50% of the original price as long as they're going to be used next semester. It pays to sell your books back here," Kiryvakakis said. "In order to compete, the off-campus store was forced to raise their prices. That's just the way the business side of things work, and since we buy back for more money now, we also have a bigger selection of used books."

I decided to check out the on-campus bookstore and price every book I needed this semester. Then added up the total and compared it to the one off my check to the off-campus bookstore. The price I paid was $254.50 for all of my books, and the on-campus total was $250.50.

Some may say, "Well that's only a $4 difference. Big deal." As I looked through my list at each individual book, I realized there were some big price differences. For instance, I found a $15 difference on my French 111 book. I am not saying that on-campus bookstores is necessarily better than the other price-wise because I found a few books that were still cheaper at the off-campus store.

However, now that the on-campus market for used books had significantly expanded its market for used books, whether that still holds true at the beginning of next semester can only be known then.

The whole point of my little experiment was to provide myself as well as fellow students with information to save money. The best way to buy your books next semester is to take your list of courses and head to each bookstore and price each and every book. After finding which store has the best prices on each of your books, make a list of the ones to buy at each store. Providing that you do not have vouchers or financial aid, it will just mean taking a little more to research prices and maybe writing two checks.

Maybe the price difference for me was only $4, but when you're in college, a little bit of cash can go a long way. Who knows? Maybe you'll end up with an extra 20 bucks at the beginning of the next semester.
The Crime Log

1. 1/14/02: Incident type-Threatening telephone call. A few minutes before noon, a student called the Bursar's Office in the Singleton Building, and inquired about why one of his classes was cancelled. When the employee informed him that the cancellation was due to non-payment, the subject made the comment, "I am coming down there with a gun," and hung up the telephone. The complainant stated to the reporting officer that the Subject sounded very serious about the threat. The case was handled through Student Affairs, and the CCUPD closed the case on the 16th.

2. 1/16/02: Incident type-Possession of marijuana. At approximately 1:16 in the morning, it was reported that a bottle of pills, a bag containing a green, leafy substance, and one roach were found in a Waccamaw Hall apartment. The officer was informed that the residence life staff had been contacted after they smelled an odor coming from the room. The subject admitted that he had drugs in the room and told them where to find the substances. A second roach was found, and the materials were sent to the CCUPD office. It was later discovered that the bottle contained 49 Prozac 20mg capsules, for which the subject didn't have a prescription; the bag contained 4.2g marijuana, and the roaches weighed .4g collectively. Later that day, the case was handed over to student affairs and closed by the CCUPD.

3. 1/20/02: Incident type-Drug/narcotic violation and Drug equipment violation. At 1:11 a.m., the Residence Life Staff contacted the dispatcher for assistance in Santee Hall. Two officers responded, and they were told that the RAs had come to the room on a noise violation and found alcohol and a multicolored glass pipe upon entrance. Four CCU students and three visitors were in the room at the time. The room was searched by staff members, who found a trace amount of a green leafy substance and another glass pipe, all of which tested positive for marijuana. This violation is being handled by Student Referral.

4. 1/23/02: Incident type-Malicious damage to automobile. Between 5:00 p.m. on the 18th and 5:30 p.m. on the 19th, person(s) unknown damaged her car, which was parked next to Waccamaw Hall, by using a sharp instrument to scratch the paint on the left side from the front part of the driver's door to back of the rear quarter panel. No suspects have been apprehended.

5. 1/23/02: Incident type-Malicious damage to automobile. Between 10:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m., person(s) unknown damaged the left quarter panel of her car when she was in class. Estimated damage is $300, and no suspects have been arrested.

The Crime Log is compiled from police interviews and police reports, news editor, Nicole Service
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never do.

Geoff Roberts, a sophomore here at CCU, talks of the time he spent away from college. "I learned an important lesson: stay in school. It was a waste of time to take a semester off."

Ex-student Schuyler Byrne has a more positive view of the time she is taking off. "I took a semester off, but I intend to return to CCU. I need to prioritize my life, to figure what I really want to do and find out what my true passions are," says Byrne.

How does Coastal Carolina University's retention rate compare with a similar S.C. University and the national college dropout average?

According to Coastal Carolina's records, out of 786 new freshman in 2000, only 67.8% returned for a second year at CCU. This is very close to the freshman retention rate of neighboring Francis Marion University which comes in at 69%. It is also very close to the national average, which is around 72%.

Unfortunately, only 37% percent of all students who were new, full-time freshman in 1995 graduated within 6 years. This means that almost two out of three people who register at Coastal Carolina will fall through the cracks, either dropping out or transferring to a different school within six years.

No matter what the causes may be, it's safe to say, the dropout rate will continue to fall with the addition of each new class. Students should be urged to stay in college by not only peers and family but also through school faculty and advisors.

Maybe the solution can be paraphrased by a simple high school slogan, "school is cool."

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We interrupt this winter to bring you an important announcement:

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Groups criticize Ecstasy bill in U.S. Senate

By Tara Ramroop
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(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. - The Ecstasy Prevention Act of 2001, introduced to the U.S. Senate floor by Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.), is currently under fire from civil liberties organizations. A report issued by the Center for Cognitive Liberty and Ethics, a nonprofit organization working to protect fundamental civil liberties, finds that the Ecstasy Prevention Act unconstitutionally profiles people attending "raves," or electronic dance parties, and misappropriates federal funds to communities willing to outlaw these raves.

The bill passed the Senate on Dec. 20 as part of the Justice Authorization Bill, HR-2215. It is now in conference with the House of Representatives.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, MDMA, commonly known as Ecstasy, stimulates the release of the neurotransmitter serotonin from brain neurons, producing a high that lasts from several minutes to an hour. MDMA can produce stimulant effects such as an enhanced sense of pleasure and self-confidence and increased energy. Its psychedelic effects include feelings of peacefulness, acceptance and empathy.

"This is more of an education piece to go after the users," said Tandy Barrett, Graham's legislative assistant. "There's a misconception that Ecstasy is safe. This bill will require a test by the National Institute on Drug Abuse to outline the serious health risk that this drug could have, even from just one use."

According to Sen. Graham's Web site, the apparent harmlessness of the drug has lead to its pervasiveness in American life today.

"In part, Ecstasy use is rising because teen-agers believe it is a safe way to get high and remain energized through late-night parties known as 'raves,'" the Web site said. "Nothing can be further from the truth. Ecstasy can cause brain damage, potentially fatal dehydration and overheating and can precipitate heart attacks or strokes. In Florida alone last year, there were 25 deaths in which MDMA or a variant thereof was listed as a cause of death."

The CCLE disagrees with this sentiment, as they feel that people have the right to control their own minds.

"In one way it's trying to target people who are using Ecstasy based on their lifestyle," said Richard Glen Boire, attorney and author of the report. "Raves are the hotbed for Ecstasy use. It's not like marijuana where there's a telltale odor, or heroin, where people have marks on their arms to indicate usage. It's really hard for cops to tell who's been using this drug and they rely on profiling to determine who's been using it."

Boire feels that these harmful effects can be avoided with responsible use of the drug.

"I believe that, fundamentally, an adult has the right to control his or her own consciousness," Boire said. "The basis of human autonomy is that you have the right to make your own decisions, and that includes responsibly altering your consciousness with the use of any drug, technique or technology."

The CCLE feels that there are already so many mind-altering drugs that are legal and that this bill is an inappropriate use of government power to punish responsible users of Ecstasy.

"People have a strange view of drugs in our society," Boire said. "They ignore how pervasive they are. The government is allowing people to alter their consciousness with other drugs like alcohol, nicotine and caffeine. Under this act, people are being targeted just on the fact that they are attending raves and it doesn't have anything to do with their behavior. It's just the fact that you're taking this drug they don't approve of."

Supporters of the bill insist that there aren't any unconstitutional profiling techniques being employed, as well as no efforts to shut down electronic dance parties.

"The bill is by no means targeting raves; we're just trying to help the communities that agreed to take initiative over the drug," Barrett said. "We want to give them the resources they need and encourage other communities to take initiative as well."

Job Talk

By Mollie Fout
Director of Career Services

Students often ask me how long it takes to get a job after graduation. The average time new graduates search for professional employment is 3 to 6 months. In a weak economy, searches can be even longer and more frustrating!

According to the Job Outlook Survey conducted recently by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, spring recruiting holds more promise than the fall of 2001, but employers expect to hire 20% fewer new graduates this year.

There will be disparity between the hiring outlook for service sector employment, manufacturing and government/nonprofit organizations. The strongest sectors will include the service industries and government agencies. Federal agencies, particularly, are gearing up to replace 45% of the workforce that will be eligible for retirement within the next 4-5 years. Manufacturing is still feeling the pressure of the recession, and only about 45% of the manufacturers responding to the survey say they will be actively recruiting.

If you are graduating in May or August 2002 there are some strategies you can use to maximize your chances for a successful job search:

-Get your job search organized early.

-Take the time and make the effort to identify your strongest skills and research job titles that match to those skills.

-Research the market place and identify employers who hire people with your degree and your skills.

-Start networking.

-Keep an open mind about where you want to be and what you want to do; some compromise may be necessary.

CCU Career Services has planned a comprehensive program of job search preparation workshops that can assist you with the tasks of writing your resume and preparing for interviews. Also, two recruiting events are planned for early March: Senior Recruitment Day, March 7,2002 (on campus) and an On-Line "Job Fair, March 4-8, 2002.

Participation in both of these events is open to Dec. 2001 graduates and May 2002 graduates.
Greek Briefs

Gamma Phi Beta

The ladies of Gamma Phi Beta would like to welcome you back from winter break. We hope that everyone had a fun and safe vacation. We look forward to seeing you during the upcoming semester. For all of those ladies interested in coming out for Spring Rush, the dates are Feb. 18-22. If there are any questions please contact Adrienne Supko at 347-2118. We have several great events planned. We hope you will join us. Good luck this semester!

Panhellenic

Panhellenic meetings will be every Wednesday at 7:30 in room 208 of the Student Center. Panhellenic, IFC and NPHC have a lot of events planned for this semester. We hope that everyone had a great break.

Pi Kappa Phi

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi would like to congratulate our 11 new brothers: Dan Katawczik, Eric Berendt, Drew Bird, Shaun Jones, Todd Hull, Jason Whaley, John Heisler, Mark Cywin, Will Zeallor, Scott Bodderly and Chad Gelvin. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming and all of the other events this semester.

Phi Sigma Sigma

The Ladies of Phi Sigma would like to welcome everyone back. We hope that everyone had a relaxing time off. We are very excited about this semester. For us, the semester will start up with informal recruitment which will begin Monday, January 28, at around 7:00 PM. If you are interested in joining a sorority, Deonne Giles in the Student Activities Office has the calendar of events for the week. We are also looking forward to Homecoming and hope that everyone votes. Our candidate this year is Lacey O’Brien for Queen and the Ladies of Phi Sigma Sigma would like to wish Pi Kappa Alpha candidate for King, Joe Dumbaugh, the best of luck. We hope that everyone has a successful semester.

Sigma Sigma Sigma

The ladies of Sigma Sigma Sigma would like to welcome everyone back and hope that everyone had a great winter break. Please remember that Homecoming is right around the corner, Feb. 4-9. So go out and vote. Sigma Sigma Sigma’s candidate is Jen O. for this years Homecoming Queen. We would also like to thank all of the organizations that participated in Penny Wars. Congratulations to SGA for collecting the most pennies. We have many events planned for this semester, if you are interested in learning more about our sisterhood please contact Yvonne at 347-2410.

The girls of Sigma Sigma Sigma will also be selling heart shaped valentines. They will be $0.75 apiece and will be sold in the Student Center. They will be sold Feb. 11-14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Squawk!
**Correction**

In the article ‘Automobile makers release new concepts, editions’ that appeared in Squawk of the Jan. 16, issue of The Chanticleer, www.newscom.com contributed to the article by providing press releases. These were press releases from the North American International Auto Show. Due to an unfortunate incident their contribution was uncredited in the last issue.

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**Movie Review:**

**Reality makes ‘Mothman’ a natural thriller, horror flick**

By Christopher Reilly

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There is nothing scarier than reality.

People love to be scared. That’s why people have scary movies. They love to sit in darkened theaters and watch Neve Campbell get chased around by a psycho in a white mask. Or cover their eyes while a trio of documentary filmmakers is terrorized by an unseen Blair Witch.

But when the lights come back on, they get to leave laughing at themselves for being scared, knowing it was an illusion.

That’s not the case with “The Mothman Prophecies,” a chilling new that is based on actual events that occurred in West Virginia in 1967. The audience can take no comfort in believing the frightening events that unfold on screen are just creations of the screenwriter’s imagination.

Nor are there any concrete answers explaining all the creepiness by the movie’s end that will lift the unsettling fog you’ll feel when you leave the theater. That is what makes “The Mothman Prophecies” such an effective thriller.

John Klein (Richard Gere, last seen in “Armageddon” in New York”) is a man who seemingly has it all. He’s a successful reporter at the Washington Post and he has just closed the deal on an amazing new house with his beloved wife Mary (”Will & Grace” star Debra Messing).

“A dream come true,” says Mary about the new house on the drive home. Bad move, Mary. Her admission of complete happiness, of course, sets up the inevitable tragedy that steals Mary away from John and shatters his perfect life.

Two years later, John is a shell of a man, getting by on autopilot. On his way to Richmond for an assignment, his car mysteriously breaks down in Port Pleasant, W. Va. And when he goes to ask for help at the nearest house, he encounters Gordon Smallwood (“Armageddon” co-star Will Patton), who swears that John has been harasing him.

Enter Connie Parker (Laura Linney of “The Truman Show”), the local sergeant, who explains to John that the citizens of Point Pleasant have been reporting strange things, including descriptions of a ‘Mothman’ that matches sketches of Mary’s. Intrigued, John decides to stay in Point Pleasant, but with every revelation he makes, he is plagued by more bizarre experience and unsettling questions.

This film is quite a departure for Gere, who is best known for romantic comedies and courtroom dramas. Gere makes his character’s descent into grief and the questioning of his sanity very believable. It’s very easy for the audience to empathize with him. Linney, who Gere previously worked with in “Primal Fear,” has a wonderful screen presence that shines through despite the more mellow character she portrays. As for the supporting actors, Patton makes the torture his character is enduring very real while Messing, in a far cry from her “Will & Grace” character, delivers in a small yet important role.

Directed by Mark Pellington, written for the screen by Richard Hatem and based on the book of the same title by John A. Keel, “The Mothman Prophecies” never gives you a good look at the creature that John spends the whole film chasing. It is seen only in early flashes of red light and speaks inhumanly over the phone. Rather than define the “Mothman,” keeping it more ambiguous leaves the audience unsettled.

Pellington also lets the tension build slowly and surely, never stooping to cheap scares to keep the audience interested. The tone is just right, slow when it needs to be, but never dragging.

Pellington also employs some interesting visual techniques to up the eeriness levels. He often switches between scenes through blurring lights and images, which represents the confusion that John is suffering. He also likes to show the characters from different angles during the same scene, which makes it feel like they are being watched at all times.

“The Mothman Prophecies” is definitely a must for fans of thrillers and scares in dark theaters. Just make sure to bring someone to clutch onto when things get really frightening.
MOBILE REVIEW: By: Brian Martini/ staff writer

‘Black Hawk Down
Unknown military escapade comes to life


The soldiers’ job is to extract prisoners from the capital city of Mogadishu, a mission which is only supposed to take thirty minutes to complete. Things go awry, however, when a Black Hawk helicopter is shot down (hence the film’s title), and the thirty minute in-and-out mission becomes an all-night struggle for survival.

What surprised me most when I initially heard about this film was that it was based on an actual event. Everything I know about Somalia I learned from watching ‘Channel One’ in middle school, and I guess I must have been sleeping on the day this story aired. On one hand, I was ignorant of one of the most significant military conflicts of the last decade. On the other hand, I was able to go into this movie without knowing exactly how things were going to turn out.

I found Black Hawk Down to be a superb war film. Ridley Scott, who directed 2000’s Gladiator, again demonstrates his capacity for creating memorable films.

Here, Scott has assembled a great and diverse cast, featuring Josh Hartnett (Pearl Harbor), Sam Shepherd (Swordfish), Ewan McGregor (Moulin Rouge), Jason Isaacs (The Patriot) and Eric Bana (future star of Ang Lee’s Incredible Hulk movie).

The film’s only real flaw is that its characters are given little differentiation from one another. Once the fighting starts, it becomes easy to forget where certain characters are as scenes are constantly shifting throughout the city. When everyone is running around in army fatigues yelling at the top of their lungs, it gets hard to tell one guy from the next.

I was happy to recognize Orlando Bloom (Legolas the archer from Lord of the Rings) in a small role, as Blackburn. Unfortunately, his character here is not quite as agile as the elf he plays in Rings.

Yes, the body count in this film is outrageously high, and the movie is definitely not for the weak of heart (or stomach, for that matter). Limbs are lost, torsos are separated from the waist and some poor guy even gets blown apart. Will these scenes make viewers cringe? I would say so. Are they necessary? Absolutely.

The really great thing about Black Hawk Down is its refusal to get mired down with pointless, plodding details. Pearl Harbor, another film from producer Jerry Bruckheimer, took what could have been a great testament to an American tragedy and bogged it down with an artificial, stale love story. Screenwriters Ken Nolan and Steve Zaillian (from a book by Mark Bowden) have done here what should have been done with Harbor, developed a story in which the main character is the event itself.
Monday, February 4
7 p.m. women’s Basketball: CCU vs. Elon
Kimbel Arena
Support our Lady Chants as they go up against Elon University.
The 2002 Homecoming court will be announced during halftime.
CCU students free with ID.

Wednesday, February 6
7 p.m.
Prince Lawn
Games! Food! Entertainment! Prizes! Join the fun on Prince lawn as students cast their ballots for Homecoming King and Queen.
Student organizations will sponsor booths featuring games, food and fun. Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.

Friday, February 8
7:30 p.m. Step Show and Crowning
Wheelwright Auditorium
Coastal’s students show their talent, compete for prizes and celebrate that spirit of Coastal.
Cash prizes will be awarded. The 2002 Homecoming King and Queen and Prince and Princess will be crowned.
$2 donation

Sunday, February 10:
Greater Gospel Sing-Out
4:30 p.m. Wheelwright Auditorium
A celebration of joyful music, this annual event features the harmony of the Coastal Carolina University Gospel Choir with special guest choirs from around the region.

Tuesday, February 5
7 p.m.
Wall Auditorium
How do you know that someone is really interested in you? Why do men never call back? Why do long distance relationships fail?
Who controls relationships? Entertainer and comedian David Coleman (a.k.a. The Dating Doctor) has the answers everyone is looking for. Prizes will be given.

Thursday, February 7
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Homecoming elections. Student center and Wall Building
7 p.m. Men’s Basketball: CCU vs. Elon
Kimbel Arena
CCU students free with ID; $5 adults; $3 children.
7:30 p.m.
Comedy show
Wheelwright Auditorium
Comedian Michael Blackson. Michael has been featured on BET, Comic Blend, and the Comedy Channel

Saturday, February 9
2 p.m. Baseball: CCU vs. Campbell
Charles L. Watson Baseball Stadium
CCU students free with ID; $5 adults; $3 children
5 p.m. Men’s Basketball: CCU vs. High Point
Kimbel Arena
the latest Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will be announced during halftime.
CCU students free with ID; $5 adults; $3 children
8 p.m. Student/Alumni Homecoming Dance
PEC Center Gym
Williams-Brice Recreation Center
Bring your masks and beads to celebrate Mardi Gras-Coastal style!
Refreshments will be served
Sponsored by Coastal and Office of Students Activities.
GWAR is bloody good time

By Nicole Service
assistant editor

"The Legend of GWAR began millions of years ago when the aliens rampaged across the galaxy with a gang of space pirates called the Scumdogs of the Universe. Falling out of favor with their Master, GWAR was imprisoned on the most remote mudball planet in the galaxy... Earth. After killing off the dinosaurus and inadvertently creating the human species by raping prehistoric apes, GWAR began to 'significantly entomb' them in Antarctica. Thus, preventing them from crewing up Earth any further.

"Several thousand years later GWAR were stumbled upon and awakened by Slezy P. Martini, a known pimp, pusher, pornographer, and record executive for Capitalist Records, accidentally stumbling into GWAR's Antarctic tomb and woke them. He took them to New York, gave them electric guitars, and began to market them as his latest Rock'n'Roll sensation. Some of GWAR's adventures are chronicled in their albums, comics, and videos, but there are still plenty of GWAR stories waiting to be told."

That is the history of GWAR as told by their official website, and I didn't think I could put it any better without being inaccurate. However, that doesn't say anything about the blood, effigies, metal music, or fake body parts that go along with infamous GWAR stage shows.

The night began with Mike Tyson (and when I mention famous people, remember that they are fake, dummies, robots, whatever) fighting two human slaves. It seemed like he might win, but his hands, chest, and intestines were systematically cut off, and with each chop came a fresh burst of blood that extended nearly all the way over the pit of the House of Blues.

Next came Osama bin Laden, who was congratulated by the band before he was taken offstage. However, don't think that GWAR is an Osama fan. He came back hog-tied and dangling like a hangman. They scalped him, tore him apart, and splattered the crowd with bin Laden blood.

To the metal music background of "Bloody Mary," the lead singer's supposed girlfriend was tied to a wheel, and human slaves (one muzzled) tried to have sex with her. Her nipples were pierced and connected with a chain, which was pulled off. More blood and intestines. I had to remind myself that it was just a show because what was essentially a rape scene was more than a little disturbing.

At the end of the night, the Pope came onto the stage, blessing everyone. A big dinosaur/monster bit him in half, and the human slaves tried to kill him. Eventually, it was the band's duty to save the world, and the lead singer ended up sticking a sword through his brain.

GWAR is not known for its songs, and the loud metallic sounds were mostly just a background for the show. I haven't mentioned the enormous, fake penis squirting green liquid, the thongs, the masks, or the $5 towels to wipe away various bodily fluids, but let's just say that GWAR was a night to let go of inhibitions, scream, shout, and have a bloody good time.

Jenny Kaykendall and www.gwar.net contributed to this article.

Reznor breaks digital ground in DVD release

By Andy Jacobs
The Lariat (Baylor U.)

(UWIRE) WACO, Texas - It wouldn't be a stretch to label Trent Reznor a perfectionist. The fact that nine inch nails has only released three studio albums since 1989 demonstrates the dedication Reznor puts into each of his projects.

Not that fans are left out in the cold between releases: the band's live performances have drawn mass critical acclaim, including Rolling Stone's "Best Tour" award for 2000.

Reznor and his road band give fans a taste of their live prowess in the new album and DVD release nine inch nails live: and all that could have been. The set list includes 18 songs from the band's sold-out Fragility 2.0 tour, which includes a solid mix of old and new songs that flow intrinsically from beginning to end.

Reznor has likened nine inch nails shows to a theatrical performance, and the DVD captures that feel better than any other band to date. Aside from the crisp, colorful image DVD offers, Reznor also took advantage of the audio features, mixing the music in Dolby Digital 5.1 and Digital Theater Sound formats.

This means different sounds can come from each of six speakers at a time, common in motion pictures but unprecedented in music releases. And there's no better band to showcase the myriad of possibilities of digital sound than nine inch nails' electronically-fused harmonics.

The painstaking effort of converting the music into six channels translates well in every song. Older tracks like "Terrible Lie," "March of the Pigs," and "Closer" are as powerful as ever, while newer tracks like "The Frail" and "Just Like You Imagined" validate the imagination found on the band's latest studio album, 1999's The Fragile.

The two highlights of the disc are the furious "Wish," from 1992's EP Broken, and the introspective "La Mea," from The Fragile. Both songs encompass the core of the nine inch nails sound and the range in Reznor's songwriting.

Visually, the DVD gives the viewer a good look at what attending a nine inch nails show is like. The set includes a fantastic light show and creepy video imagery behind the band throughout the set. Aside from showing the glistening sweat on the faces of the band members, the digital picture takes the band's trademark destruction of keyboard equipment to new levels.

Overall, live offers top-notch sound and visuals, heartfelt performances by the band, and an intense journey through the best songs they've recorded over the years. And better yet, the viewer can grab a cold drink out of the fridge without having to muscle through the mosh pit. Thanks to Reznor, it's the closest to perfection a music DVD gets.
Not just for the elderly
Bingo takes over Coastal

By Dan Grigg
staff writer

Watch out grandpappy, move over retirees, CCU students are taking over the bingo arena. Last Thursday, Jan. 24, Coastal Productions held a bingo match in the commons for all Coastal Carolina students.

The turnout, believe it or not, was actually very successful, with students filling all possible seats. Attendance was so good that Coastal Production volunteers were forced to use paper slips replacing undersupplied chips. So why did so many attend a night suited for a 60-year-old woman, without a big money prize winner?

Noah Byrne, junior, puts it best. “I got nothing to do when a friend forces me to bingo night. I’m all upset, not having a stapler and all, when I realize not only are the prizes pretty cool, but better yet, they’re free!”

And free they were, varying from Target giftcards and dart boards to stereo systems and surprises. Each student received three playing cards and a pile of game chips. The object, duh, was to get a bingo before anyone else. Not too complicated.

Prize-winner Tasha Beers had this to say about her winnings. “I won a dartboard, a really nice dartboard. It’s mine, maaw!”

Winner Wayne Barker was just as enthusiastic about his target giftcard, only muttering the words, “I won!”

Coastal Productions did a great job, providing quality prizes and ample space for the festivities. Worried you missed the only bingo night? Sit down and relax. Coastal Productions is sponsoring another evening, Valentine’s Day to be exact. No date or just plain broke, bingo night is the place to be.

What’s your music.com?

By Nick Mole
The Hustler (Vanderbilt U.)

(U-WIRE) NASHVILLE, Tenn. - For the music enthusiast, there are plenty of ways to get the music 411 on the Web.

A sad thing about our society is that what the radio and MTV play represents only a small sampling of today’s broad musical culture.

Luckily for us, the Internet yields quite a few music-oriented sites that contain information about great bands and genres of music that is not as prevalent on the airwaves.

These sites offer info not only on the popular and obscure musicians of today, but also the great bands of the past. Possibly the largest and most informative music Web site on the net is the All Music Guide, located at allmusic.com.

Simply by typing in an artist’s name, one is instantly taken to a page containing not only the artist’s biography, but also reviews of every album that the artist has produced. And it only gets better. On the same page that lists the band’s information, one can also find who influenced the band and who in turn the band influenced.

Additionally, related artists are also listed. This allows anyone with any knowledge of music to really dive further into any genre or particular sound.

“I really am fond of allmusic.com,” said freshman James Doyle. “It has allowed me to delve further into the types of music which I enjoy.”

For those more into the indie rock scene, check out Nude as the News.

Nudeasthenews.com is an excellent site which contains intelligently written articles and reviews. The site primarily showcases movements in indie rock.

NATN’s album reviews are perhaps the most startlingly frank and honest reviews available. The Web site is not afraid to praise or criticize avant-garde music.

Rolling Stone’s Web site should not be overlooked, despite its faults. Rollingstone.com, although it is based on the venerable magazine, is difficult to tackle for someone simply looking for raw info about an artist. The magazine has often been questioned about its album reviews, and the Web site reflects these same criticisms.

Rollingstone.com is like the old man who used to smash Elvis Presley records when they first came out - the magazine is intolerant of new and different music.

For instance, the magazine gave Nirvana’s breakthrough album Nevermind three stars out of five. Needless to say, this is not an accurate rating.

“Nevermind is one of the quintessential albums of the nineties, and it deserves to have god-like status,” said freshman Matt Hollander.

Another characteristic of Rollingstone.com is the uptightness with which they give out their ratings. You would be hard-pressed to find a five-star rating adorning any album recently released.

However, if you want to find lots of pictures of your favorite musicians, then Rollingstone.com really comes through.

For example, there are more than 200 amazing photos of Britney Spears. Rollingstone.com also offers an often-updated news section. All in all, Rollingstone.com is a large site with plenty of decent articles and pictures, but just as in the magazine, many of the reviews are questionable.

The Internet is perhaps the most diverse arena for musical information in the world. Nearly every band today has its own Web site, and just about any musical genre can be fully experienced through the Internet.

Of course, if you just want to find out about the most popular stuff around, head over to Billboard.com. The top 200 is there, updated every week.
Sexual Responsibility Week

FEBRUARY 11-15

Theme: "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways...."

Monday, Feb. 11: Office of Student Activities, Diversity Committee and GALAC-C will have a week-long HIV/AIDS awareness display on Prince Lawn.

"Being Gay is a Way of Life" Relationships and sexual responsibility. Sponsored by Diversity Committee and GALAC-C. Guest Speaker Dan Walsh.

Tuesday, Feb. 12: "Singled Out" dating game. Sponsored by African American society. 6 p.m.: "The Saga of Dating & Diseases". Student Center Rm. 208

Wednesday, Feb. 13: "Pillow Talk" What you always wanted to know about sex, but were afraid to ask. Sponsored by Office of Student Life R.A.'s. Wall Bldg, room 317. 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14: DHEC Community Van. Parked out front of Student Center 12 p.m.-3 p.m. FREE HIV testing. Deltas will be there with Valentines, goodies and information.

Friday, Feb. 15: Condom Day!! Free condoms, valentines, goodies, and more! "How many condoms are in the Jar?" CONTEST-Win a Prize! Student Center, 11 a.m.-2p.m.
They wear skirts. They played with dolls and now put on makeup in the morning. They giggle when talking about "cute" boys and try not to get any smudges on their new shoes. But don't let that fool you. These girls are anything but pure sugar...they got a whole lotta spice to go along with it.

And that spice is football.

The following four girls are typical Coastal female students who have one seemingly atypical aspect in common—they all love the sport of football. Playing, watching, training, yelling, play-calling, gambling, you name it, if it has to do with football, they do it. It's a growing phenomenon among young women who are becoming increasingly involved in an almost completely male-dominated sport.

Stephanie Spivey grew up watching the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on the football field. However, it wasn't until she was a junior in high school that she really became a true football enthusiast. She started volunteering as a student trainer, a person who assists the actual trainer with taping players before practices and games and tends to sudden injuries. It was only when she got onto the field and began to feel the energy and understand the rules that football became a bigger part of her life.

"I wanted to be a trainer when I first started college, but I wasn't really good at science. But the football stuck with me."

Although Stephanie likes watching professional teams on television, college football is what gets her juices flowing.

"I like to watch games in person, and since South Carolina is such a big college football state, the college games are easy access. When I was a sophomore at USC, we rushed the field after a big win and tore up the goalposts. People were jumping, screaming, tearing up bushes—it was really exciting."

So what is it about football that she likes more than say basketball or baseball?

"I like watching teams go head to head and struggle for ground. Even though you're not on the field, you feel like you're part of the team. People come together around football because the team is the common interest, and everyone can enjoy it whether you know the rules or not. Hopefully, school spirit (at CCU) will increase when we get a (football) team."

Jaime Searles, the coordinator of Coastal Productions, tells a story that is a bit different from Stephanie's. She was born and raised, lived and died, by Redskins football along with the rest of her family. She even watches the first round of the NFL draft to see what new players are joining the squad.

"I've been a Redskins fan since I was a kid. My whole family is nuts for it. We go to nearly all the games...but we don't have any hogettes in the family," Searles explained.

Even her boyfriend is a Redskins fan.

"If my boyfriend weren't a Redskins fan, I think the competition might be fun as long as he didn't talk too much trash. He
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Jaime didn’t spend her time on the side-
lines or tearing down goalposts with enthu-
siastic fans the way Stephanie did. No, she
was more “hands-on.”

“For the craziest thing I did for my Redskins
and the team, I was punching someone at a bar
because he was talking trash about my team,” Jaime
remembered. “I even knocked him down,
and he couldn’t get back up!”

Besides defending the honor of her
favorite team, she attempted to follow in
their footsteps.

“I played Powderpuff football in high
school and was the center and receiver. I
love sports with contact,” Jaime paused and
smiled. “And the boys in tight pants are
always a plus.”

Like Jaime, Aundrea Rue also grew up
watching and cheering for her team, the
Pittsburgh Steelers. After her team went to
the Super Bowl when she was in junior high, she
was totally hooked.

“We were so excited that we were taking
pictures in front of the lockers. I even held
Eddie George’s HUGE shoe and tried
on Javon “the freak” Kearse’s jersey!”

Rebecca is excited about the prospect of more girls getting involved
with football.

“In middle school, I always
had to explain the
rules of football
to my friends. I
was considered a
tomboy just
because I knew the
rules and wasn’t
afraid to play foot-
ball with all the
boys. Maybe now
more girls are get-
ting out there and roughing up the guys.”
The Beatholes: a local favorite

By Richard Smith
staff writer

Whoever says that Myrtle Beach is not a good place to hear live music, I'm sorry to say, is just plain wrong. With bands like by One Louder, Wish Me Monsters, Grill, Echo 7, Flick It, Confliction, The Johnny Jackson 5, Dead Center, Honky Bob and the Soda Crackers and the Beatholes playing various venues in our fair city, you might even call this tourist trap a common stop and a springboard into the music business. If you haven't been out to see any of the aforementioned bands, you are missing out on an exploding music scene right at your backdoor.

If you don't know where or when to catch great music locally, try the IGcks section of Friday's Sun News and the biweekly reviews in The Chanticleer.

ONE LOUDER
at Ron Jon's
Feb. 1, 9:00 pm

THE VIVIAN
at Man-Freddies
Feb. 2, 9:00 pm

WISH ME MONSTERS
at Hammerhedz
Feb. 8, 9:00 pm

LAZY I benefit show
at Surfside Nitelife
Feb. 15, 8:00 pm

ONE LOUDER
at Ron Jon's
Feb. 22, 9:00 pm

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at Lazy I
Feb. 26, 9:00 pm

One Louder and Honky Bob and the Soda Crackers
at Hard Rock Cafe
Feb., 28, 9:00 pm

Something about Vampires and Sluts
at Lazy I
March 16, 8:00 pm

Love Apple and Wish Me Monsters
at Alley Cats
March 29, 11:00 pm

If you know of a local band or are in a local band that will be playing in the area, let us know. The 'College Underground' will become a staple in The Chanticleer to get the word out there that there are great local bands playing in the Myrtle Beach vicinity.

To reach The Chanticleer: call 349-2330 or fax 349-2380. You can also reach The Chanticleer by email at chanticleer@coastal.edu.
Punk rock, Bad Religion, resurface

By John Groves
staff writer

Punk rock has resurfaced in the mainstream as of late. Bands such as Blink 182, Sum 41 and others like them are acquiring young fans by the droves with tongue-in-cheek humor and pop-like quality.

Where punk rock was once considered the seedy underbelly of American subculture, shunned from all commercial venues, the new crop of rockers now share the same amount of exposure as the ever so popular boy bands and other pop acts.

However, the older, devout punk rock fans are not so enthusiastic with the newfound glory. Many find the new music to be watered-down and commercialized, which takes away from the feeling of being a part of something that is all your own.

L.A. based group Bad Religion could be a common ground among the old and new schoolers. Despite much commercial success, Bad Religion has proudly carried the torch for over two decades, staying true to their sound, true to their fans and showing no signs of aging. Lead singer Gregg Gaffin’s smart, conscious lyrics have set a precedent for any upcoming politically minded punk bands with aspirations beyond the garage. Melodic harmonies accompanied by aggressive guitar riffs have been their signature sound and have always served them well.

Bad Religion’s latest album “The Process of Belief” holds true to tradition. If you are an old fan or just express an interest in punk rock, this album is well worth the money. From the first track “Supersonic” to the last “Bored and Extremely Dangerous,” the entire album will not let you down. Other classic Bad Religion albums include “Suffer,” “Against the Grain,” and (best of album) “All Ages.” For the best selection go to Sounds Familiar on 38th Ave. Myrtle Beach, S.C.

No ‘Animosity’ in
Sevendust’s latest

By Ben O’Brien
The Hoy (Georgetown U.)

(WIRE) WASHINGTON - Sevendust’s third album Animosity is filled with copious amounts of loudness, intensity and powerhouse songs that make thousands of other rock albums seem tame in comparison. Sevendust has never shielded away from turning up the volume on any of their previous work either, but Animosity showcases a different side to the band than one might expect.

Lyrically, the album is very aptly named, because the blend of anger and distress in the lyrics (which they appropriately call animosity) is very well-conveyed. The cover art is actually somewhat scary and the word “pain” is mentioned in more than half of the songs, but unlike rapcore bands, the angst sounds much more genuine. Although never as long or epic as “Stairway to Heaven,” Sevendust does seem to linger a little in each track, but that definitely doesn’t detract from the album, seeing as they’re being neither pretentious nor wasting time in relating their emotions.

Even in softer songs like their unlikely single “Angel’s Son” and “Christmas Day,” the album seems noticeably heavier than their previous release, Home. Yet despite the immense weight on the album, singer Lajon Witherspoon genuinely feels the emotions that lie within the songs he sings. Witherspoon hits an impressive range of notes, and he generally leaves what he calls “Cookie Monster voices” to his backup singers, including a guest appearance by Staind’s Aaron Lewis on “Follow.”

True, the lyrics are dark, convoluted and not particularly uplifting. However, they are backed up by surprisingly enjoyable rhythms. Recent single “Praise” essentially begs listeners to bob their heads with the beat, a feat that hasn’t been well-executed by a hard rock song since Nirvana’s “Smells Like Teen Spirit.” Drummer Morgan Rose packs in the intensity just as well as the other members of the quintet without ever seeming like he’s aimlessly beating the drums to death.

What you can expect to get out of listening to Animosity varies depending on whether or not you enjoy hard rock. Creed and Linkin Park fans might enjoy Sevendust because they have the same intensity and heaviness to their songs without seeming to be self-righteous or complaining. Sevendust has true talent compared to many hard rock bands today, and Animosity showcases a substantial portion of that talent. You will want Witherspoon to keep singing that “one last song given to an angel’s son.”
Join *Students for Environmental Action* and the National Tree Trust in beautifying our campus. You can help by volunteering your time to participate in planting several hundred donated trees, or by sponsoring this event with a monetary contribution.

Funds raised at this event will go to local environmental organizations, Coastal Carolina’s Earth Day Celebration, and other environmental causes on campus.

The Tree-A-Thon will be held on
Tuesday, February 12 from
10 am – 5 pm
(Rain date is Tuesday, February 19)

Your help is needed to make this event a success! Contact us at CoastalSEA@hotmail.com or call Beth Gunter at 234-0463 for more information on how you can volunteer or sponsor us.
NBA 2K2 a beautiful game

By Fitz Vo

The California Aggie, (U.C. Davis)

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. - National and foreign affairs aside, our presidents — longtime victims of harsh caricatures and the butt of late-night television jokes — have it easy. They aren’t motion-captured, nor are they reproduced digitally to exact weight and height specifications, nor had their mugs mapped onto a polygonal head, to be manipulated by millions of players to do their bidding. But then again, they don’t have visible tattoos and cornrows either.

Long subjected to unflattering digital portrayals of ghostly eyes, awkward movements and sliding runs, NBA players finally get their respect with NBA 2K2, the latest and possibly greatest in publisher Sega’s vision for console domination, at least for this year.

Being heralded as the best basketball game on the PlayStation 2, NBA 2K2 is in a league of its own. Where Electronic Art’s NBA Live series became stale and (gasp!) downright boring, the NBA 2K series improved by the hoops standard of leaps and bounds, even offering online play on its Dreamcast version. Realistically proportioned players, fancy moves — jukes were the norm, and you had the best brand of basketball available on any system.

The PS2 port improves on the proven formula a tad, with a slightly higher polygon count and a fresh coat of paint. Players resemble their real-life counterparts, although not entirely. There is still some inherent blockiness to the facial expressions and overall presence of the player models. However, attention is paid to the smallest detail. Derek Fisher can be recognized even with the overhead camera because of his distinctive yellow headband covering his ears. Similarly, Rick Fox’s jerry curl is on display in this game, but limited rendering power clumps it into one lumpy head.

Facial features notwithstanding, NBA 2K2 is one beautiful game — if beautiful meant large, muscular men fighting for a ball. Floors and stadiums are modeled with accuracy, right down to the hardwood floors. Reflections highlight some awesome acrobatic action, where Allen Iverson might pirouette past a defender for a wonderful left-handed reverse. Motion-capture is intuitive enough that it can be broken when you decide to not go for the rim-rattling dunk and instead foolishly pass the ball into three-person traffic for a steal that leads to a fast break that puts your team 15 points in the hole.

Uniforms are modeled down to the tiny pores of the jersey yet do not sway and move in accordance with real laws of physics. Instead, clothing is as stiff as wearing a decorative shell around the body. Additionally, clipping is an issue when replays go into effect. Limbs go through players as if they were ghosts. One finds some fault with collision detection, as players continue to move their legs but do not actually move anywhere. Some slowdown exists when infographics appear and disappear onscreen.

Despite such nitpicking due to the increased graphical demands from the average gamer, NBA 2K2 handles beautifully. When controlling players, the speed moves at a good clip. When players grow tired, their pace noticeably slows down, despite many thwarted attempts at pressing the turbo button.

NBA 2K2 gets ridiculously hard, even at its default (pro) setting. Opposing teams shoot perfectly and make the rim at least 70 to 80 percent of the time, leaving no room for the player to make any defensive mistakes.

Deep franchise and season modes, as well as a more arcade-like street ball mode, round out this impressive package. Being infinitely better than EA’s bland brand of b-ball, gamers should definitely drive this game home.

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Cheap eats around the beach

By Nicole Service

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Chanticleer

Teffino’s Italian Bakery & Deli 923 Shine Avenue, South Park Village, Myrtle Beach

(on the old Air Force Base) Hours: M-F 8 am-6 pm/Sat 8 am-9 pm

Remember the days when you would wake up in the morning to the sound of cars puttering by with horns blaring, the children upstairs stomping like a herd of elephants, the couple next door shouting like there was no tomorrow, and you lied in your bed with a smile as you thought of your morning croissant and cup of coffee? Or how about those warm, electric spring afternoons when a nice, big, non mustard filled sandwich from the deli on the corner would really hit the spot?

This edition of Cheap Eats isn’t terribly cheap (though it’s far from expensive); this is information for those who must the kinds of little, family-owned bakeries and delis that you simply don’t find in the South.

Being from the Midwest, or great American barbecue country, I can’t claim to understand the great deli tradition of the Northeast, especially those located in or around New York City. But I can say that after visiting Teffino’s with my New Yorkiest friend, I do have an appreciation for the establishment. A small, concrete square located on the edge of the old Air Force base, it is filled with freshly-baked Italian desserts of every kind, loaf upon loaf of speciality bread and serves up deli sandwiches the likes of which Subway can only dream of. Owned and operated by a Jersey family just a ferry ride away from the city, it is truly a taste of the city in the center of Myrtle Beach.

The pastries are charged by the pound (a quarter-pound minimum buy), the sandwiches range from $3.99-$6.59 and they all come with potato chips, macaroni salad or potato salad. And they’re worth every penny. It’s hard to find a decent sub shop around here that doesn’t come standard with loads of mustard (has anyone else noticed that?) and thick, stale white bread. Oh, and by the way, it’s practically the only place in town where you can buy Nutella. For those of you who know what that is, that should be reason enough to go. Don’t get me wrong, I love it here. The South is known for many wonderful things, but their delis and bakeries aren’t among them.

So for those of you who would like a little taste of home, or for those of you like me who are ready for a little different flavor, try Teffino’s.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17): You’ve got some big projects coming up this semester, and they’re freaking you out a little. Don’t concentrate on the big picture because all those huge tasks will have you overwhelmed. Instead, take small steps with each individual project, and you’ll be done before you know it.

Pisces (Feb. 18-March 19): Don’t let a few rainy days get you down. Maybe you’d rather be outside playing, but you can utilize the indoor weather to get some work done, do a creative project, or even just hang out and talk to your friends. Look at all this extra time at home as a blessing, not a curse.

Aries (March 20-April 19): You have an idea and want to get started, but you’re not sure how. The easiest way to begin something is to just begin it. You can always backtrack if you think you made a mistake. Also, don’t be afraid of failure because you can’t fail something that you never start.

Taurus (April 20-May 19): Relationship trouble is brewing on all fronts: family, friends, and that special someone. You’ll have to tread this water carefully so you don’t make more waves than you have to. It will help if you take a look at yourself and consider the possibility that you are the cause of some of the difficulties.

Gemini (May 20-June 20): Whatever happened to all those things that you said you were going to do this semester? Get organized. Lose weight, meet new people, get out more? Good news—it’s not too late! So a few weeks have passed. Big deal. Get out there and do what you promised yourself you would.

Cancer (June 21-July 21): You’re normally wandering eyes are set on one person in particular whether you realize it or not. Don’t be afraid to put in the extra effort to get to know that person. Maybe they’re what you expected, maybe not, but either way, don’t miss the opportunity.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22): If it’s possible for people to be any more impossible, you don’t want to know about it. It seems like everyone is on your case, professors included. Just go to class and do your best on your assignments and in your relationships with friends, and things will slowly start to turn around.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21): It’s barely the beginning of the semester, and you’re already tired and broke. However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and it’s sooner than you might think. Make sure you organize your time wisely, and you’ll be able to handle it all with ease.

Libra (Sept. 22-Oct. 21): You may be the object of someone’s affections, but you’re driving everyone, including that person, absolutely bonkers. You need to start being nicer to the people that care about you, otherwise you’re in danger of losing many of your good friends.

Scorpio (Oct. 22-Nov. 21): Secrets, secrets, secrets. You’re keeping so many of them from the people that you claim are your best friends. Why? Life will be much easier for you if you just tell them what is going on with your life. They’ll understand and maybe even be able to help.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Okay, so your last endeavor didn’t really work out the way you expected it to, and it seems like everything is going wrong. Life is like that sometimes. Take a deep breath, gather your bearings, and try again. If everyone succeeded on the first time, success wouldn’t mean nearly as much.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is happy-go-lucky time right now, which is great, but don’t expect it to be like that forever. As long as you stay on top of your duties, you’ll be okay; but the second you start to fall behind, you’re in store for some major trouble.
Dear Lollita,

Please help me!!! This is so embarrassing, but since this is confidential, I figured I would write in. Whenever I'm getting it on with my lady things start out great. We are getting in the groove and then whooomp! my little guy goes limp. The first time it happened it didn't really worry me, but I felt bad. Now that it has happened a few times, I'm getting a little worried. What is going on? Is there anything I can do?

- No Spring in My Step

Well, Spring. I would like to say that it happens to every guy at least once. But you say it has happened a few times, so let's try to get to the bottom of this.

Here are some things that could be possible (I repeat POSSIBLE) reasons for your erectile dysfunction: Are you nervous or suffering from performance anxiety? Are you not sufficiently aroused? Are you suffering from long-term alcohol abuse? Are you stressed or depressed?

All of these could be reasons, but you might want to look at what exactly you are doing when you go limp. For example, if you are more involved with pleasing your partner and you stop full body contact in order to concentrate on making your lady's evening, you can lose your erection until the sexual focus returns to you. When this happens, do not just give up. Trust that your erection can be revived - and it can.

Since you did not mention that you have a problem getting an erection, you might also want to look into getting a penis ring. The ring is worn at the base of the shaft and grips your 'little guy' tightly enough to lock in blood. This enables the man to sustain the erection and enjoy a satisfactory intercourse experience. Just remember that penis rings should only be worn for a limited time to avoid damage to the penis. Also, rubber bands or any other 'home-made' rings should never be used as a substitute device. They are too tight and could cause serious damage.

Hopefully, you have figured out what could be going dysfunctional down there, but if you have not, please go see a doctor, especially if your limp predicament becomes more frequent.

Lollita

Dear Lollita,

I've been single for a while now, but I sometimes feel that lonely feeling, especially when I'm around other couples. It's not that I want a serious boyfriend because I will be moving in a few months. I just kind of want someone there occasionally. I guess you could call them a 'friend with benefits'. I also need more sexual stimulation than my battery-powered friend. I have someone in mind whom I know really well because we hang out at school and stuff, but I don't know how to approach the issue. Just give me some tips or something!!

- Needing a little play

Dear Needing,

Lots of people in college have these so-called 'friends with benefits' kind of relationships. Sometimes they work out and everyone is happy; but I have to warn you that occasionally feelings get hurt. People are not like your battery-powered friends; people have emotions.

If you are looking to just fill your loneliness with a little action, I kind of have to be worried. There are other ways to stop feeling lonely. You just have to stay active. Try exercising or a new sport. Maybe work on your relationships with your close friends. I also have to tell you that there are the other risks of casual sex that your sex-ed teacher warned you about. So be careful.

Now that you have been forewarned, I will go on. Apart from the obvious tactic of asking them outright, you need to accept that it's not always easy to broach the issue. So start off slow - if your 'friend' does not respond to flirtation, back off and see what happens. Ask questions to find out about his/her personality. Maybe it can clue you into what they are in to with regards to sex and relationships.

There are some things that you should also be wary of when it comes to this kind of relationship. Avoid sex if either of you are drunk. Whether people can have fully consensual sex when they are drunk is a contentious issue. Also, remember that you can also say a firm 'no' to sex if you change your mind.

Lollita is not a licensed doctor or psychiatrist. She is just a single, hot, funny and knowledgeable girl that gives advice for free. So if you have a serious problem go see a doctor.

To reach Lollita letters may be dropped off in The Chanticleer box in the Student Activities office or in the drop box outside The Chanticleer office located in room 203 of the Student Center. You can also email Lollita at chanticleer@coastal.edu.
Virtue Trap and Mcdowell Shortcut: professors and students jam together at Hard Rock

I don't know whether it was Dr. Nagle's "Break on throught to the other side" (Jim Morrison) t-shirt or the concoction of moderate rock and mellow blues that the band played, but I do know that there was something cool about the Virtue Trap/Mcdowell Shortcut show last Friday night at Hard Rock Cafe.

Virtue Trap, Coastal Carolina's own faculty band, played a mixed set of rock and blues that even the pickiest music fans could enjoy. Their play list included some originals and lots of covers from bands like Bon Jovi, Matchbox 20, Midnight Oil, Sister Hazel and some other band called the Rolling Stones. The band, which consists of four professors (Dr. Nance—guitar and vocals; Dr. Nagle—guitar and vocals; Dr. Ennis—bass guitar; and Dr. Hamelman—drums) has been playing together for a year, more or less, and plans to play again at Hard Rock sometime in February.

Their set, as described by Dr. Nagle "If you haven't heard it, then it's probably ours, but if you have then you've probably heard it better." One of the songs I think I recognized as nobody else's (though I can't be sure) was "People Are Funny." With it's clever lyrics and catchy riffs, who knows? Maybe Virtue Trap has a possible hit on their hands.

The other band that played, Mcdowell Shortcut, also a local band, had a very unique sound. Even though they were Mcdowell Shortcut minus their regular drummer, they seem to be very talented musicians. They fall into the "jam band" category with bands like Phish, Oysterhead etc.... So if you a jam fan, or even if your not, check them out next time you get a chance.

At a show full of good music, the only bad part of the night was the Creed song Hard Rock decided to play in between bands. (Creed, by the way gets my vote for the worst band EVER.) Other than that, it was a great concert, and I think something similar is being planned for next month. So if you missed this one, then redemption isn't too far away.

By Emerson Dyer
staff writer

Dr. Steve Hamelman, English professor, keeps the beat for Virtue Trap. He also sat in for student band Mcdowell Shortcut because they were missing their regular drummer.

Dr. Stephen Nagle, English professor, belts out a Sister Hazel tune that the whole crowd could sing along to.
FROM THE OFFICE OF SGA

I hope everyone's year is off to a good start. With the first week of classes under our belts, I would like to take this time to reflect on the tone and atmosphere in respect to our Coastal community.

I feel in order to function as a whole we must depend on the faculty and staff to support us. There is a trend to function, but it is a harmful of profession--cice events or campus events. Faculty and staff presence known events. Your acknowledged and only by fellow students. The long skills we receive always learned in the Coastal community. Coastal events is to allow--week for announce

How precious class time is. I am not saying that one should let a student give an elaborate list of calendar events for the year after he or she is five minutes late to class. It has been my experience that most faculty and staff have been cooperative, all one has to do is ask. I think it is worth five minutes a week to educate our students about the opportunities this institution provides for them.

Brian Nunez
SGA President

Thank You

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to let you know how glad I was to see an article in the last issue of the Chanticleer on the death of Dave Thomas, the founder of "Wendy's. I didn't know why, but I hadn't heard the news until I read the article. Like many other people our age, I grew up watching him on TV commercials, and as a college student, Wendy's has become even more of a staple in my life. 99 cent value menu, c'mon, you can't beat that. Even though it was not written by a member of The Chanticleer staff, all the information about his life and the good things he did for charity and adoption made me appreciate him for more than just his hamburgers. Thank you for including the article because Dave Thomas was a part of our lives for over ten years, and he will be missed by many people.

Nicole Gaeta
Education major, sophomore

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Over 20 years ago, the then administration at Coastal Carolina College (now CCU) acknowledged the fact that there was asbestos in two buildings - the former Administration Building (now named the Singleton Building) and the former Admissions Building (now named the Law Enforcement Building).

The subsequent administration started its tenure in the Fall of 1983. This administration began the formulation of a plan regarding asbestos removal.

The next administration (Ron Eaglin) announced that during the summer of 1986, the Singleton Building would be closed and sealed and the asbestos would be vacuumed-out/removed. Well, summer came and went - nothing was done.

The current administration (Ron Ingle) has made the following statements, nearly 9 years ago to the Sun News: 8-7-93 - "The condition of the Singleton Blding is appalling," Ingle said. The building has asbestos and is falling apart, he said. 10-18-94 - ... The Singleton Building, for example, is lined with asbestos. Ingle, who keeps a colored map in his office of planned campus construction, said the Singleton Building is up for reconstruction, he knows of the asbestos risk: his office is in the building.

In The Chanticleer newspaper, dated 4-11-95, there's an article citing these last 2 administrations of giving nothing but lip service regarding the asbestos removal. Now it is seven years later and it still appears nothing has been forthcoming - not even lip service.

When the ceiling tile is not intact, microscopic or longer asbestos fibers become airborne. A drop-ceiling will not filter these particles. Asbestos insulation around pipes can also be dangerous when the fibers become worn or frayed (damaged) or from water leakage.

If these airborne particles are inhaled into the lungs in sufficient numbers and duration, then any of the following diseases will probably occur: Mesothelioma (a rare cancer affecting the sac lining of the chest or abdomen) or lung cancer or asbestosis or asbestos-related pleural disease.

There could be a prolonged latency period of 30 to 40 years before cancerous development occurs. Indoor concentrations of asbestos fibers measured in the range of a few thousand fibers per cubic meter - can be hazardous to one's health.

If there is anyone who has been harmed due to this type of exposure, then free medical advice can be obtained from the Cancer Treatment Center's toll-free number 1-800-641-7333. Also, free legal advice can be obtained by calling the Sokolove Law Firm - toll free number 1-800-952-2883.

Finally, asbestos removal and asbestos disposal must be performed by highly trained and specialized entities that are licensed by State and Federal Law.

Removal and disposal of asbestos by untrained and unspecialized individuals can be not only hazardous to their health but also in violation of State and Federal LAW which will result in severe penalization.

-Albert B. Canon

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Opinions

Why love stinks: Valentine’s Day special

A year ago, I did a piece on why Valentine’s Day is a horrible, horrible day. I’m still firm on that opinion, but instead of attacking Feb 14, this year, I plan to go straight to the jugular, and attack love in general.

Personally, I hate people in love. They kiss, and they call each other a name. Then, they kiss again. The guy then says something like “were you just looking at that other guy?” The girl replies with something like “No honey, he’s not even attractive”. Then, they kiss again, and I vomit.

This was me, and I found myself vomiting quite frequently. This was until it hit me. That’s right, love. This wasn’t a love at first sight deal either; this was a love that crept up on me. It was so slow and sure that I didn’t even know where I was until it was too late.

Love does funny things. One of the funniest things it does is convince you that everything is working out. You don’t even see the signs that things aren’t all that great, and if you do see them, you shrug them off. What could go wrong? I got this great girl, I’m attending a wonderful university (mandatory CCU flattery), my car hasn’t broken down in weeks. Fantastic! Right? RIGHT??? Wrong. The exact moment that you realize every-thing is beautiful, is the same exact moment everything flips on you. She (or he) decides it’s time to call it quits, for whatever reason, the digifactor breaks off your calibrator on your Dodge Dart, and the University kicks you out for smoking crack in class. It happens!

Some reasons for a break up are better than the others. Something like “I’m getting it on with your roommate” or “I’ve realized I’m not secure in my sexual preference” or even “I’m actually Elvis and an alien’s love child sent here to take over the world” are actually very easy to handle. I’ll tell you why. With ones like those three, you know where to go next and how to feel. You either turn your emotions into hatred for your roommate and your ex, or you start questioning your sexual preference as well. You can also call the loony bin to come, flick your ex up. It’s very simple. No matter what, you still have a fantastic story to tell over a couple of beers when everyone asks what happened.

On the other hand, if the reason you get is something like “It’s just not working out” or “I feel it’s necessary we take some time apart” or something just as cliche, you’re in a whole new world of pain. Why? Because, there is nowhere you can go from there. There’s nobody to blame, no place to point fingers, no simple answer. So, you do what any insecure college student does. You start to point your finger at yourself. This is a big mistake. Do not be fooled, there is nothing wrong with you at all. When they say “It’s not you, it’s me”, reply with, “I know. You’re screwed up.” And then snap a picture of their facial reaction. Let’s not dance around this issue, they are the messed up ones. They are total and complete headcases. You gave it your all, and that just wasn’t good enough, was it?

Ok, now that we’ve established whose fault it is, it’s time to break something. Preferably not something expensive, because in about 10 minutes you’ll be asking yourself why in the world you broke that lamp, fishtank, street-light, car-windshield, whatever. So pick something smaller, and less-expensive, like a light-bulb, or a drinking glass, or build something from Lego’s, then smash it, then rebuild it. The possibilities are endless. Just remember, always be safe when smashing things. Do it in a well lit, well ventilated area, and wear all the proper safety gear (snowsuit, rubber gloves, welding mask, ear muffs). This will prevent you from injuring yourself while breaking something. Because if you did physical harm to yourself while breaking something and your ex found out, they would have the upper hand and laugh at you for weeks. We don’t want that.

The next step is tricky. You need to grab everything that reminds you of him/her, and throw it in a bag. DO NOT throw this bag out: If for some strange reason the relationship comes together again, he/she is going to ask you what happened to that birthday card you were given that you kept taped to your wall and that Kenny G CD that you both cherished so much. You better have an answer, and “the dog ate it” won’t work in this scenario. I personally bagged everything in my room, even my bed. I now sleep on a Denny’s place mat. Trust me, this is for the better. You want to stop the hurting don’t you?

Good, now the final step is very simple. It involves going to his/her house, and begging. Beg like you’ve never begged before. Beg, plead, wallow, do whatever it takes until one of two things happens: either they take you back, or you end up resenting them so much, you’re over them. This works, really. Like I always say, “If you’re in handcuffs and up against a cop car, you’re on the road to recovery!”

Well anyway, I’ve just about ranted my heart out. Time to go watch “When Harry Met Sally” (YES, men can enjoy romantic comedies too, screw off!) until my eyes bleed. I’ll see you next issue. Have a happy Valentine’s day!

I see how it is...

I’ve never been a superstitious person. I wouldn’t be scared to be on the cover of Sports Illustrated; I open umbrellas indoors without even thinking it. I walk under ladders without even knowing it. I’d never even think of holding my breath while passing a cemetery.

Granted, every once in a while, I make people that I think are bad luck leave the room when my favorite team is losing, but other than that, I firmly believe that everything happens because of a specific reason.

That was all before I got cursed.

It all started on a rainy Friday afternoon. You may remember it as January 25, 2002. Anyway, it should have been a happy occasion. For the first few hours, indeed it was. I got appointed, elected, however it works, to assistant editor of the Chanticleer. Yea, now I get paid! I was happy, the media committee was happy, my editor was happy...you get the idea.

I should probably backtrack and explain a little about the assistant editor position of the Chanticleer. To put it quite simply, it’s cursed. I’m talking Boston Red Sox cursed. Anyone and everyone who embraces the position is doomed to a semester of personal, emotional, and as of now, physical turmoil. I would tell you the tales of assistant editors of yore, but I wouldn’t want to give you night terrors. It suffices to say that this job comes with hazards and trouble usually reserved for secret agents, soldiers, and substitute teachers.

Back to Friday. I am thankful that the actual day of appointment was long, but for the most part, uneventful.

Now that I think about it, maybe nothing happened because I was being careful. Nelljean Rice told me that the actual position wasn’t cursed, but I wasn’t prepared to believe her until I had proof. After a safe Friday, I thought I was in the clear.

I’ve never been more wrong about anything in my entire life.

First of all, work on Saturday was something that I will have to suppress in some faraway place of my memory. A jar of pickles broke all over me, and let me tell you, there’s a reason why they don’t put pickle juice in perfume. Someone sideswiped my car in the parking lot, and I came up almost ten dollars short at the end of the night.

That’s not the worst of it. Later that night, way later, four of my friends and I were piling into a Mustang and coming home from club when my foot was promptly slammed into the car door. Now it’s black, blue, and roughly the size of a small cantaloupe. When I finally got to bed, I had some sort of weird fever that made me shake and sweat all night long, and I completely destroyed the bathroom the next morning (this morning) as I took a shower. It’s not my friend’s fault for slamming my foot in the door (it’s really not). It’s just the curse. The curse of the assistant editor.

I think I’m in for a long semester.
PONTIAC-GMC 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IS HERE!

The Pontiac-GMC 3-ON-3 Basketball Tournament is coming to each Big South Conference market for students, fans and alumni to participate in. The winners from the student division in each market will advance to Roanoke, Va. to compete against each other at the Big South Basketball Championships. Overall winners will earn the right to go to a college football bowl game. For more information or to enter, please visit www.BigSouthSports.com.

RADFORD’S SAVTCHENKO NAMED PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK

Radford’s Andrey Savtchenko was named the Big South Conference Men’s Basketball Player-of-the-Week for the week ending Jan. 20. Savtchenko, a native of St. Petersburg, Russia, averaged a double-double last week with 25.5 points and 12 rebounds in two games. He had one of his best games of the season in the Highlanders’ win over High Point, scoring 27 points, grabbing 17 rebounds, while collecting five blocks, two steals and no turnovers. In RU’s game at Charleston Southern, Savtchenko scored 24 points.

ELON’S ANDREWS GARNERS WEEKLY AWARD

The Big South Conference tabbed Elon’s Holly Andrews as its Player-of-the-Week for women’s basketball for the week ending Jan. 20. Andrews led Elon to two Conference victories by averaging 23 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals per contest. For the week, the 5-9 guard shot 42 percent (16-for-38) from the field, but more importantly, she shot 57 percent (8-of-14) from beyond the three-point arc. Against UNC Asheville, Andrews scored a career-high 27 points, grabbed seven boards and handed out five assists.

OUCH!

Coastal Carolina’s injured ranks continue to grow. The Chanticleers are without the services of Torrey Butler (foot), Clint Reed (foot), Justin Burton (groin), Matt Sauers (foot), Mihai Raducanu (foot). In addition, CCU can only use several other players on a limited basis due to injury, including Brandon Newby (knee, toe), Anthony Susnjara (back), Antonio Darden (knee), and Matthew Horne (back).

PERFECTO

Coastal Carolina sophomore Alvin Green was perfect against Birmingham-Southern. He hit every shot he attempted, including eight shots form the field, two shots from beyond the three-point arc and four free throws. Green led the Chants with a game-high 22 points.

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

UNC Asheville has a seven-game winning streak, its longest in four years after picking up two important Big South Conference wins last week against High Point and Elon. The Bulldogs are 5-0 in League play for the second straight year and for the fourth time in the last six years.

STILL PERFECT

With wins over Coastal Carolina and UNC Asheville last week, Elon’s women’s basketball team pushed its Big South record to a perfect 5-0 on the year. The unblemished mark is Elon’s best Conference start since joining the League in 1999.

STREAKS, STREAKS, AND MORE STREAKS

With a 74-64 win at Winthrop on Jan. 19, Liberty extended its current winning streak to six games. The victory also marked the 11th straight for the Lady Flames over the Lady Eagles and continued a trend of 26 consecutive victories when LU scores 73 points or more.

BLOWOUT FOR US

Radford’s 62-53 win over High Point in women’s basketball might seem like a close game, but the Highlanders might consider it a rout. RU’s nine-point margin of victory was its largest of the season. The nine-point cushion is also larger than Radford’s other four wins combined, which totals a difference of eight points.

MAKING THE MOVE

Birmingham-Southern College is making the transition from NAIA to NCAA Division I. The Panthers will become full members of the Big South Conference in the fall of 2003. They will be eligible for all League championships beginning that fall, with the exception of men’s basketball. Due to NCAA regulations, Birmingham-Southern will have to wait for two years after gaining full Division I status before becoming eligible to receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Panther’s men’s basketball team will be eligible to compete in the 2006 Big South men’s basketball tournament. Birmingham-Southern would be eligible to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA men’s basketball Tournament in the 2003-04 season.

SAME ADDRESS, NEW LOOK, NEW FEATURES

Over the summer, the Big South formed a new partnership with College Sporting News to redesign and host the League’s website. The result is a revamped BigSouthSports.com, with new features, including a Fan Poll, improved Email Newsletters and an Ask the Commissioner section where fans can find out the answers to their most burning questions. Most importantly, the site will be the ONLY place on the web to get ALL of the latest scores, statistics and standings for every Big South institution.
Men’s team showing signs of life

By Justin Gardner
sports editor

The Coastal men’s basketball team is gradually improving, winning their last two games convincingly. The Chanticleers have struggled with injury all year with as many as eight men on the bench, but in the last two games Head Coach Pete Strickland has revamped the game plan to better play to Coastal’s strengths.

“We are a new team, and that team is 2-0,” said Strickland after the 88-7 win over top seeded UNC Asheville. On January 19th, the Chants faced off against Big South foe Birmingham Southern for a high energy match.

In the first half, CCU controlled the game and led Birmingham Southern team, 47-46. Alvin Green led the charge with his perfect performance. He was 8-8 from the three point line and 4-4 from the foul line, giving him a game high 22 points. Green, along with teammates Antonio Darden and Brandon Newby, got the fans excited early with a display of three point and inside shooting. The Chants shot 49% from the field and 41.2% from beyond the arch. Darden and Newby both had 13 points, and several others combined to give the men’s basketball team a big win and a needed emotional boost.

On January 23rd, the Chanticleers were an explosive and energetic team on a mission against Big South leader UNC Asheville. Darden, Newby and Derrick Robinson all having high scoring nights with 18 points each. Darden added 10 rebounds to his great offensive performance, giving him a double-double. Green had another sensational night, this time showing his versatility adding 13 points, grabbing seven rebounds and dishing off nine assists.

“The kids played a fantastic, high-energy game with a real sense of comradery,” Strickland said after the win.

The CCU men’s basketball team returns to Kimeble Arena on January 31st at 7:00 PM to face off against Winthrop.

Interceptions, replays, upsets, champions: Playoff update

By Nicole Service
assistant editor

Divisional Championships

Philadelphia Eagles (33) vs. Chicago Bears (19)

Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb scrambled, ducked sacks, and was light on his feet as he completed 26 of 42 passes for 242 yards to win the game. After the hard-hitting Philly defense knocked Bears’ quarterback Jim Miller out of the game with a separated shoulder, they were only able to score one offensive touchdown. Chicago’s defense, which allowed the fewest points all season, couldn’t hold back the Eagle offense, and four field goals by David Akers sealed the win. It also didn’t hurt that they had the ball for almost 13 minutes more than the Bears. This victory led the Eagles first championship game since 1981. St. Louis Rams (45) vs. Green Bay Packers (17)

The worst playoff loss in Packer history. That sums up the game, especially for QB Brett Favre, who threw six interceptions, three of which led to points for the Rams. Cornerback Aenea Williams set a playoff record by running two of those back for touchdowns himself. Although NFL MVP Kurt Warner had a great day with his quadruple receiving threat, not to mention a stellar running game, the Rams defense stepped up and played as well as its offensive counterpart.

And since the Rams do have the number one offense, that means danger for any opposition, just like it did for the Packers.

New England Patriots (16) vs. Oakland Raiders (13)
The Raiders continued their streak of not winning a road playoff in 21 years with this loss in snowy Foxboro, Mass. The Patriots, the AFC’s comeback kids, managed to squeak out a win, but just barely. When the ball was knocked away from replacement QB Tom Brady, the Raiders recovered with minutes left and a three-point lead. However, thanks to instant replay technology, the pass was ruled incomplete, and Brady rallied his team into field goal range. Place kicker Adam Vinatieri hit one from 43 yards away, and he made the game-winner 8:29 into overtime. Brady actually went for 312 yards, but he didn’t have the ball for almost 13 minutes more than the Bears. This victory led the Eagles first championship game since 1981. St. Louis Rams (45) vs. Green Bay Packers (17)

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Player Profiles

By Justin Gardner, sports editor

Name: Alvin Green
From: Myrtle Beach, SC
High school: Socastee
Date of Birth: 8/14/82
Year in school: Sophomore
Major: Business Management
Alvin first honed his point guard skills at the age of ten while playing his first organized basketball.
"When I was little, I always had a ball with me. I just love the game," Green said.
Alvin has never had a specific person who has influenced his basketball career. Instead he has relied purely on his own love for the game. However, there is an individual who keeps him motivated.
"My mom. It's all my mom. Some of it is for me, but mostly, it's all for her."
Personally, Alvin plans on continuing his basketball career professionally in the NBA, and if not the NBA, he plans on owning his own business.
Season Averages- Points per game: 11
Rebounds per game: 3.4
Assits per game: 3.3

By Justin Gardner
sports editor

Name: Nikki Reddick
Position: Guard
Date of Birth: 2/21/81
From: Heartsville, SC
Year in school: Sophomore
Major: Sociology
Nikki Reddick first started playing basketball at the age of seven because she thought it might be fun, but as time progressed, her appreciation and understanding grew into something more and made her into one of the top players for the Lady Chants. She is very literally living the goal that she set for herself.
"I always dreamed of playing collegiately. And maybe even above," Reddick said.
Reddick has posted impressive numbers this season, as well as helping her team to many victories. She is an explosive player from beyond the three point line, in the paint, and on the dribble. Which would probably explain why Reddick has twice this year been the Big South Conference Player of the Week, weeks where she posted season high statistics to help her team on the road to victory.
Road losses plague ladies

By Nicole Service
assistant editor

The last couple of weeks have been anything but smooth shooting for CCU’s women’s basketball team. Their inability to consistently score points punctuated by poor defensive showings have left the Lady Chants with a string of disappointing losses and very little light at the end of the tunnel.

It appeared that the game against Big South rival Winthrop would be another chapter to the same story when they had a nine point halftime lead over CCU. The Lady Eagles did lead by 14 until a jumper by Rebekah Ingle and a three-pointer by Nikki Reddick cut the lead down to single digits. Winthrop managed to get their lead back to 14 points twice in the second half, but with little over 15 minutes left, Coastal outscored their opponents 19-7 and pulled within two points. However, when it came down to crunch time, Coastal simply couldn’t complete the comeback and lost 65-56. Courtney Brown tallied 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Reddick added a game high 23 points of her own. A low shooting percentage (33%) and too many forced turnovers (20) contributed to the loss.

The game against Charleston Southern at the CSU fieldhouse was no exception to this trend. The game looked promising at halftime, when the score was 20-18 in favor of Coastal, but the Lady Bucs went off on a 13-2 run halfway through the second half, and they controlled the game from that point and beyond. In those first 12 minutes, Coastal only managed to score nine points. Although they beat CSU’s shooting percentage by 7.7%, a dismal 31.8% wasn’t enough to fend off the Buccaneer’s defensive effort. CCU’s Brown had a good showing with 15 points, but this season’s leading scorer Reddick was held to only 10 points and shot only four-of-15. Once again, the killer was the 23 forced turnovers that Coastal gave up to give CSU the 48-35 win. CCU’s record now stands at 6-12 overall, 2-5 in Big South play.