By Nicole Service
editor-in-chief

After years of speculation and anticipation, physical evidence of Coastal’s football program is finally here.

The CCU football team began the season with physicals, meetings and a cookout on Aug. 15. Over 90 student-athletes attended, and Head Coach David Bennett was thrilled to have a team to lead.

“The entire coaching staff is excited about having the players on campus after being here alone since January,” said Bennett. “After the hard work of getting this first class together, it is exciting to now begin molding the players that will be the first football players to wear a Coastal Carolina uniform.”

The team was together as a group for the first time on Aug. 16 for pre-season running tests. This initial training built into regular practices and will eventually lead to five scrimmages during this fall season.

The first scrimmage was scheduled for Aug. 30, but due to inclement weather, it had to be rescheduled. The first scrimmage will therefore take place on Sept. 6 at Myrtle Beach High School at 6 p.m.

Besides the football players actually being on campus, the addition of a new football stadium will alter the appearance of the school dramatically. The official groundbreaking was on July 30, and many people including University President Ron Ingle, board members, coaches, players and members of the community attended. The actual construction of the stadium will be completed in phases. Phase I will conclude with 6,500 seats and the box seats, and Phase II will add 10,500 more seats as well as a large multipurpose facility that will include a CCU Athletics Hall of Fame.

There have been concerns that the construction is behind schedule, but Warren “Moose” Koegel, CCU Athletic Director, claims that the process is right on time. Construction of Phase I will be completed by Sept. 6, 2003, the first Chanticleer home game,” Koegel said. “The actual construction began on Tuesday.”

Funding for the team has also been a hot topic around campus. The lowest bid to build the stadium came from Hill Construction Inc. of Mount Pleasant, and the facility is going to cost $9,192,860. The state will front approximately 35% of the cost with the rest of the money coming from private local companies and corporate sponsorships. The cost of actual equipment for the team comes from the athletic budget and is a totally separate account from the building fund.

“Compared to other stadiums, it is going to be small in terms of seat number, but in terms of quality, it’ll be an outstanding place,” Koegel said. “It is a facility that can be used year-round, not just for football.”

Although the facility will be multipurpose once completed, other sports have to make sacrifices in order to get the football program off the ground. The men’s soccer team, for instance, does not have ready access to a regulation field.

“We haven’t been able to train as much as we would like on a full-size field,” said soc-
Barr named new provost

By Brian Martin
assistant editor

A new provost has been hired by Coastal Carolina University, ending a search which has taken a year.

Peter Barr, former dean of the Wall School of Business, was hired over the summer. Barr was nominated to the position by a CCU faculty member.

"Dr. Ingle called me and asked if I would be interested," Barr said. "I'm very glad to be back."

As provost, Barr serves as the chief academic officer of Coastal, working closely with President Ron Ingle and Dr. Sally Horner to manage all academic organizations on campus. Although the task may seem a bit daunting, Barr says his transition was a smooth one, thanks to the work of interim provost Dr. Horner over the past year.

"It's a lot easier to build on a solid foundation than on something a lot weaker," Barr said. "And having been here before, and worked with all these people, the transition has been wonderful."

Barr is encouraging new programs, particularly ones which complement Coastal's liberal arts foundation. Among these is a potential communications major, which needs a curriculum to be worked out and finalized.

One of Barr's major goals is to increase "I've never been anywhere where there's such an interest in students and student performance."

Dr. Peter Barr, Provost

Coastal's service to the public. He hopes to create more faculty involvement in the community. Barr points out that CCU is a regional institution, started by local townspeople.

"We have a responsibility to provide leadership to the community when needed," Barr said.

Barr also hopes to build faculty relationships and enhance the teaching process.

"What drew me to Coastal in 1987 was the faculty," Barr said. "I think that Coastal has an outstanding faculty."

Barr says the professors at Coastal seem to have a higher commitment to students than those at many other universities.

"Faculty are generally available every day," Barr said. "That's not true of a lot of other universities. I've never been anywhere where there's such an interest in students and student performance."

Barr originally taught in West Virginia before a visit to Myrtle Beach prompted him to relocate to the area. He was employed by CCU from 1987 until 2000.

He began as associate professor of business, during which time he wrote the grant which established the Center for Economic Development. Barr then served as center director for three years. In 1992, he was promoted to dean of the Wall College of Business.

After leaving the Wall College, Barr took a position with Burroughs and Chapin for a year and a half. He first acted as senior vice president and later as chief planning and human resource officer.

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The newest Career Services recruitment program, Employer Info Sessions & On-Campus Interviews will be hosted in the Career Services area from October 7th through November 14th. Students must register with Career Services to participate in this program, but there is no fee.

Connie Jones, CCU class of '92, has been hired as a part-time Career Placement/Employer Relations Coordinator. Ms. Jones will provide case management services to seniors preparing for their job search. She will meet with seniors and recent alumni individually, by appointment, on-campus in Career Services or at the Coastal OneStop Workforce Center operated by the SC Employment Security Commission approximately one mile from campus. CCU is a Partner with the OneStop.

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Annual Leadership Conference quickly approaching

By Nicole Service
editor-in-chief

Saturday, Sept. 14 marks the annual Leadership Conference, a forum for professors, staff and students alike to learn about the qualities necessary for the development of a skillful leader.

The day will begin with guest speaker Don Sandsbury, also known as "Don Juan." He is the Director of Student Activities at Old Dominion University in Virginia.

The afternoon will be full with many different 30-minute presentations from all of Coastal's stipend students. Topics range from ethics to time management, and no one will walk away from the event without learning something about leadership skills that they were unaware of before.

Also, prizes ranging from gift certificates to a DVD player will be awarded, so not only will you gain benefit from this event, but you will most likely not leave physically empty-handed either.

Remember, at least two students from every recognized organization must attend, but the event is free and open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the activities.

"It is important for the student body to attend the Leadership Conference because it will provide them with information and realistic applications they can use in everyday life and bring back to their organizations," SGA President Brian Nunez said. "Hey, there's also free food and prizes."

The Leadership Conference is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. Call 349-2301 and speak to Kathy Watts if you have any questions.

Although this event has not been well attended in the past, the new format will hopefully bring new interest. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and begins in the Wall Auditorium with subsequent presentation in rooms 308, 309, 317, 318, 322, and 307.

University policy for student complaints

From the Student Handbook

The University deems it essential that all students be provided an adequate opportunity to bring complaints and problems to the attention of the administration with the assurance that they will be treated promptly, professionally, fairly, confidentially, and without fear of reprisal. If any student believes he or she has been mistreated by any member of the faculty or staff, the procedures listed below should be followed. They are intended to simplify the proper route for students to follow in complaining about any perceived mistreatment by a University employee and are not intended to replace any existing grievance process for matters that may be grievable. Students who are unsure about this complaint policy are encouraged to consult with their academic advisers.

Complaints about faculty on academic matters should be reported to the department chair or dean who supervises the professor or instructor, or inquire at the Office of the Provost.

Complaints about any form of perceived discrimination, including, but not necessarily limited to racial discrimination, sex discrimination, discrimination because of a disability, or sexual harassment and complaints about improper treatment by any university employee should be reported to the Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Equal Opportunity.

Complaints about admissions, any registration problem, billing or accounts receivable, or financial aid should be reported to the office of the Vice President for Enrollment Services.

All other complaints on non-academic matters, including complaints about treatment by other students should be reported to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

If any student with a complaint does not receive satisfaction from any of the above-listed offices, the student should bring his or her complaint directly to the Office of the President of the University.
Sigma Nu Fraternity is not a recognized student organization.

Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. released the following statement: The Mu Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity was suspended in January 2002. As of January 2002, all chapter activities were to have ended, including the recruitment of new members. Any invitations for membership made on behalf of any group claiming to represent Sigma Nu Fraternity at Coastal Carolina University will not be recognized by Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc.

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Football

cont. from p. A1  Quarterback Shaun Docking. "Lately we've been practicing at the Atlantic Center, and rain has kept us off the practice field."

However, Docking understands the problems inherent to building a new facility and is willing to be somewhat inconvenienced for the time being.

"We'll be fine," he said of the team. Along with a new football team, the athletic department has also developed a new Chanticleer logo.

"We all felt that, especially with the addition of a new sport, it was important to come up with something that portrayed a competitive image of the Chanticleer," Koegel said. "So far, the response from the students and the community has been very positive."

It may seem a long way off now, but once the football games begin, the sport should have a positive impact on the revenue of this school as it has at other institutions.

"It's difficult to speak in actual numbers, but we will receive revenue for tickets obviously, then there are game guarantees, products to be bought and an increase in student enrollment with the addition of the program because students want to go to a school with a football team," Koegel said.

One of the most important reasons for getting a football team, however, is often overlooked.

"The key thing that football will do is give the alumni and community a chance to come visit the campus," Koegel said. "We want people to come back."

Meet the Coaches

FROM LEFT: Kevin Brown, passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach; played quarterback in the South Atlantic Conference at Catawba. Curtis Walker, defensive coordinator; played linebacker at Catawba. David Bennett, head coach; played football and golf at Presbyterian College. Jamie Snider, offensive coordinator; played offensive guard at Catawba.
Who in the world is Yoko Tsukamoto?

By Nicole Service
editor-in-chief

Throughout American history, certain events will never be forgotten and more often than not, one word can trigger actual memories or retellings that have been handed down from generation to generation. In July, 1776, that word was FREEDOM. In February, 1836: ALAMO. September, 1972: WATERGATE.

August, 2002, is now being added to this list, and the one word we will all remember...you guessed it: YOKO.

The name Yoko Tsukamoto swept through Coastal’s campus the same way Tremors swept through the southwestern desert, quietly at first with only a couple of ne’er-do-wells sensing an odd presence, then bursting to the surface with the force, conspicuousness and enthusiasm of Old Faithful. Still, even though this name has been on everyone’s lips, the mystery still remains:

Who is Yoko Tsukamoto?

Many students have theories on the mystery name that has appeared on nearly every roster for nearly every class offered here.

“Maybe he or she is a friendly terrorist who wants to wreak havoc without really hurting people,” Rob Davidson said. “It would be a pretty good joke.”

Others believe that the mystery student might not be of this world.

“Maybe she drowned in the pond last year and now she’s back to haunt the school,” said Steven Webb. “What a nightmare.”

Still some remain who are not certain that Yoko is a person at all.

“My theory is that there was a computer glitch or maybe it was a test name for the registrar to see if the online registration works,” said Jackie Hands. “If not, she’s missed a bunch of classes.”

A name, or a dessert?

“That word has a lot of vowels,” Bo Bacot remarked. “But is sounds delicious.”

Each of these theories holds some merit, but there is a simple and logical explanation to Yoko Tsukamoto’s name appearing on more class lists than one person could ever possibly take in a semester. In fact, it could have happened to any student attending this institution.

“Basically it was just a software bug in the roster program,” explained Dan Lawless, the assistant registrar. “It was repaired by a software patch, and her name has been removed from the rosters.”

Although the problem was easily corrected, Lawless expressed regret for the incident.

“It is unfortunate that this happened. We (Registrar’s office) strive to always put out correct information, and this was an inconvenience to everyone. We all wish that it hadn’t occurred, but the problem is being fixed.”

For the record, Tsukamoto was once indeed a student here but has since graduated.

So the great mystery is solved, and Yoko Tsukamoto was revealed to be a harmless former student made famous by a problem with the computer system. However, I think we all agree that whenever we hear the name Yoko from now on we will remember a time in our lives when the weather was gray and drizzly, the air was thick with humidity and excitement, and one word passed over the lips of every student on campus...

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We'd like to invite everybody out to Rush Week, Sept. 9-13. You have the opportunity to join the largest and best fraternity in the world. For information concerning recruitment or any questions contact Dan West or Justin Vining at 234-1086 or email at dwest1@coastal.edu or jsvining@coastal.edu.

PI KAPPA PHI

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS OVER! Summer has ended and it is time yet again for another semester at Coastal in beautiful Conway, South Carolina. To welcome everyone back to the grind, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi organized a welcome back celebration in front of the Cypress dorm. If you didn't make it, sorry you missed out. Throughout the late afternoon, students from all over campus came down to enjoy one of their last nights of carefree bliss. There was enough food and drinks to go around for everyone, and among the hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda, it was a challenge playing round after round of volleyball. While everything else was going on, the modern-punk style of Honkey Bob and the Soda Crackers rocked the stage. I hope everyone had a great time and a wonderful and safe summer. Try to enjoy the new semester, and we'll see you soon.

Linda Dew, formerly of Hair Dews, is now associated with Shear Hair Designs.

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"Come on and rise up..." Bruce Springsteen breathes these solemn and convolucional words on the track "My City In Ruin," originally performed on America: A Tribute To Heroes and written about Asbury Park, NJ, the song has become an anthem for post-September 11 hope and renewal. Springsteen's new album "The Rising," his first with the E-Street Band in over a decade, is also something of perseverance and survival, dreams and visions, things Springsteen has been famous for propagating for over 30 years now.

The album features romper-stomperss reminiscent of the E-Street Bands finest tunes such as "Born To Run," "Born In The USA" and "Hungry Heart," where the song "Further On (Up The Road)" fits in perfectly.

While the album is propelled by gritty guitars and Springsteen's grainy heartland vocals, it is the talents of an outside producer, Brendan O'Brien of Pearl Jam and Aerosmith fame, who has added his distinct style, that helps Springsteen bring out the grit in the tales and the sorrow in the remnants of the attacks. While the album displays a very suffering tone through some of its songs, it also represents joy and redemption. Springsteen conveys through his lyrics hurt and emotions he has never quite touched before, while reaching out to the people he has so brilliantly identified with for all this time. Americans.

While the rockers are a treat (another good one is "World's Apart"), for the fans it is just good to hear the "Oh, Two, Thray!" Springsteen bellows to let you know the E-Street Band is back, it is the ballads that make this album a provocative and heartwrenching piece. "My City of Ruin" is indeed a highlight, but the eerie and haunting narrative named "Paradise" sends shivers up your spine and makes you feel cold deep down. It comes from the mind of a suicide bomber, and you may ask what he was thinking, but once the song settles in your mind and your ears wrap around it, all questions cease and answers seem reasonable.

"You're Missing" is a great number and quite possibly the one song on the album that will get to you in a way no song has in a very long time. You can tell the meaning of it just by its title, and once its in your head, you feel a whole new sense of pain for those that lost loved ones that day.

The swing and soul is definitely there in tracks like "Mary's Place" and "Waitin For A Sunny Day," the former which has a full horn section, and it just lets you know, reassuringly, the Boss has it all under control. "The Rising" is also a memorable track worth noting, not just for his and the band's recent performance of it on the MTV VMA's, but also for its message. Its reverent including of pain and optimism. It conveys the strongest sense of looking forward and Springsteen sees the future as bright and hopeful. Not only does he see America as rising from the ashes of September 11, but you can see Springsteen's rise back, settling demons of old, watching his country that is so beloved to him not falter but prosper. It is a reassurance to know that Americans have a spokesman so intent on a positive outcome for the people of this country.

Springsteen stated in a recent Rolling Stone interview that he was walking in Asbury Park after the attacks, and a man shouted from his car, "Hey, we need you right now." That man was right. The Boss is back, rising, and he's bringing America with him. You will be missing out if you do not hear this album at least once for in it lives dreams of the future and promises of things we will accomplish, a true masterpiece of modern rock and compassionate song writing.
Rob Zombie's horror film "House of 1,000 Corpses," which tells the story of some hapless youngsters who come across a murderous family, may finally get released. Universal Pictures shelved the movie last year after deeming it too disturbing. Lion's Gate Films has recently moved to distribute the film. "House of 1,000 Corpses," originally slated for release in Summer 2001, was written and directed by Zombie, the former frontman of metal band White Zombie.

"BOll of BOll!,000

If you're a fan of game shows, or laughing, then check out "Oblivious." Billed as "the game show you don't even know you're on," the show uses hidden cameras to follow host Regan Burns as he disguises himself in different jobs, ranging from an auto parts specialist to a bagger at a grocery store checkout, and talks with random customers. During the conversations, Burns slips in five questions (and an occasional bonus question), and "contestants" are awarded cash for every one they answer correctly. Airing on TNN Sunday nights at 9 PM, "Oblivious" is definitely worth checking out.

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The Good, the Bad, and the Triple-Bad: Summer Movie Roundup

By Brian Martin
assistant editor

THE GOOD:
"Spider-Man": The summer began with this outstanding movie based on the Marvel super-hero. When high school student Peter Parker is bitten by a genetically enhanced spider, he gains the arachnid's abilities and becomes "your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man."

As a comic book junkie, I was eagerly awaiting this film, and it did not disappoint. Actor Tobey Maguire was absolutely perfect as Parker, as was Kirsten Dunst in her role as Peter's romantic interest, Mary Jane Watson. My favorite performance in the film was easily J. K. Simmons as cantankerous newspaper publisher J. Jonah Jameson (I actually applauded when he was introduced on screen).

The web-slinging effects were impressive, and Spider-Man was every bit as flexible and acrobatic as he has been depicted in the comics. My only complaint was regarding the general lack of Spidey's trademark verbal quips during fight scenes.

"Star Wars: Episode II- Attack of the Clones"- A far-superior follow-up to 1999's "The Phantom Menace," this film went a long way in restoring fan faith in creator George Lucas. Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) takes a big step in his eventual fall to the Dark Side and becomes romantically involved with Padme Amidala (Natalie Portman), all while Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) follows a mysterious assassination plot to the beginnings of the fabled Clone War.

After taking a back seat in "Episode I," McGregor shines in this movie. He performs some great detective work at the film's onset, during which we meet dapper operator Dettster (the film's best new character). McGregor also displays a little of Obi-Wan's dry humor, first evident in Alec Guinness' performance in the original trilogy.

The film's action sequences are extremely impressive, particularly a battle between Obi-Wan and bounty hunter Jango Fett (Temuera Morrison) on the rain-drenched planet Kamino and the final sprawling conflict on Geonosis, which ends with an amazing battle between Christopher Lee's Count Dooku and diminutive Jedi Master Yoda. That little green guy sure can move when he needs to!

"Road to Perdition"- This was without a doubt the best film of the summer. Tom Hanks is a mob enforcer in the 1930s who, after his wife and child are murdered, takes his only remaining son on a quest for vengeance.

Both Hanks and co-star Paul Newman are in top form, delivering powerful performances under the direction of Sam Mendes ("American Beauty"). Jude Law, as a morbid photographer/hitman, gives some of the finest work I have ever seen out of him.

Cinematographer Conrad Hall composed some beautiful shots for this film, and Thomas Newman's score is a perfect compliment to the visuals. Watch for this film to make a big impact at next year's Academy Awards.

"Signs"- After taking on the spirit world with "The Sixth Sense" and the super-hero genre in "Unbreakable," director M. Night Shyamalan went the alien route and made this film about a farmer plagued by mysterious crop circles.

This movie proved to me that Shyamalan is the next Alfred Hitchcock. He creates suspense that begins building almost immediately and continues until the film's final moments. And composer James Newton Howard's score sounds like the work of Bernard Hermann, composer for Hitchcock's "Psycho."

THE BAD:
"Scoby-Doo"- Making live-action versions of cartoons is seldom a good idea, as this movie illustrates. The Scooby gang heads to a mysterious island, where residents' souls are being stolen to fuel a villain's diabolical plot.

Much of the film's humor is vile, particularly a scene in which Shaggy and Scooby have a friendly gas expulsion contest. Fred (Freddie Prinze, Jr.) is mis-portrayed as a moronic dorkus and he and Daphne (Sarah Michelle Gellar) are both relatively pointless characters. And the gravest injustice comes when Scrappy-Doo, universally hailed as the worst cartoon sidekick in history, makes an appearance.

On a positive note, Matthew Lillard's Shaggy was dead-on, and Linda Cardellini was a great, and hot, Velma. But then, should Velma really be hotter than Daphne?

"Men in Black II"- This was probably the biggest disappointment of the Summer for me. As a big fan of the original film, I was dismayed by this sequel, in which Will Smith's Agent J pulls Tommy Lee Jones' Agent K out of retirement to battle a new extraterrestrial menace.

The comedic dynamic of the original film worked because Jones played the straight man and Smith was the funny, inexperienced rookie.

This film should, theoretically, reverse these roles, but it doesn't completely. Smith is used to seeing aliens now, but Jones, who was "neutralized" at the first film's conclusion, doesn't really seem all that surprised by what's happening around him.

The film's one truly funny scene involves comedian David Cross reprising his brief role from the first film as a video store employee who invites the MBs to his mother's house to review a rare VHS tape.

"XXX"- This was beyond any doubt the worst movie I saw all summer. No, make that all year. Vin Diesel reunites with Rob Cohen, his director in "The Fast and the Furious," to churn out this piece of cinematic garbage about a thick-necked, deep-voiced extreme sports loving criminal who is hired by some government agency to infiltrate a terrorist group and snowboard.

I would imagine that screenwriter Rich Wilkes is actually a monkey chained to a typewriter. The film's "plot," if you want to call it that, is ludicrous, even for an action film, and the dialogue is flimsy. A dyslexic hobo could have written a better script. None of the characters have any evident motivation for their actions, other than to lead viewers from one overblown action sequence to the next. The film's villain, for example, wants to poison the world, but he doesn't want anyone to know he did it. What kind of a garish, cartoonish megalomaniacal super-terrorist wants to be anonymous?

The filmmakers were probably hoping that the numerous action sequences would distract viewers from the fact that the movie doesn't have a plot. Well I wasn't fooled. The theme with these stunts was apparently quantity over quality. Most of the action was excessive and overdone, seemingly endless and filled with impossible maneuvers that made my "suspension of disbelief" fail-safe fall to pieces.

There is never any real tension created by the action pieces, including the "heart-stopping" finale, in which Diesel gradually stops the terrorists' water-bound weapon, code-named "Ahab," in a feeble attempt to impress viewers vaguely familiar with "Moby Dick."

There was a sequel in the works before this film was even released. I can only hope it involves James Bond showing up and dropping XXX out of an airplane.

Oh wait. For some reason, XXX always has a parachute. Silly me.
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- 19: CINO Fest & Movie – “Spiderman”  
- 20: Excursion Day  
- 21: Open Recreation Night  
- 22 - 23: Beach Party  
- 27: BINGO!  
- 28: Minority Student Mixer  
- 29: Blood Drive  
- 29: NPHC Greek Information Night  
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- 7 - 10 pm: Recreation Center  
- 11 am - 3:30 pm: Crown Reef Resorts  
- 10 am - 5 pm: Student Center  
- 7 pm: Wheelwright Auditorium  
- 8 pm: The Commons  
- 4:30 pm: Student Center  
- 10 am - 3 pm: Student Center  
- 6:30 pm: Atheneum Hall 003

#### September
- 3 - 6: Panhellenic (Sorority) Recruitment  
- 7: Panhellenic Bid Day  
- 9 - 13: Fraternity Recruitment  
- 9: Movie – Scooby Doo  
- 11: September 11 Memorial Service  
- 12: Clubs & Organization Day  
- 14: OSA Leadership Conference  
- 17: BINGO!  
- 18: Comedian – Vic Henley  
- 20: Casino Night  
- 23: Movie - TBA  
- 24: Step Afrika!  
- 25: CCU Unity Day  
- 7 pm: Wheelwright Auditorium  
- 7 & 9 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 11:30 am - 2:30 pm: Prince Lawn  
- 7 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 9 pm: Wheelwright Auditorium  
- 7 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 7 & 9 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 8 pm: The Commons  
- 11 am - 2 pm: Prince Lawn  
- 11 am - 2 pm: Prince Lawn  
- 10 am: Humanities Courtyard  
- 7 & 9 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 12 pm: Wheelwright Auditorium  
- 11 am - 2 pm: Prince Lawn  
- 11 am - 2 pm: Wall Building  
- 8 pm: The Commons  
- 7 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 8 pm: House of Blues  
- 7 & 9 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 7 & 9 pm: Wheelwright Auditorium  
- 7 pm: Prince Lawn  
- 11 am - 2 pm: Prince Lawn

#### October
- 1: Illusionist Craig Karges  
- 7: Movie – TBA  
- 9: Hispanic Celebration  
- 9: MTV’s The Real World’s Danny Roberts  
- 11 - 13: Family Weekend  
- 9: Hypnotist Frederick Winters  
- 17: Professional Regurgitator Stevie Starr  
- 21: Movie – TBA  
- 29: BINGO!  
- 30: Psychic Fair  
- 7 pm: Wheelwright Auditorium  
- 7 & 9 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 11:30 am - 2:30 pm: Prince Lawn  
- 7 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 9 pm: Wheelwright Auditorium  
- 7 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 7 & 9 pm: Wall Auditorium  
- 8 pm: The Commons  
- 11 am - 2 pm: Prince Lawn  
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#### November
- 4: Movie – TBA  
- 18: Movie – TBA  
- 20: Concert – Jill Sobule  
- 7 pm: Wheelwright Auditorium  
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The Road You Didn’t Take

By Nicole Service
editor-in-chief

“I went to college, and now, 10 years later, I wish I had done something else.”

Wait a second. That doesn’t sound right. Isn’t it usually the other way around? “I didn’t go to college, and now, 10 years later, I regret it.” That sounds correct.

Or is it? When you first began middle school, you probably couldn’t imagine being old enough to graduate from high school, much less go to college, then actually graduate from there. No, that was eons away. That was a universe separate from your own. But now you are in college, perhaps even on your way out. Looking back, can you honestly say it was worth it? Can you look at yourself in the mirror and be content with the path you chose for yourself?

Or is there a pesky thought lurking in the back of your mind? You all know what it is. The worst thought in the history of humanity.

What if?

What if you had gotten that dump apartment in New York City and tried to make it as a Broadway performer? What if you had started up the .com company you always thought would make millions? What if you had written that book? What if you had left it all behind, backpacked through Europe and tried to discover yourself there? What if you failed? What if you succeeded?

Jeanna Cummings decided to take that chance.

Growing up in the small farming community of Ruffin, SC, Jeanna was not exposed to most of the world. While living in Ruffin, she got into the wrong kind of friends and the wrong kind of things that set her on a path to self-destruction. On the day she got kicked out of her house, her friend called her and asked if she wanted to go to Montana.

“I had never been there, but I thought Yellowstone sounded like a cool place to go, so we jumped on the Greyhound and took the three-day trip to Montana,” Jeanna said. “I had never seen big mountains before, so it was like a fantasy world, just beautiful.”

She settled into life there easily, working in an extraordinary four places within the park in one summer when most people usually worked only one. But the hard work did not get her down.

“I went there to get away from bad things, and so did a lot of other people who were there. People were there for freedom, fun, friendship and a family feeling that is hard to find in other places.”

While in Montana, Jeanna met David as they worked in the same place. He was from Seattle, so she packed up her things once again and moved there with him. They stayed for three months before deciding to hit the road once again and drive cross country to the Florida Everglades.

“We loaded up an ‘89 Oldsmobile with tags but no insurance and drove all the way to South Carolina to visit my family. Then we went down to the Everglades. That was crazy. There were terrible mosquitoes, but the wildlife was great. I missed it from Montana.”

Not to say that her life was perfectly settled. Jeanna still managed to find mischief wherever she went.

“I was working in a bar, and one night I got really drunk with my friends. Since there was nobody around, we put on war paint and streaked naked through the bar. It was stupid.”

After that, she spent a little bit of time at home, then went back to Montana and worked in a town north of the park. She ended her relationship with David and got a little bit wilder.

“I met some kids my age who lived in tepees and lived off the land. We would get together and cook deer and elk. Weird stuff, but fun.”

Life on the road soon got tiresome, however, and Jeanna returned to Ruffin. This time, as well, she was not alone. Drew, a man she had met while working in Gardner, was with her. Now her life is totally turned around, and she lives for God. This past year she and Drew have spent on the coast selling homemade jewelry, the longest she has stayed in one place in a while. They are currently in Alabama and thinking about moving to Arkansas to look for diamonds and make more jewelry.

Despite all this life experience, Jeanna still feels that she would like to go back to school. Before, she was not ready. Now she is.

“I’m looking for a place where I feel comfortable and can stay, not have to pick up and leave as soon as I’m done. Somewhere small because I’m a small town girl, but somewhere with culture.”

Some people have not felt the need to traverse the country in order to find out the great mysteries of life.

“I learned a lot of things you can’t learn when you’re stuck in a classroom all day,” Nick explained. “I learned a lot of things about life, and it’s not all pretty.”

Although he has enjoyed his time off, he plans on returning to school next semester.

“I really enjoyed my job. Hardly anyone gets to work with falcons, especially training them,” Nick said. “But I don’t think it’s my passion, and I doubt if I would have learned that for sure if I hadn’t taken this time away.”

It would seem logical to study something related to ornithology or biology, the very subject he was studying before he made the decision to leave school, but he plans on taking a different route. He is not sure what he wants to do yet, but he is fairly certain that he will need a college education to do it. He said that the only thing that would make him not return at this point would be some sort of miraculous advancement through the company.

“Being out of school was fun...for the first week. But I see people who have taken time off and never gone back. They seem happy enough, but now they are floating through life empty-headed with no goals or purpose. I don’t want to be like that.”

Like Nick, Billy McCarthy also attended school for a while before leaving. He attended Rutgers University for three years before being called to play Major League Baseball for the Myrtle Beach Pelican, the farm team of the Atlanta Braves.

“I got drafted, and it was a high enough level that

After spending a long day in the sun of Florida, Jeanna Cummings relaxes in a park. —Photo courtesy of Jeanna Cummings
it seemed worth it, to me at least, to quit school early and get my shot at pro ball," Billy said.

Even though playing professional baseball was the chance of a lifetime for him, he is returning to school this fall to complete his final year.

"If I had gone any lower (than Advanced A minor league) I probably would have gone back to school earlier. I think you need to get your education unless there's something else out there that benefits you both personally and financially. Otherwise I'd say get your education."

So, are you happy where you are or do you believe that maybe there is life beyond the green confines of CCU that you absolutely cannot deal with missing? What if you pretend like this is all you have ever been looking for? Perhaps it is. Or perhaps you were meant for greater and broader things than are in Conway.

Whatever the case, Jeanna's advice is to simply do what makes you happy but realize that no matter where you are, you will always have to do something that maybe you do not want to do.

"There's always something else out there," Jeanna said. "It doesn't matter where you go or how happy you are...you're always looking for more."
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Comedian kicks off the year for Coastal Productions

By Nicole Service  
Editor-in-chief

"You guys, it's hot down here. I mean, it's really hot! It's like as soon as I stepped off the plane, all the air was sucked right out of me, and I'll tell you what, I couldn't move. It's the kind of weather where you step outside and you can't help but curse. You might be in the best mood ever, but you open the door, stand there for a second until the heat hits you, and all of a sudden, it's—"

Thus began the comedy stylings of comedian Gary Owen. Brought here by Coastal Productions, he was the first white comedian on BET.

"I grew up in the trailer park, and when I started getting famous and people from there would see me on TV, they would come up to me and be like 'Man, I saw you on that black entertainment channel. You were real funny. And to think, all this time I've known you, I never even knew you were black.'"

Owen's musings covered all the major aspects of modern American lifestyle from sports to religion to pop music with a lighthearted and blasé attitude.

"I'm telling you, the only sport white people have left is NASCAR, and I don't think we'll be losing that one any time soon. First of all, the fans are enough to keep any minorities from showing up, if you know what I'm saying."

One of the best parts of the show was his observations of boy bands. He said that he figured out the reason why they all had the same dance moves. Darren. For those who were still skeptical, Owen proceeded to do the same dance to 'NSYNC. Backstreet Boys and New Edition with only one minor adjustment due to Bobby Brown's infamous past. Seeing him demonstrate the ridiculous yet somehow perfectly choreographed routine to all three groups made the entire audience practically fall out of their seats with laughter.

The best part of the night was Owen's incorporation of Coastal and its traditions into his routine. Most comedians touch on their current location briefly, but Owen poked fun at our university and surrounding areas for a good twenty minutes to begin with, and the audience, though surprised, was appreciative.

"You know you go to a thug school when you can shorten it to CCU. Someone can come up to you and ask, 'Where do you go to school?' and you can answer 'CCU, bitch. What about you?' And they'll back off because they go to Winthrop.'"

Like any great comedian, writing about his act does not do Owen justice. However Coastal Productions has many other great performers scheduled for this semester, including more comedians, so if you did not catch Gary Owen, do not miss out next time around.
Virgo (August 23-September 21): If the first week of school seems a little bit too early to be totally stressed, you would be correct. Do not start out this year by making the same mistake you always do of taking on more than you can handle. Ease into the year and remember that college is supposed to be fun.

Libra (September 22-October 22): This school year seems to be starting smoothly, but beware. Funds saved from over the summer will be quickly depleted and asking good old Mom and Pop for cash will get old quickly. Consider putting in more hours at the office or get used to begging.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21): Sorry to say it, but summer is over. School may seem like a drag now, but it is going to be even worse when the middle of the semester comes and you are not sure what classes you are in. Get with it now or face some pretty dreary consequences come December.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Whether you have been away from home for quite a while or you just recently left, you feel as if you are losing touch with someone who was at one point a close friend. Give that person a call: he or she is waiting to hear from you.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You have adapted an attitude adjustment for the better this semester. With a vow to do better in school and make yourself happier, you are plunging into school head-first. However do not be discouraged when you hit your first minor setback. Be persistent and simply do the best you can.

Aquarius (January 20-February 17): Your nurturing nature is coming out full force, and all around you are people who you think need to be taken care of. Remember there are those out there who might resent any unsolicited interference in their lives. Be there when necessary, but back off if you feel like you are being overbearing.

Pisces (February 18-March 19): It seems like wherever you go, there is a party. And wherever there is a party, there is undoubtedly drama. Do not insert yourself into the middle of a situation where you do not truly belong. You may feel like you are simply taking up for someone, but you will bring more trouble than you dispel.

Aries (March 20-April 19): Feeling a little lonely and maybe out of place at the beginning of a school year is not uncommon, to freshmen, transfers and returning students. It may take some effort, but try to find a place where you are comfortable both with the people and the surroundings. Happiness will not be far behind.

Taurus (April 20-May 19): Love is in the air for you in the next weeks. If you are attached, you will find new reasons why you are with your other half. If you are single, keep your eyes open because that special someone is near and may be hiding where you least expect it.

Gemini (May 20-June 20): If your friends seem distant and aloof lately, do not take it personally. Your sensitive nature and tendency toward codependency makes the situation seem more drastic than it really is. Give your friends their space and soon everything will return to normal.

Cancer (June 21-July 21): After a tumultuous period, your life seems to be back in order. Be careful not to make the same mistakes you did before that got you into trouble in the first place. Think through your actions before you decide to skip "just one class" or put off writing that paper for "one more night."

Leo (July 22-August 22): Someone you trusted hurt your feelings recently, and you are not quite sure how to deal with it. Let it roll off your back for a while and attempt to forget about the situation. Rest assured that your so-called friend feels awful.
Dear Lollita,

I am a 19-year-old sophomore, and since school has begun, I am having romantic feelings toward one of my professors. There is another strange problem—she's in her forties. Please tell me that this isn't a sign of Oedipus complex!

Feelin' the MILF

Dear Feelin',

You little tadpole! Here's the scoop. As far as biology goes, older women and younger men make great sexual partners. Sex therapist Anne Hooper explains that women reach their maximum capacity to have orgasms and can have multiple orgasms in their middle to late 30s and early 40s while men reach their sexual peak between the ages of 18 and 22. During these respective periods, women tend to feel more comfortable with their sexuality and are able to have several orgasms a day.

That being said, there are numerous social constraints connected with a younger man dating an older woman. Because it is not the norm, often people will look on your relationship as being "sick," and even you expressed a worry that perhaps you are suffering from a form of the infamous Oedipus complex. Besides dealing with others, these types of relationships have emotional constraints as well. One partner may likely have more power than the other, causing one person to feel very vulnerable.

Remember that this particular woman is no ordinary jane; she is your teacher. As outrageous as this may seem, schools usually frown upon professors dating students, even if it is "true love," which does not seem to be the case here. Also, unless this professor has made explicit advances toward you, it is with a fair degree of certainty that I can tell you that she probably has no interest in you sexually. Make sure you know if this is merely an infatuation before acting upon it.

Besides, if you end up being a real jerk to her, it could very well have an adverse effect on your grade.

Lollita,

Ever since I was little, I've been much hairier than most girls. I started shaving my legs when I was in fourth grade, something I have to do every day, and I even have to shave my arms if I don't want to look like a gorilla. The worst part is that I have pubic hair that grows from my inner thighs up to my navel. It's disgusting! I've tried shaving it before, but it just gets so itchy that I had to stop. What should I do?"

"Hairy" Ann

Dear Hairy Ann,

At least you're warm at night.

All joking aside, you are probably suffering from hirsutism, defined by MedicineNet.com as simply having an overabundance of hair. Not exactly a serious medical condition.

Obviously that does not mean you are not looking for a way to tidy yourself of this inconvenience. There are many options available to you. If you want to remove it without medical treatment, do not shave because as you have already discovered, the area will become very uncomfortable after a few days. Try a long-lasting method such as waxing. If the hair is thin or sparse, like it is on many women, try plucking or even bleaching.

If these measures are not drastic enough to bring you out of your current Sasquatch-esque state of being, there are medical avenues available. Laser treatment can be used to fry away those unwanted strands. Certain drugs have also been proven to help according to DestinationRX. Vaniqa is a topical cream that aids hair removal, but it can have side effects ranging from burning and rash to bleeding skin. Certain oral contraceptives are also effective in treating mild cases. Talk to your gynecologist before attempting any of these treatments on your own.

There is an upside to this hairy mess, pun intended. The more hair a woman has is proven to coincide with a high sex drive because it means she possesses a lot of natural testosterone, according to Hooper. It also makes it easy for you to become aroused and reach one hell of an orgasm. So don't fret. Get your problem fixed so you can utilize your God-given gift.

Lollita is not a licensed doctor or psychiatrist, although she is a licensed driver. She is just a single, hot, funny and knowledgeable gal that gives advice on everyone's favorite topic for free. So if you have any serious problems 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 216 of the Student Center. You can also email Lollita at chanticleer@coastal.edu.
Honky Bob and the Sodacrackers

By Nicole Service

editor-in-chief

Not long ago, in a place not far away yet still vastly unknown to common folk, a basically peaceful man named Jonathan sat in a cell for various and sundry acts that will not be mentioned by this observer. It was not long after his arrival that John came to the realization that not everyone in this imposed captivity was as amicable as he was. Soon it was clear that tranquil survival was achieved only by the strong, the infamous and the crafty. Seeing how John was neither physically intimidating nor repentable to the bad or the good, he had to use his mind to devise a way to make it to the end of his incarceration unscathed. He formed a bond with some fellow inmates, and they called themselves “Honky John and the Soda Crackers.” From the day that name was introduced to the general population, John was known as a clever, humorous and inoffensive individual who was therefore left to his own devices by the most unruly prisoners. This having occurred, John imparted his knowledge to young Robert, his nephew, in order to give him instruction if he were to ever find himself in a similar situation. God forbid.

Years later Bob has managed to stay out of jail, but his uncle’s wisdom has not been forgotten. Because the name he and his cousins took made him popular, amusing and accepted, the name lives on, and Honky Bob and the Soda Crackers, a punk rock band, have been tearing through the clubs and bars of the Grand Strand for the past year.

Rick Smith, lead guitarist and Coastal student, and his longtime friend and neighbor, Bob Joyner, drummer, formed the group a little over a year ago. “I was down in Orlando working for The Mouse when I came back home on a vacation,” Smith explained. “I bought my acoustic guitar, and Bob and I jammed together with me playing some of my original songs. He thought they were catchy.”

“No, I jumped all over them,” Joyner corrected. “They were badass.”

“Well, that night we went to HOB for local night, and all the bands there were hard-core rock.” Smith continued. “Not that they were bad, but we like to play stuff that isn’t serious, that’s happy fun and allows people to escape the harsh realities of life rather than dwell on them.”

Three weeks after that night, the boys went to record their first CD.

“Oh, man, that CD is…” Bob searched for the right word.

“We were wasted,” Smith said bluntly. “We brought one of those big, long coolers filled with Pabst Blue Ribbon and we were like ‘Man, you don’t care if we bring some beer, do you?’ The guy in the studio said no, and by the time we finished for the day, I couldn’t stand up.” “We did everything in one take because, hey, time is money,” Bob said with a carefree shrug.

Honky Bob has always been a three-man routine, but the two founding members have had some trouble keeping a permanent bass player. The original was fired, the second quit when the band went on a two-month hiatus due to Smith breaking his hand, and the third had his heart broken and decided to quit music altogether. Jamie Boswell began playing bass as the newest Soda Cracker, and hopefully he will be the addition to the duo they have been looking for.

Throughout all the turmoil and changes, Smith and Joyner have remained faithful to their original intention of keeping their music light-hearted and fun. Joyner’s favorite song is “Three Chord Rock” and Smith prefers one of his newer tracks, “The Beach.” Some of the words are, “Guys wearin’ Speedos, chicks wearin’ thongs, when you go to the beach, you can’t go wrong.” There are more lines about getting a tan and having sand stuck in your crack and so on.

“Dude, I don’t see how you can sing that without laughing,” Joyner said with a smile.

“We’re true beach boys,” Smith explains. “We grew up here skating and surfing. We’re just a bunch of jokes who would rather sing about girls, surfing, and playing with my peter than let the angry stuff get us down.”

Even though they may seem like your average garage band, Honky Bob and the Soda Crackers have the goal of touring the country while playing their music. As soon as the new bass player gets settled in and learns all the songs, they plan on hitting the road. Some of their songs have already been chosen for movies such as “Head Shave,” a surf film, and they have managers up and down the East Coast who are eagerly awaiting their arrival. They plan on heading back to the studio and recording another CD soon, maybe even sooner than this time around.

Smith has the number one aspiration of being a rock star with groups and outrageous demands. “I do this for the fun, the adrenaline and the crowd response. When you’re up there singing and everyone in the crowd is singing along with you, it’s the coolest feeling in the world.”

Joyner is more humble with his goals: “I just want to be able to pay my bills and play at the same time.” Work is a four letter word.”

Honky Bob and the Soda Crackers may have gotten their name from a place where no one wants to go, but they dream of making it to places few are ever allowed to venture. With a happy-go-lucky party punk style of sound inspired by the beach and their own unique, carefree, optimistic, no-boundaries view toward life, a few boys from good old Conway, one a future Coastal alumn, could very well see their dreams, the kind that usually exist only in books and fairy tales, come true.
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FROM THE SGA OFFICE

Hello fellow CHANTS! I would like to welcome all students, both new and returning, to Coastal, as well as Coach Bennett and his football coaching staff. My name is Brian Nunez, and I am the Student Body President. I am looking forward to a productive and eventful year serving as the Student Body President. The rest of the SGA Executive Board consists of Shawn Passwaters (Vice President), Jason A. da m s (Treasurer), and Devra Blanden (Secretary). We are here to serve as the students’ voice in campus affairs.

I would like to extend an invitation to the student body to come visit the Student Government Association and our newly renovated facilities located on the second floor of the Student Center. I encourage you to get involved in campus organizations and events. The upcoming Club and Organization Recruitment Day on September 12 will provide an ample opportunity to seek out your niche in Coastal’s campus community. I wish you the best of luck with your experiences at Coastal Carolina University.

Remember to make the most of it!

SGA PRESIDENT
BRIAN NUNEZ

YOU DON’T SAY: A LETTER TO FRESHMEN

This piece pertains to only incoming freshmen (not to those of you who have been here a couple years and still fashion the title “freshmen”).

Hello and welcome to college: the world of legal and illegal drugs, masses of alcoholic beverages, false identification cards and no parents to say when. Whoever you were in high school is now irrelevant. So forget it. You can be whoever you want now. And no one will know otherwise. Whoever you think you know is also irrelevant because chances are he or she is probably changing the same way you are.

And the final irrelevancy is your goals. The only important thing is the road you choose to start your life on. That’s what it’s all about, right. This is a four-year test drive. Maybe your path consists of cramming through and attending graduate school when you’re through. But it probably also consists of booze, drugs, fakes, lies, guilt and a subconscious want for your Mommy. Well, probably not so much of the latter but...I don’t know.

In college you will probably meet a few people. Remember everyone has at least three different personalities, so try to catch them in as many different states as possible. This is the only real way to decide whether or not they are worthy of a seat in one of the cars headed down your road. Drive Defensively.

And here are five bits of information for the trip, don’t forget these.

1) Pennies are made of copper, and they have words written in English on them. To foreigners, these words don't mean much. So throw all of your pennies on the ground in case the fundamentalists somehow turn out to be right.

2) It doesn’t make too much of a difference whether you’re turning it quickly or slowly, you’re still opening a door.

3) If you ever happen to be famous, do not sign an endorsement with a cereal company. You can buy cereal really cheap at the store.

4) Sleep as much as you can. Or take an occasional nap. Nap spelled backwards is pan. And we all know what that means.

5) If you play golf...don’t. Play tennis. The shoes are more comfortable and nervous breakdowns are less likely. Plus the girls wear short skirts.

Other than that, enjoy your time here and have fun finding your path. Or don’t. Either way, by the end of it, whether you know it or not, you have already chosen your destiny.

—Emerson H. Dyer
staff writer

THINGS YOU DIDN’T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT

This summer, an unparalleled menace reared its head and threatened America, striking from the last place anyone expected. Lately, everyone’s been worried about the Taliban, Saddam Hussein and nuclear war, but we’ve clearly all been too distracted to see that a greater threat exists within our own country.

I speak of the nefarious aquatic beast called the Snake Head Fish.

Also known as the Frankenfish, the fish is a native of Asia but is sold domestically in Boston and New York markets. The fish stirred a national panic this summer, however, when one was discovered swimming freely in a Maryland lake. It has since been found in a total of seven states.

But what’s the big deal about a fish, you say? Well, this is no ordinary fish. The snake head swims its way through a lake or other body of water, eating all other fish in sight. When the lake has been emptied of food, the Frankenfish leaves the water and travels across land to the next lake, where the horrible cycle of death continues.

The Frankenfish is a life form with one cold, solitary agenda: relentlessly destroy all life it encounters in the name of satiating its own insidious appetite. Not limited to aquatic animals, the Frankenfish has also been known to eat small rodents and birds. They have even attacked humans on occasion.

That’s right. The thing can survive for three days out of water, has a tremendous appetite and doesn’t like people. Can any of us really be safe again? Truly, the fish is edging it way closer to the top of the food chain with each passing day.

Several states have made it illegal to own a Frankenfish, and there is some talk that certain bodies of water will be poisoned in an attempt to outsmart the archfiends.

What could have led to the creation of such a mythic sea beast? Toxic waste? Radiation? Excessive fish inbreeding?

Perhaps the fish is nature’s answer to the gluttonous American. Is tearing through a pond’s fish stock really any different than gorgeing yourself at Ryan’s buffet on a Sunday afternoon? Same premise, different species.

Whatever the case, I doubt we’ve heard the last of the Frankenfish. It could be the end of us yet.

—Brian Martin
assistant editor
WELCOME BACK!

The Big South Conference wants to welcome back all Coastal Carolina students and remind them of the exciting things that have happened to the League over the summer. Read on to find out more...

FOOTBALL SET TO KICK-OFF

The Big South has added football as its 18th championship sport, with the inaugural season set to kick off this year. While Coastal doesn’t have football yet, the Chanticleers will have a team to cheer for next season. This year is a good chance for CCU fans to get their feet wet and prepare to support the Chants in the 2003 Big South race.

ROACH, KOPPEL EARN BIG SOUTH SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

UNC Asheville’s Mike Roach and Coastal Carolina University’s Kara Koppel were named Men’s and Women’s Scholar-Athlete of the Year respectively by the Big South Conference. Roach, a senior midfielder on the Bulldogs’ men’s soccer team, played in 13 games, starting 12 this past season. He helped lead UNCA to its best season since joining Division I, including leading the Bulldogs to the Big South Regular Season title. The Greensboro, N.C. native scored one goal and five assists for seven points and was the first-ever UNCA student-athlete to be named First Team Academic All-American for men’s soccer. Roach, a chemistry major, was also named All-District Academic All-American and was UNC Asheville’s 2001 Scholar-Athlete of the Year. A Big South Presidential Honor Roll member for two years, he has also been a Dean’s List member for three semesters at UNCA.

Koppel, a junior on Coastal Carolina’s cross country and track and field teams, was the 2002 Big South outdoor track and field and cross country Scholar Athlete of the Year. The McDonald, Ohio native was a Second Team Verizon Academic All-American in women’s cross country and women’s track and field. A two-time Big South All-Conference honoree in cross country, she was also the 2001 Big South women’s cross country Scholar-Athlete. Koppel, a psychology major, was also a two-time champion and All-Conference at 2002 Big South indoor track championships. She has been on Coastal Carolina President’s list six times, the Big South’s Presidential Honor Roll three times and was a member of the 2001 Big South All-Academic Teams in cross country and outdoor track and field.

SAGAN, LORICK NAMED TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

*Liberty University’s Heather Sagan and Winthrop University’s Rod Lorick were named the Women’s and Men’s Track and Field Athletes of the Year respectively by the Big South Conference. Sagan earned the award by becoming the Big South Conference’s first national champion in any sport. A Warrenton, Va. native, Sagan won the mile at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships with a Liberty and Big South Conference record time of 4:38.52. The senior also was named Most Outstanding Track performer at the 2002 Big South Outdoor Track and Field Championships for winning the 800 meters, 1,500 meters and the 5,000 meters. She also has been named All-American and Academic All-American twice. Lorick was an indoor track All-Conference performer in the 200 meters, the 400 meters and the triple jump. The Irmo, SC native placed first in the 200 and 400 and second in the triple jump, as well as anchoring the 4 x 400 relay team in a second place finish to earn Most Outstanding Track Performer honors at the indoor championships. He finished second in the 400 meters, high jump and triple jump at the outdoor championships to earn All-Conference honors in each event. A senior last season, Lorick also anchored the 4 x 100 (which finished third) and 4 x 400 (which finished second) relay teams in the outdoor championship.

THREE BIG SOUTH TEAMS HONORED WITH AVCA ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Birmingham-Southern College, Liberty University and Winthrop University’s volleyball teams were all among 47 NCAA Division I programs honored with the 2001 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA)/Molten Team Academic Award, the association recently announced. The Team Academic Award honors programs at all levels of competition that displayed excellence in the classroom by maintaining at least a 3.30 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale during the academic year. Liberty ranked second overall in the poll with a team GPA of 3.64. Belmont University had the top GPA with a 3.69. Winthrop ranked 11th with a GPA of 3.50 and Birmingham-Southern was 24th with a 3.39 team GPA.

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Women's soccer begins season with huge victory

By Jessica Mc Murrer
staff writer

CCU was picked to place third place for the season in the Big South Conference. This ranking appeared in the conference's annual women's soccer poll. Liberty and Elon Universities were ranked first and second respectively.

In their final pre season game, the Lady Chanticleers were defeated 2-0 by the Carolina Girls Soccer Club on Aug. 27. Coastal Carolina did out-shoot the Carolina Girls 14-5, but goalkeeper Alechia Brothers managed to hold the Chants to zero goals.

The ladies did not let this pre season setback dampen their determination. On Aug. 30, CCU took the field with a vengeance and annihilated South Carolina State on their home grass. Freshman Roberta Parsons led the team, scoring twice in her first collegiate match. Chants Leah Barrett, Laura DiRenzo, Mary Jo Hajek, Jennifer Tafel and Johanna Rosier all added points of their own. Goalies Candice Doten and Meghan Goss did no allow any State shots to enter the net, all combining for a 7-0 victory.

The Lady Chants continue their season on Sept. 8 at Big South rival UNC Wilmington.

Cross country season begins with high expectations

By Shane Greenfarb
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With Coastal's cross country season beginning, hopes are high, and both the men's and women's teams are off to a phenomenal start.

Aug. 30 started the season with the Charleston Southern Opener, which has already put the team in the spotlight for a winning season. The Lady Chants have already been favored for their eighth BSC title while the Chanticleer men have been picked third in the conference. No doubt here it seems, in what is expected to be a promising season with many runners at Coastal to deliver performances as good as the hype.

Senior Kara Koppel has already taken several honors including Big South's Top Female Scholar Athlete and the Verizon Academic All-American Honor. Another senior, Amber Campbell of track and field fame, a three-time All-American, has already shown the talent with a silver medal for Team USA.

For the men's team, Ken Cole was selected to the Big South's Outdoor Track and Field All-Academic Team with a gold in the hurdles to back it up. Along with Cole, the Roden brothers, Mike and Matt, helped capture a Big South Conference Championship. The season has much to look forward to as well with incoming freshman Mark Johnson, displaying fresh talent as well as a bright outlook for the team.

There are few who believe the cross country team to be overrated. Nonetheless, it is going to be enjoyable watching them prove themselves in what will be a vivacious and memorable season.

Coastal upsets nationally ranked Syracuse

By Nicole Service
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The CCU men's soccer team began their season with a tie and an unexpected victory against a nationally ranked team.

Four minutes and 30 seconds into the first game of the season against Hartwick at the 2002 VCU Nike/Alltel Classic Richmond on Aug. 30, Greg Victor of the Hawks scored the first goal of the season. Coastal would go on to answer with three goals of their own in the first half. Junior Joseph Ngwenya, sophomore Mike Littlefield, and freshman John De Vae all tallied goals to take a 3-1 lead at the half.

Unfortunately this lead did not last. In the final 15 minutes of regulation play, Hartwick's Neil McLean would tie the game with two unassisted goals, leaving the first match of the season a tie.

Two days later, CCU took on number 23 nationally ranked Syracuse to end the VCU Classic. Ngwenya once again put the Chants on the board, and the second goal was scored with a little help from the opponent as it bounced off a Syracuse defender and into the net. De Vae scored the last Coastal goal with assistance from Randall Owen and Ngwenya. The final score was 3-1, upsetting Syracuse and possibly vaulting Coastal to regional ranking.

Ngwenya and De Vae, along with defenders Dario Grassini and Chris Moore, were named to the All-Tournament team.

Like the beginning of the 2001 season, there are a significant number of players sitting on the bench due to injury. Five players are out right now, and they probably will not be returning until the end of the month.

Head Coach Shaun Docking is pleased with the performance over the weekend and is optimistic about the upcoming season.

"I think we're defending better as a group this year, and I'm especially pleased with the way the back four and the midfielders played over the weekend," Docking said.

New players in addition to seasoned college veterans had to stay extremely focused over the weekend. "John De Vae played very well in his first games at the collegiate level," Docking said, "and the returning players really put their heart into it and managed to hold onto the win."

The Chants will play in the CCU/Adidas Invitational on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. here at Coastal.
Arnaud Caffin was named men’s tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year and earned All-Conference honors in both singles and doubles. Oscar Gomez, Caffin’s doubles partner, was also selected to the All-Conference double team.

For the fourth year in a row, CCU tennis player Emma Kidd was named the BSC Player of the Year. She earned spots on the All-Conference singles and doubles teams for the fourth time to become an eight-time All-Conference selection. She was the first player in the BSC to earn all of these awards. She was also selected to the All-Academic team. Medina Bajrambasic was also given All-Conference honors in singles and doubles, and Kidd’s doubles partner, Marie Matrika, and Dana Goffin, Bajrambasic’s doubles partner, were also tabbed All-Conference.

Like their baseball and soccer counterparts, the CCU men’s golf team captured the BSC title, earning them national recognition as a team and for some individual players as well. Over the summer, Alex Larrazabal was honored with the Governor’s Athletic Medal of Excellence after capturing the 2002 British Amateur Championship, earning him a spot in the British Open and the 2003 Masters.

At the beginning of the season, Paige Landry set the goal of winning at least one golf tournament, and she did so on her last chance at the biggest tournament of the year. After winning first place at the BSC Championship, Landry was named BSC Women’s Player of the Year.

One current Chanticleer and one future Chant competed over the summer for national honors in track and field. At the United States’ National Track and Field Championships, incoming freshman Mark Johnson, a High School All-American and native of North Myrtle Beach, competed in the pole vault in the USA Junior National Championships. Amber Campbell also competed there, and she previously entered the National Championship with a third place Hammer throw of 205 feet, finishing behind a pair of Olympians.

The track and field teams got it done in the classroom this past season as well. Kara Koppel was selected as the Big South Conference Women’s Outdoor Track and Field Scholar Athlete of the Year. She is a two-time member of the Big South Conference Presidential Honor Roll and five-time member of the President’s List at CCU.

For the men’s team, Ken Cole was selected to the All-Academic Team, as was Koppel selected for the women’s.

The men’s and women’s track teams as wholes were also recognized for their academic success as they were named Academic All-American Teams by the National Collegiate Division I Track Coaches Association. The Lady Chants ranked sixth nationally with a 3.35 cumulative GPA, while the men ranked seventh with a combined team GPA of 3.07.

Both the men’s and women’s cross country teams were named NCAA All-Academic Teams with Distinction. The men placed eighth in the nation with a 3.379 GPA, and Coastal was the only men’s program in the BSC to make the list of 62 teams who qualified. The Lady Chants received this award for the sixth consecutive year as they posted a 3.53 cumulative GPA.

Finally two volleyball players earned honors for their work during the 2001 season. Katie Knudson was selected to the Big South First Team All-Conference as well as to the All-Academic Team after leading the CCU squad and ranking in the top 15 in NCAA Division I for digs. Sarah Besemer was named to the Big South’s All-Rookie Teams.

Last year, the Chanticleer sports programs earned award after award. Can this performance be repeated? Hopefully. But will it?

Keep watching.
Over the past year, the athletes of CCU have earned honors both in the game and in the classroom. With nearly every sport being recognized for their skill in their sport or their dedication to academics, the 2001-2002 sports year was one that the Chanticleers are going to have to work harder than ever to repeat or better.

In baseball, Justin Owens earned the top Big South Conference honor by snagging the Howard Bagwell Award for the most outstanding male athlete in the conference. This came right on the heels of being named a Third Team All-American. Ryan McGraw was also selected to the Second Team All-American, and Byron Binda was named to the Freshman All-American team. To cap off the championship year, four Coastal players were drafted in the 2002 Major League Baseball First-Year Players Draft. Incoming freshman catcher Joey Votto was taken in the second round and was the 44 player selected overall; 12 round pick Adam Keirn, shortstop, went to the Kansas City Royals; Randy McGarvey, Jr. went to the Astros in the 33 round by the Toronto Blue Jays. This draft made a total of seven former Chants active in MLB.

Belden was also named to the All-Southeast squad, this coming after she was named Big South Conference Player of the Year. After making it to the final round of the BSC Conference Championship and being the only seventh seeded team to do so, two Lady Chant basketball players were recognized for their contributions. Nikki Reddick, last year’s Big South leading scorer, was selected to the All-Conference First Team. Current junior Whitney Shearer earned All-Academic Team honors.

With the 2001 Big South Conference Championship trophy and the team’s third trip to the NCAA tournament far behind them, the men’s soccer team was still garnering recognition. Defender Tyler Hughes, the only CCU men’s soccer player in history to be selected a four-time Big South All-Conference member, was taken by the Vancouver Whitecaps in the second round of the A-League Draft, the 29 player selected overall and the ninth defender. Current senior midfielder Tobin Whitmarsh was selected to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-America University Division District III Men’s Soccer Team, this coming after he was named to the Big South First Team All-Conference and Big South All-Tournament team. Whitmarsh is also a two-time member of the Big South Conference Presidential Honor Roll.

Although the 2001 women’s soccer season was shaky, Lady Chant Candice Doten still shined. The goalkeeper was selected as a member of the 2001 Verizon Academic All-America University Division District III Women’s Soccer Second Team. She was also named to the Big South First Team All-Conference.

Chants on both side of the net took home honors for their work making the grades on and off the tennis court.