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By Leigh Anne Little

In the last few weeks, water companies all over the county received thousands of phone calls from concerned citizens reporting various problems with their water. Ranging from typical complaints such as the water being brown to more interesting inquiries about the “stuff” floating around in glasses, water quality experts were kept quite busy answering to the public and rushing to fix the problem. In the meantime, victims of the “dirty” water could only sit tight and wait.

If you were among those many people, you might have discovered the problem as you were pouring water into a pot to cook or pulling out white, rust-stained laundry. And, like the masses, you might have called your local water company (Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority or City of Conway Water, in most cases) to make sure they were aware of their “nasty” water. Other than a brief answer of “it is being handled” and a few two-minute news reports, most were left in the dark to wonder why they had no control over their water quality while their fire hydrants flooded their yards, never connecting the two “coincidences.”

Now that the “dirty water” situation is under control, fire hydrants are being closed and questions are being answered.

The brown water that so many of us found in our glasses, sinks and toilets was due to the presence of the mineral Manganese. Though this mineral tested safe, a higher than normal content, such as we witnessed, made the water appear brown-colored or “urine-like,” not surprisingly keeping many from using it.

And these pesky fire hydrants that randomly started flooding streets and lawns? Yes, they have more than the one function than saving Fluffy from your apartment fire. The hydrants were opened to “flush out” the water lines to rid it of its higher than normal Manganese content.

Recovering from the water tragedy, many today are applying their stain remover and pouring themselves a tall glass of water in faith, while many others have been prompted to find other alternatives to tap water.

Marketing companies have made millions in the water industry because many find the stuff from the tap unworthy. From water filters to bottled water, companies have found yet another way to take “nature’s best” and turn it into a money-making scheme.

So what is in these products that make them so different from local tap water?

In a recent study of four different types of bottled water, researchers found many differences in both the quality and price.

A 20 ounce bottle of Dasani Purified Water, made by Coca-Cola, is nothing more than a filtered version or your local tap water spiked with minerals to make it taste better (the actual minerals were not noted), and costs almost a dollar.

Twenty ounces of Aquafina Essentials Enhanced Water in Daily C, from Pepsi, consists of purified tap water enhanced with vitamin C, minerals, all-natural fruit flavors and 11 grams of sugar. At almost $1.50, it contains and costs a lot more than your average tap water.

Glaceau Vitamin-Water in Defense Lemon Ice, by Energy Brands Inc., costs a little more than Aquafina and contains distilled water with vitamin C, echinacea, zinc, calcium, 13 grams of sugar and electrolytes.

Finally, 16.9 oz. of Propel Fitness Water in Berry, produced by Gatorade, costs just as much as the last two but consists of purified tap water with natural fruit flavors, vitamins C, E, B6, B and niacin and only 2 grams of sugar.

Their tastes are a matter of opinion; the marketing of water is no different from the marketing of any other product—you get what you pay for. The more “extras” each bottle of water contains, the higher the price.

The taste and appearance of water has come to take many forms and has ultimately become preferable for most to the tap water we find at home. Still, for those of us who cannot afford pricey bottled water or just stick to our own locally tapped water for personal reasons, all we ask for is that it remains looking and tasting like tap water should.
Staying healthy with the right vitamins

By Leilani Johnson  
staff writer

Everyday I take one dietary supplement, two calcium pills, a vitamin A tablet...

Does this sound like you? If so, you may be doing more harm than help.

"If you're eating well, I suggest taking one Centrum or any generic brand from Revco, CVS or Wal-Mart," Dr. Robinson of Coastal Carolina's Health Services said.

But since the majority of college students live off of an inconsistent diet of pizza, soda and macaroni and cheese, some feel it is necessary to take many vitamins or dietary supplements to get the important nutrients not acquired through junk food.

This could be dangerous.

Vitamins are classified into two categories: water-soluble and fat-soluble. If you take too many water-soluble vitamins such as vitamin C, no harm is done because it can be easily lost through urination and sweat.

According to the teen section of Kidshealth.com, unused fat-soluble vitamins, such as vitamins A, D, E and K, can accumulate in your body, eventually causing serious side effects. For example, instances of taking oral acne medicines such as Accutane run the risks of overdosing on vitamin A by taking additional vitamin A pills. Overdosing can include headaches, blurred vision, or in extreme cases, hair loss and liver damage.

Dietary supplements, a combination of vitamins, minerals or amino acids packed into a pill or gel capsule, are another popular product among college students. However they can be potentially dangerous since they are not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This means that the FDA has no obligation to check these supplements unless the consumers complain about a specific brand. Only then will the FDA investigate and possibly ban the product in question.

When monitoring your vitamin and supplement intake, check with the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA). This is calculated to provide 100% of the dietary needs for 98.6% of the population. In general, you should be careful not to get more than 100% of the RDA.

Depending on your gender or food preference, vitamin intake varies. For example, females need more iron than men because of the minerals lost during menstruation. Vegetarians need extra vitamin B12 because it is mainly found in meat and dairy products.

"If the vegetarian is still eating nuts, dairy and fish, they should be okay. But if they are a strict vegetarian, then they may need extra vitamins," Robinson said.

Altogether, be aware of the vitamins and dietary supplements you take. What seems like an easy way to catch up on lost nutrition could be detrimental to your health. For more information, check with your doctor or dietician on what you should take.
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Meetings are held Fridays at 2:00 p.m. in room 205 of the Student Center.

Crime Log

CRIME LOG

1. 10/06/02 Incident type: Petit Larceny. A Santee Hall resident reported to police that at 3:30 pm his wallet was missing from the sidewalk of the sports field outside of Santee Hall. The owner of the wallet had placed it by his shoe while he played a game, and upon finishing play, his shoes were in the same place but the wallet was missing. The wallet was described as a brown Bifold with a value of $15.00 and contained $5.00 cash, a PA driver’s license, Social Security Card, and his Coastal Carolina University Identification Card.

2. 10/06/02 Incident type: Disorderly Conduct (fight). At 4:20 pm, an officer was summoned to the parking lot of the PE Center in reference to a fight. On arrival, two subjects were found on the ground wrestling with each other. The subjects were separated but continued to use obscene language to each other. Witnesses to the start of the fight stated that it started during a game of pickup basketball in the PE Center. Both subjects went after a loose ball and a shoving match started. Both subjects were given citations for disorderly conduct.

3. 10/09/02 Incident type: Trespassing, No DL in Possession, and Underage Consumption. Two subjects were turned away from the RHSB by the officer present because they were not resident students and visiting hours were over. The officer informed them that if they were caught in the residence life area, they would be subject to arrest for trespassing. A second officer present at the time went to the bridge behind Waccamaw Hall, a common entry point, and waited to see if they tried to enter. In approximately five minutes, the vehicle arrived, parked, and the two subjects got out and walked over the bridge. The officer asked them for ID’s and both denied having any form of ID on them. The officer then noticed a strong smell of alcohol and when asked if they had been drinking, they confessed that they had been. The officer informed the driver she was going to be cited for driving without a license. The driver was also under the legal age for drinking and was cited for that as well. Because they had both been drinking, the subjects had to walk home.

4. 10/10/02 Incident type: Stolen Car Keys. At 11 pm, a man reported to police that his car keys had been stolen. The victim had left his car running while he dropped someone off at Waccamaw Hall and when he returned, the car was no longer running and the only things missing were the car keys.

5. 10/10/02 Incident type: Drug/Narcotic Violation. At approximately 3 am, an officer initiated a vehicle stop on a Plymouth van to check the identity of the people in it and to find out why they were at the back gate of Residence Life Area dropping someone off after they had been told by the guard that they could not enter the area. While the first officer was talking to the driver, the backup officer noticed a beer can on the back floorboard. The driver and passenger were asked to get out of the vehicle and the officer explained why they had been stopped and that it is illegal to drive with an open container. The officer also asked the driver if it was all right for the officers to search the vehicle and the driver agreed. Upon searching the vehicle, a small glass pipe, a bag of green leafy substance, and small brass screens were found. Neither subjects claimed ownership of the contraband, and were both placed under arrest for simple marijuana possession. They were both transported to county jail.

6. 10/14/02 Incident type: Petit Larceny. At 2:15 pm, a student left a Jansport book bag on the first floor of the Prince Building and upon his return, it was missing.

7. 10/14/02 Incident type: Larceny. A Palmetto Hall resident reported to police at 3:30 pm that his perfection brand surfboard was missing from his dorm room. The board was taken while the victim was at dinner.

8. 10/17/02 Incident type: Theft of Money from Building. An officer was dispatched to the Athletic Administration Building at 5 pm in reference to missing money. The victim stated that unknown person(s) entered his office and took $650 in cash from and envelope and $37 from the victim’s wallet.

9. 10/19/02 Incident type: Theft from a Vending Machine and Malicious Damage to a Vending Machine. At approximately noon, while paroling the Student Center, an officer noticed the calling card vending machine had been damaged. Upon closer inspection, the officer noticed the top right portion of the machine, where the coin slot and the card return areas are located, had been forced open and the black cash box had been removed and emptied. It is unknown how much money the machine contained.

10. 10/21/02 Incident type: Theft from a Building and Malicious Damage to Doors. Sometime between Oct. 18 and 21, someone unknown used force to open doors to enter rooms in the Kearns Hall building. The suspect(s) took 2 televisions, 2 VCR/DVD Combo Players, 2 digital cameras, 2 laptop computers and one VCR.

11. 10/21/02 Incident type: Petit Larceny. Between the afternoons of Oct. 20 and 21, $350 was stolen from a woman’s office in the PE Center.

Crime Log compiled from police reports and interviews by staff writer Jessica McMurrer
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Students in the military have been preparing for combat more rigorously as of late due to the impending war with Iraq.

When a student places a phone call to his parents to inform them that he has received papers to be sent out to an undisclosed location, the response of the parent challenges this level of dedication. Parents are sometimes compelled to drive or fly thousands of miles to spend every moment that they can with their child before he is sent out at an unknown time and day.

This is equally as emotional and difficult for a parent as it used to be. The inside of the blood vessels become coated with scar tissue and form a bump, making blood flow difficult. Atherosclerosis is the hardening of the arteries, which happens when cholesterol and other fatty substances build up in the inner lining of the blood vessels (arteries) leading to the heart. The inside of the blood vessels becomes coated with scar tissue and forms a bump, making blood flow difficult.

These arteries not only supply the heart with blood but with oxygen and nutrients as well. Coronary heart disease (CHD), the number one killer of adult American men and women, develops when one or more arteries become narrower or even block the blood vessel.

People who are overweight or smoke increase their risk of developing CHD. Recent studies based on weight-to-height guidelines show that over one-half of Americans are considered overweight or obese. Heart disease is also the leading cause of death in cigarette smokers.

Healthy habits that will reduce your risk of CHD are to lose weight if needed, stop smoking, control your cholesterol level, get active, manage stress and control high blood pressure. Not only do these healthy habits reduce the risk of CHD, they also make your life more enjoyable.

Coastal supports local Heart and Leukemia Walks

By Anne-Marie D'Onofrio staff writer

On Oct. 19, Coastal students, faculty and staff took part in the annual Heart Walk, and five days later, many of the same people participated in the Heart Walk.

The Heart Walk is not an annual event for STAR, the community service organization at CCU, but this year it threw all of its energies into raising money for the cause. STAR alone raised a little over $400 for the event through selling paper hearts for a dollar and turning 301 into a toll road for a couple of afternoons.

STAR was not the only organization present at the event. The whole football team attended, as did the Student Alumni Ambassadors, many Greeks, the Education Club, President Ron Ingle and his wife along with many others. About 150 people from the Coastal population attended.

"It was great seeing so many Coastal students working together and enthusiastically supporting a really good cause," said Ellen Bernstein, STAR member.

Every year, STAR participates in the Leukemia Walk. This year, the organization did not raise money but instead helped set up, walk and clean up after the event. The approximately 25 students put electric candles in the balloons and dealt with registration.

"The people at the Leukemia Walk are always wonderful to us as volunteers," said Eric Teague, STAR co-coordinator. "And it's always nice to have an event on a Thursday night when we don't have to wake up early on Saturday."

But why support these events as opposed to other worthy causes? What is the risk college students have of contracting forms of these diseases?

Heart disease and leukemia: it is not often that one hears of a college student suffering or dying from either of these diseases, so that means we don't have to worry about them, right? Wrong.

"Although we typically think of atherosclerosis as a disease of old age, the process begins as early as childhood, making prevention of coronary heart disease a priority for everyone," says information from Yahoo! Health.

Atherosclerosis is the hardening of the arteries, which happens when cholesterol and other fatty substances build up in the inner lining of the blood vessels (arteries) leading to the heart. The inside of the blood vessels becomes coated with scar tissue and forms a bump, making blood flow difficult.

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ADVISEMENT AND ADVANCE REGISTRATION

SPRING 2003 SEMESTER

ADVISEMENT: November 4 - 8, 2002

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: November 11 - 15, 2002

November 11: **Seniors and Graduate Students** (90 credit hours or more)
(Beginning at 12:01 a.m. via WebAdvisor)

November 12: **Juniors** (60 to 89 credit hours)
(Beginning at 3 p.m. on Monday, November 11 via WebAdvisor)

November 13: **Sophomores** (30 to 59 credit hours)
(Beginning at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12 via WebAdvisor)

November 14: **Freshmen** (up to 29 credit hours)
(Beginning at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13 via WebAdvisor)

November 15: **OPEN REGISTRATION**
(Beginning at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 14 via WebAdvisor)

Eligibility for registration is based on credit hours earned plus credit hours currently enrolled.

**NOTE:**
- STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR LOGIN ID AND PIN IN ORDER TO REGISTER VIA WEBADVISOR. These are available at my.coastal.edu under the heading “WebAdvisor for Students”. Look for the link titled “Forget your WebAdvisor ID or PIN?” They are also available in the Office of the Registrar (SNGL 108) or Information Technology Services (WALL 105) with proper photo identification.
- Transfer students whose first term of enrollment was Fall 2002 should check with the Chair of their department after October 24th for registration eligibility.

Students should contact their adviser to schedule an advisement appointment. At this time, the Advisement Hold will be removed allowing registration via WebAdvisor.

GREEK BRIEFS

**ZETA PHI BETA**
The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta would like to thank everyone who participated in Adopt the Highway on Saturday morning October 26th. Throughout the month of October, pink ribbons were worn by each member in acknowledgement of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. On October 29th in conjunction with The American Cancer Society Lymphedema Grant and CCU’s Women Advocacy Center, pink ribbons along with information on early detection and Breast Cancer Awareness were handed out in the Student Center. We thank everyone who stopped by the table. Remember, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Wives, Early Detection...It Saves Lives!

**PI KAPPA PHI**
Pi Kappa Phi’s motto is “Strong Enough to Care.” This week, we have practiced what we have preached. On Tuesday we had a strong turnout at the Leukemia Walk, and on Saturday we had a great time walking to raise money for the Heart Walk. Also in an effort to raise awareness for people with disabilities, we participated in empathy week. On Monday night, while everyone else was watching football, we were having a dance with the people from Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs. Also on Wednesday of this week, we participated in the empathy dinner in which each participant was given a disability. The participants had to get their food and eat with their assigned disability such as being blindfolded or having you hands tied behind your back. This just goes to show that there are “No limits to what people with disabilities can do, and there are no limits to what Pi Kappa Phi can do as a group.” Have a great week.
reduce the risk of some cancers, diabetes, high blood pressure, strokes and osteoporosis.

Exercise in itself helps lower cholesterol, reduce blood pressure and boosts cardiovascular fitness. Also, a low-fat diet rich in fruits, veggies and whole grains makes for a healthy preventative. Such diets are deemed appropriate for all people ages two and older.

Since cholesterol and fat deposits can build-up as early as childhood, it is important to maintain a healthy diet as a college student. While it may be difficult to eat well-balanced meals due to a hectic schedule or other external factors, grab a piece of fruit each day and eat a salad with your meals. Although we all do a lot of walking around campus to and from classes, try to get into the gym a couple days a week to get more structured exercise.

A study of 22-year-old men killed during the Korean War, one-third of them had significant deposits in their arteries. While the death rate for CHD has dropped 40 percent in the past 20 years, it is still the number one killer and this age group is that of college students.

Alcohol is also a factor that can contribute to increased risk of CHD. Alcohol is a concentrated source of calories and can contribute to weight gain in turn increasing the risk of CHD. According to the Oct. 18, 2002 edition of HealthScout News, there is a definite link between depression and cardiac disease. “People being treated successfully for depression have problems that can lead to cardiac dysfunction.” In some people being treated for depression, their arteries did not expand normally when large amounts of blood were forced through them. This cause of abnormality is not yet known.

Another disease that college-age students do not usually think about is leukemia.

There are several different types of leukemia; affecting ages ranging from three to adults in their upper 60s.

Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) is a malignant cancer of the bone marrow. It occurs in middle-aged people and is associated with a chromosome abnormality.

Possibly the most heard form of leukemia is Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. It occurs in children ages three to seven, but is also the cause of most adult leukemia. Most cases have no apparent cause, but risk factors include Down syndrome, a sibling with leukemia and exposure to radiation, chemicals and drugs.

Prevention of leukemia is generally not possible, and causes are usually vague or not known.

Questions about CCU’s drug and alcohol policy answered

By Willis Taylor
staff writer

One of the greatest things about college is gaining the freedom to make decisions for yourself. No longer living at home, away from the watchful eyes of parents, you are granted the freedom to chart your own course in life. Whether or not to attend classes, study or participate in campus activities, the choice is entirely up to you.

Of course, this also includes whether or not you choose to “party,” and if you do, how much and how often you do it. It is no secret that college campuses around the country are hotbeds for drug and alcohol abuse, and Coastal is no exception. So before you do anything you are going to regret, get wise to a few facts, policies and pointers here on campus and elsewhere that you may not be aware of.

Just how much alcohol and drug activity is there at Coastal? Studies and surveys completed by students within the last three years indicate that there is quite a bit. Evidently more students tend to indulge in alcohol rather than illegal drugs, which is the trend at most schools.

According to studies, 78 percent of students, both below and above the age of 21, drink (used alcohol in the past 30 days). 56 percent of students “binge” drink, which is considered having five or more drinks at a sitting, sometimes within a two-week period.

Where do you fall in these statistics? If you fall under the category of those who choose to drink on occasion, you are aware that the CCU Department of Public Safety enforces school policy prohibiting consumption on campus in dry areas. With dorms being dry, this is a serious dilemma affecting a majority of students/residents who have chosen a social agenda that includes alcohol.

“It’s not the intent to be sure there’s no alcohol,” said Residence Life Director Kim Montague regarding the policy. “Rather, it’s a necessary precaution to ensure the safety of everyone living here.”

Whether or not you choose to drink, it is important to make responsible decisions. If you have a problem with alcohol or drug use, you should seek help immediately. Although this may seem difficult, it is a necessary step to recovery.

Considering that alcohol-related accidents are the leading cause of death for people ages 18-21, it is most likely a reasonable procedure.

How do students who choose to drink continue to do so without subjecting themselves to disciplinary action? It is not extremely difficult. Respect fellow students and the school’s property, be discreet and drink moderately and responsibly. For those who have excessive tendencies despite restraining efforts, the school is here to help.

Residence Life, CCUDPS and the Student Counseling Center work closely together in an effort to help and resolve situations with a positive, understanding outlook. The campus police officers and certified officers with full arrest powers in South Carolina. Instead of criminalizing these minor alcohol offenses by making arrests that result in court fines and community service, the school has a more sensible approach to the problem.

Coastal’s disciplinary procedure for alcohol violations is designed to help educate students of the negative consequences alcohol abuse entails. This way, when these students are faced with similar decisions, they will be better equipped to make judgments from an informed standpoint.

With each violation of school alcohol policies, the penalties imposed become more severe. A first time offender is fined $50 and referred to an alcohol education group. The fine doubles to $100 for a second offense and includes an individual appointment with Dave Giffilian, the student counselor. The fine is increased to $150 for third time offenders, and there will be another referral to the counselor with the possibility of an off-campus referral to an alcohol awareness group. If there is a fourth offense, the student’s housing contract with the school will be terminated.

Illegal drug usage at Coastal is treated more severely. Students found to be in violation of drug policies are subject to harsher penalties. In the past three years, it has been found that 46 percent of Coastal students have used marijuana at least once within the past year. Students regularly smoking marijuana, within 30 days of the time they were surveyed, made up 30 percent of the whole. Thirty percent of students also claimed to have used some kind of illegal drug other than marijuana within the past year, while 19 percent of people approximately one out of every five, regularly used illegal drugs other than marijuana.

Regarding the effects students reported from taking these drugs, 61 percent reported some form of public misconduct, and another 26 percent reported having experienced some kind of personal injury.

Students found in violation of illegal drug policy are immediately turned over to the campus police. Once the matter is in their hands, depending on the severity of the situation, one of two things will be done. Those in question will either be arrested to face criminal charges or turned over to Dr. Bob Squatriglia, the Dean of Students and the person in charge of student judiciary proceedings.

When a drug incident is dealt with internally, the campus police write up an incident report and a student conduct referral is submitted to the Dean of Students. From there, a pre-hearing interview is arranged in order to inform the student(s) of their options. Usually this is an assessment of the situation and evidence pending. A choice is made to either contest allegations and go before the campus judicial board or to simply accept the punishment for whatever crime has been committed. These may include, but are not limited to, suspension held in obedience with conditions, removal from residence halls or possibly permanent expulsion.

For more information regarding CCU’s drug and alcohol policies and sanctions, consult the 2002-2003 Student Handbook.
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**The Ring**

By: Brian Martin/assistant editor

Imagine a videotape so horrifying that viewers die after watching it. No, I'm not talking about Carrot Top's latest direct-to-video movie, I'm talking about "The Ring."

Based on a 1998 Japanese film, "The Ring" follows Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts), a journalist whose niece has been mysteriously killed. Her search for answers leads Keller to a strange videotape. After watching the tape, the phone rings and the voice on the other end tells the viewer that he or she will be dead in seven days.

Of course, Keller cannot resist watching the video, which places her on a strict timetable:

- **Halloween in MB**
- **Music**
  - Foo Fighters
- **Horoscopes**
- **Sex on the Beach**
  - Two Old Men Answer Life's Questions

The Ring, a middle-aged woman brushing her hair in a mirror, a dead horse on a beach and a solitary well in a clearing. The succession of these images, each shown in grainy black and white, combined with the video's eerie, echoing soundtrack, was all at once compelling and disturbing. After seeing the video, I actually felt like I was probably going to be dead in seven days.

**The film's setting allows for a creepy, foggy look, which compliments the tone of the story. There is a great use of color in the film. As Keller watches the video in a cabin, the sun is setting behind a tree with turning leaves, causing the sunlight to spill through the window in a dark red color.**

Also spooky, yet rewarding, are the visual clues offered throughout the film. As Keller searches for clues, she finds places and objects from the video. Watching the characters discover these locations in person instills in the audience a strange mixture of dread and hope.

The sound effects also have a heavy impact on the film's creepiness. Loud noises come out of nowhere. Even average sounds, such as an elevator rising or a person shuffling through papers, are made a little louder, usually providing contrast against soft noises. These sounds keep the audience on its toes and its pulse racing.

Before this film opened, I heard a lot of people complain that it wasn't going to be any good because it is only rated PG-13 rather than R. Remember this: R equals blood and gore, and these do not necessarily make a scary movie. This film relies on suspense and bizarre imagery to get chills, and this film is much more effective than any slash-flick could ever aspire to be.
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**OH, THOSE WACKY CHILD SORCERERS**

In Harry Potter news, the future of the series is still up in the air. While a replacement will undoubtedly be found for Richard Harris in "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," the third installment in the series, the child leads are not certain how many films they will be committing to. Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint aren't sure yet whether they will reprise their roles of Harry, Hermione and Ron in a fourth movie. Chris Columbus, director of the first two Potter films, feels that the children will probably leave the franchise after the third film, which is expected to be released in 2004.

**WHO YOU GONNA CALL?**

Back in the 1980s, one prime-time TV problem solver seemed more adept than just about anyone else. After all, how many people did you know who could save the world with a toothpick and a gum wrapper? Angus MacGyver could, and he did crazy, feasible things like this on a weekly basis on "MacGyver." Now, the WB is looking to introduce the concept to a new generation of fans with "Young MacGyver." The series will follow the nephew of Richard Dean Anderson's character as the twenty-year-old joins the ranks of the hallowed Phoenix Foundation. A whole new cast will be used for the series, and the concept will be updated for today's audience. Look for the new MacGyver to start disarming warheads in 2003.

**KETCHUP SONG?**

A song being described as the next "Macarena" is having its way with music charts all over the world. Three sisters from Spain, calling themselves Las Ketchup, have created "The Ketchup Song (Hey, Hah)," and they even have a dance to go along with it. Some of the song's lyrics aren't even Spanish, or English or anything else. While some of the song is intelligible, other parts are complete gibberish. "Daughters of Tomato," the album containing the song, has already sold 900,000 copies worldwide.

**OZZY’S LEGACY CONT.**

The family that captured America's heart last season is coming back in November, when MTV premieres the second season of "The Osbournes." There was some question as to when the new season was going to start, due to Sharon Osbourne's very publicized battle with colon cancer. Sharon, the family's manager, was nonetheless determined to premiere the show on time. Ozzy himself is reportedly "**#F%king himself**" in excitement over the new season. "The Osbournes" premieres November 26 at 10:30 p.m. on MTV.

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**Richard Harris Dies**

Actor Richard Harris died last week at the age of 72. He had been receiving treatment for Hodgkin’s disease. His acting career took off after he was nominated for a Best Actor Oscar for 1963's "This Sporting Life." His career also included performances as King Arthur in "Camelot," Cain in "The Bible" and the title character in "A Man Called Horse." His later work included roles in "Unforgiven," "Patriot Games," and "Gladiator," but he will be remembered among younger generations as Professor Albus Dumbledore in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and the upcoming "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."
Do you like scary movies?

By Shane Greenfarb, Brian Martin and Jessica McMurrer
Chanticler staff

When you think "scary movie," what comes to mind? Movies like the "Nightmare on Elm Street" series, "Scream" and "Halloween" are probably the first films people think of when looking for entertainment on October 31. Well, you won't find any of those films here, as the Chanticler staff has their own ideas about good films to watch to set the perfect atmosphere on fright night.

HITCHCOCK: If I had to pick any movies to recommend out of Alfred Hitchcock's films, I'd have to go with "Psycho" for the sheer knowledge that when it was released people were afraid to shower in hotels or, for that matter, in their own homes. "The Birds," for its intensity and psychological offerings of hellish circumstances, is the perfect movie to watch on a day when you're all alone and trapped in the house. "Vertigo," for its mystery and feeling of dread and insanity. And finally my favorite one, "Lifeboat," simply because it is claustrophobic and chaotic, and the side of the woman carrying her dead baby around is a haunting image. -SG

THE EVIL DEAD TRILOGY: What Halloween movie isn't complete without the "Evil Dead" Trilogy? "Spider-Man" director Sam Raimi and character actor Bruce Campbell got their start with the 1983 independent film, "The Evil Dead," a mishmash of graphic horror and ghastly zombie lore, followed by its sequel "Evil Dead 2: Dead By Dawn." The sequel spawned a larger cult following by combining slapstick gore and hilarious one liners from hero Ash (Campbell). The trilogy concludes with the most well known chapter, "Army of Darkness," in which Ash fights the medieval spawns of Evil Ash in a final bout that sends him back to his own time. Recently both Raimi and Campbell commented on possibly making a shoe-string budget fourth film. At this very thought, fans wet themselves. -SG

THE CROW- Brandon Lee's final film is a gothic romance of love, loss, redemption and revenge. It is a classic battle between good and evil, and how love can never be separated, not even by death. A fine film in its own right, but a great one for Lee to have as his final. His untimely death came as part of a prop failure when a gun was loaded with actual bullets. The mystery is still perplexing fans today.

The film, based on the graphic novel by James O'Bar, is the tale of Eric Draven, a rock star who is killed with his fiancee on Devil's Night only to be brought back one year later to exact revenge upon those who murdered him. A beautiful film and haunting film, it has brilliant fight scenes, thoughtful and powerful flashbacks, a great villain by Michael Wincott and an exceptional score and soundtrack, featuring the likes of "The Cure, Nine Inch Nails, Pantera, Helmet, Stone Temple Pilots and Rage Against the Machine. If I lose one film that is a must see this Halloween, it is "The Crow." -SG

THE SHINING- "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy..." and "Redrum, Redrum, Redrum..." are some of the most chilling lines from the horror movie "The Shining." The movie takes place at the Overlook Hotel in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, where Jack, his wife Wendy and son Danny are the winter caretakers, so Jack can write his book in peace. Everything goes well until the solitude of being the only people in the large hotel gets to the family's minds.

"The Shining" is such a great scary movie for Halloween because it is a classic thriller. The simple fact that the family goes crazy from staying in an empty hotel is enough to give me chills. The way that Danny acquires a second personality to become one creepy little kid scares both his mother and me. Jack goes from being a mild mannered writer to a mindless maniac who can only write one sentence, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Of course, the hallucinations that bring Jack and Danny to the point of insanity are also pretty scary and would most likely cause anyone who experienced them to go crazy.

A large scenes of violence also add to the suspense of the movie. Wendy beats Jack with a baseball bat and then takes him to the kitchen for storage to keep herself and Danny safe. Jack returns with an axe for revenge. However, to me, the most nightmare enduring vision is that of the hotel hall being flooded with blood pouring from the elevator. If that sight doesn't send chills up and down your spine Halloween night, nothing will. -JM

THE EXORCIST- Lord. Let me tell you, at three in the morning, nothing is scarier than "The Exorcist," William Friedkin's 1973 adaptation of the William Peter Blatty novel. The film features on a young girl named Regan (Linda Blair) who has been possessed by a demonic force that causes her to spew vile fluid, walk backwards on all fours down a staircase and do horrible, HORRIBLE things with a crucifix. The story follows a young priest struggling with his faith who is given the task of stopping the evil at work inside the girl.

One of the scariest aspects of the film is that it is based on an event that actually happened. One of the special features on the DVD is an account of the 1949 case involving a young boy who spoke in tongues and had scarred messages appearing on his torso. Knowing how much of "The Exorcist" was based on the true story adds a whole new level of horror to the film.

The filmmakers knew exactly how to make the perfect scary movie. The film is not gore-heavy, relying on atmosphere and sound effects to chill viewers. And nothing is ever scarier than children taken out of a happy, youthful context and plunged into a movie like this. And watch closely; there are creepy, semi-sUBLIMINAL shots of a ghastly demon face that appear for a single frame at three points in the movie. -BM
By Brian Martin and Nicole Service

Decorating the Christmas tree.
Carving the turkey.
Painting Easter eggs.
Counting down to the New Year.

None of these mean a darn thing compared to one sacred Halloween tradition:

“The Simpsons” Halloween Special.

Since the second season, the annual “Treehouse of Horror” episodes leave fans gasping for breath both out of terror and utter hilarity. Okay, not so much terror, but definitely, you know, the other thing.

There have been 12 Halloween Specials to date, so before Nov. 3, the debut of “Treehouse of Horror XIII,” we are taking a look back on previous episodes and ranking the top 10 vignettes of all time.


When Lisa loses a tooth and puts it in a petri dish for a science project, who would have known that an entire civilization would emerge? It seems logical enough. The tiny people take Lisa as their God and Bart as their Devil. This made the list because, face it, we all wish that we controlled the entire universe, even if it is just a miniature one. With shows such as “South Park” and “Futurama” doing spin-offs of this episode, it is one for the history books.

9) “The Shinning”-Special #5.

“No TV and no beer make Homer...something, something.” This parody of “The Shining” takes place when Mr. Burns hires the Simpsons to do work in his remote mountain home built on an ancient Indian burial ground which was the setting of satanic rituals, witch-burnings and five John Denver Christmas specials. Mr. Burns turns off all the amenities in order to get honest work out of them, flippantly telling Smithers, “Tell you what, if we come back and everyone’s slaughtered, I owe you a Coke.”

8) “Clown Without Pity”-Special #3.

Homer purchases an evil Krusty doll from a wise Chinese man who also sells frozen yogurt, or “frogurt.” Of course the doll has a terrible curse, but that doesn’t stop Homer. The frogurt is also cursed, and he takes that as well. When the doll tries to kill Homer, he warns his disbelieving family, and Bart comments, “I’d say the pressure has finally gotten to Dad, but what pressure?”

7) “The Thing and I”-Special #7.

What do you do if one of your Siamese twins is evil? Lock it in the attic and feed it a bucket of fish heads a day, according to Marge and Homer. When the Simpsons siblings discover the monster in the attic, and consequently find the “pigeon-rat” Hugo concocted to practice sewing himself and Bart back together, it is discovered that Hugo was actually the good twin and Bart was the evil one. So the family locks Bart in the attic, let Hugo free and everyone lives happily ever after.

6) “Bad Dream House”-Special #1.

The very first Halloween segment, this one is obviously a classic. The Simpsons move into a house and it quickly becomes apparent that the house is haunted. The family refuses to leave, and rather than live with the house, it chooses to destroy itself. This episode definitely set the status quo that the following episodes needed to live up to. The scene where the family is following each other around “with knives to their backs makes it obvious why there is disclaimer at the beginning of every episode.

5) “Dial Z’ For Zombies”-Special #3.

Bart finds the occult wing of the school library and lets loose a curse on Springfield while trying to resurrect their dead cat Snowball. The greatest part of this episode is when Homer is trying to stop the zombies and comes across Barney chewing on a human arm. “Barney, not you, too?” Barney replies, “I’m not a zombie! But hey, when in Rome...”

4) “The Devil and Homer Simpson”-Special #4. Homer sells his soul for a doughnut. Why? Because it’s Homer. Turns out that the devil is Ned Flanders, who laughs, “It’s always the one you least expect.”

When Marge challenges the devil’s right to Homer’s soul, Homer is subject to trial by the jury of the damned, which includes Lizzie Borden, Richard Nixon and the starting line of the 1976 Philadelphia Flyers among others. Lionel Hutz’s defense is what marks this episode as over-the-top riotous. A scene which was cut from the episode but appeared on an outtake special “Flanders’ head. He screams, “You see the bus! I was right!” Skinner scolds him, “Right or wrong, your behavior was still disruptive, young man. Perhaps spending the remainder of your life in a madhouse will teach you some manners.”

2) “Time and Punishment”-Special #5. Homer is incapable of adhering to his father’s advice, “If you ever travel back in time, don’t step on anything,” when he gets hold of a time traveling toaster, becoming the first non-European to travel through time.

Homer travels to worlds where Flanders is supreme ruler, where Maggie kills people and speaks in the voice of James Earl Jones and where he despairs over a life without doughnuts. In the end, everything is the same except that they eat with lizard-like forked tongues. He shrugs it off as close enough.

1) “Citizen Kang”-Special #7.

Brilliant. Absolutely beautiful. Beyond a doubt the best Halloween story ever. Aliens Kang and Kodos become Bill Clinton and Bob Dole in the 1996 presidential race. Their political rhetoric is remarkable. “Aboritions for all...” BOO! “Aboritions for some...” miniature American flags for others... YAY! When Clinton and Dole are walking down the street holding hands in order to exchange long protein strings...riotous. And at the end, when the entire world is enslaved by Kang and the people of earth are constructing a laser to point to a planet they’ve never heard of, Homer remarks, “Don’t blame me. I voted for Kodos.”
Psychics at CCU

By Betty Turner
staff writer

Coastal Productions sponsored a
Psychic Fair on Oct. 30, the
day before Samhain Eve. A variety of
seers of future events were invited
to demonstrate their predicatory prowess
to the students and friends of Coastal Carolina University on the Prince lawn.

While many people are ideologically opposed to the premise that precognitors can somehow accurately predict future events, some others believe such works to be the domain of Beelzebub, there is a growing popularity in this country of these ancient arts, that find their roots in deepest antiquity.

Baedun Hill, a well known leader of the Wiccan Church, a faith known to support precognition and other methods of fortune-telling as an integral part of their practice, said, "A certain amount of innate ability to predict future events can be demonstrated by most people. We must all be careful however, to not put too much faith in predictions made by those interested in lining their pockets or demonstrating their own expertise."

He likened the present "psychic scene" to the medicine shows of the late 19 and early 20 century warning. "It's not all bunk, but you have to be really careful not to be taken for a fool." The desire of many to know what their future holds is so strong that one psychic network reported earning $144 million in 1996 alone.

Even with the bankruptcy of Psychic Friends Network and the scandal surrounding Miss Cleo, interest in psychics and predicting future events is growing.

Some of the Methods used by Fortune-Tellers:
Numerology: the study of numbers, and how they reflect certain character tendencies.
Pythagoras, who was a Greek mathematician who lived from 570-470 B.C., may have been the originator of much of what we call numerology today. Dr. Paul Bvington presented this at the fair, and it is part of his Thailand heritage.
Palm reading: analyzing the lines on one's hands. The characteristics of your hand are said to be able to reveal certain character traits about each individual. It is believed that the ancient Greeks began practicing palmistry. Madame Rosa read the palms of CCU students.
Fortune sticks: also called prayer sticks and related to the Asian I-Ching. Some ancient Chinese believed that the messages relayed by the numbered sticks as they are cast down would help them make decisions in life. Moolan Tom guided the Coastal population.
Tarot Cards: a special deck of cards developed in about the 15 century. These cards present symbolic images, with such subjects as the Emperor, the Pope, The Wheel of Fortune, Death, the Devil and the Moon, and are said to reveal the future and answers to specific questions. Some card readers interpret a standard playing deck. Brenda Kay Brown deciphered the symbols.

Tea Leaves or Tasseography (sometimes tasseomancy): a method of divination wherein a reader interprets patterns of symbols made by tea leaves in a cup. It probably developed thousands of years ago in China, but it has also been associated with Eastern European Gypsies and the early Scots and Irish. Tzigane Tzinsimplaset looked into the future through a mug at the Fair.

There are numerous other methods used, including direct precognition, clairvoyance, channeling, astrology, casting runes, phrenology, crystal reading, pendulums and "the roll of the dice."

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So it’s Halloween in South Carolina. Finding it hard to get in the spirit of the season? Well you’re in luck. Believe it or not, the South Carolina Lowcountry is what “Ghostbusters” character Ray Stantz might refer to as “spook central.” There are ghost stories all over the Carolina coast, and here are a few of them. But beware, dear reader, these are not for the weak of heart...

Alice of the Hermitage

Perhaps the area’s most well-known ghost story, the tale of Alice Flagg is one of love and heartache. As a teenager, Alice fell in love with a mercantile man. The man was not considered worthy enough to wed Alice, the member of a prominent family, and they kept their love a secret.

Alice was sent to school in Charleston. Saddened by what was going to be a long separation, Alice and her boyfriend made a pact to be married after she had finished school. The mercantile man gave Alice an engagement ring, which she wore on a necklace to keep hidden from her family.

After some time in Charleston, Alice suddenly became ill. She was sent home and placed in the care of her brother. During one of Alice’s spells of delirium, her brother discovered her clutching the engagement ring in her hands. He knew immediately what it was and, infuriated, cast the ring out the window. A short time later, Alice died.

She was dressed in a white ball gown and buried in All Saints Cemetery on Pawleys Island. Her grave is marked by a marble slab inscribed with simply the name “Alice.”

In the years that followed, several people reported ghost sightings while visiting the Hermitage. Alice’s plantation home. One young boy claimed to have seen a woman in the window of his room who had given him a flower. Inexplicably, his mother found a magnolia flower in the boy’s hand.

Another woman, engaged to be married, was reading in Alice’s former bedroom one evening when the temperature suddenly dropped and her left hand was raised by an unseen force. Her engagement ring was literally tugged from her finger and suspended in the air for a split second before falling to the floor.

The heartbroken ghost of Alice continues to search for her lost ring. It is said that if a person walks backwards around her grave 13 times, Alice’s ghost appears, tugging at the ring fingers of anyone present.

The Gray Man

The story of the Gray Man is subject to some debate. One version of the story tells of a young man, eager to see his fiancée in Pawleys Island, who was racing down the coast on horseback. His horse stumbled in the sand, and the man was thrown to the ground, breaking his neck. His body washed away in the waves.

In another story, a young Charleston woman was faced with several suitors, but was truly in love with her reckless cousin. Her parents forbade their marriage, and sent the man to Europe to ensure that a wedding between them would not occur.

News came of the man’s death in France, and, despite her sorrow, the girl eventually married a wealthy rice planter who served under Francis Marion during the Revolution. The family moved to a summer home on Pawleys Island where, one night, a terrible storm caused a boat to capsize off the coast. The family’s slaves found one survivor that had washed ashore and brought him to the mistress of the house.

When the woman saw the visitor, she was shocked to discover that he was in
fact her cousin. She fainted, and the man ran off into the storm. He reportedly died of yellow fever while traveling to Charleston.

Whatever his origin, everyone can agree on the Gray Man’s ghost. He appears before storms, such as hurricanes, as a warning to anyone who sees him. He also seems to serve as a protector, as those who see him generally find their property unscathed during these massive storms.

He was sighted just before Hurricane Hugo ravaged the area in 1989. A retired couple saw a mysterious young man, shrouded in a gray mist, approaching them while walking along the beach. When they got to the point where they should have passed the man, they realized that he had vanished. When the couple heard that Hugo was expected to hit Pawleys Island, they left their home. They returned after the hurricane to find the area devastated. Their house, however, had suffered no direct damage.

The Ghost of Wampee Plantation

Located off Lake Moultrie is Wampee Plantation. The Horry County Council and many city councils hold retreats at the plantation, which has been rumored for years to be haunted.

In the years before the plantation was constructed in 1762, three churches burned on the land. As the land was developed, it was discovered that a number of Indian burial mounds were present on the property. Many of the corpses were charred, probably cremated after dying in battle. The ghost that appears at the Wampee Plantation is thought to be a young squaw, who was killed after she followed her love into battle. The ghost appears on the front steps of the Wampee building, dressed in an ethereal, flowing robe seemingly made of blue silk. The ghost visits all of the rooms in the house and wanders around the grounds outside.

Owners of the plantation have said that the ghost is “friendly.” It tends to be playful, turning on lights after someone has turned them off or moving objects around the house, such as moving towels from one bathroom to another.

Boo Hags

Lowcountry Gullah folklore tells of female demons called “Boo Hags.” These hags are creatures that drain the human body of energy by sucking a victim’s breath away. The soul of the Boo Hag appears blood red, and they often steal the skins of their victims to wear in order to hide their own gruesome appearance. Supposedly, the touch of the Boo Hag feels like warm, raw meat, and the demons are very difficult to hold on to.

Legend says that the Boo Hag chooses a victim, then travels by horse to his home. The following morning, the horse’s owner will find an animal near death, with knots tied all through its tail.

After a hag chooses a victim, it will shed the human skin it has assumed and release its soul. When the hag reaches its victim, it will attempt to strangle him in his sleep, holding him down as he struggles, half-asleep. The hag swallows up the victim’s soul, not allowing any screams to be heard by even the victim himself.

But don’t despair, there are defenses that can be taken against these demons. Boo Hags are very compulsive, and they will stop to count every hole in a sieve or every bristle on a brush. Hanging one of these in the doorway can hold the hag at bay. Boo Hags also have a fear of brooms, and they avoid these at all times. They are also repulsed by the smell of gunpowder. To decisively defeat one of the demons, salt should be thrown at it. This keeps the Boo Hag from rejoining with its physical body.

The Ghost of Sunnyside

Ruth Bigham was the young wife of Dr. Grover Cleveland Bigham. In 1909 her brother-in-law killed a black field hand on the Bigham family’s farm in Florence County. While most of the Bigham family were prepared to provide a fake alibi to the court, Ruth refused to lie, knowing full well that her brother-in-law was a murderer.

Fearing that his wife would testify against his brother, Cleveland took Ruth on a vacation to Sunnyside, a former plantation that had become a fishing lodge in Murrells Inlet under the ownership of Mr. William Avant.

Allegedly, Cleveland was discussing ghosts with Avant one early evening, telling stories of the local spirit said to haunt the coast. Ruth had stepped out onto the beach in her swimsuit, and the two men saw her form walking along the shore from the porch. Avant, who had become fairly nervous over Cleveland’s stories, was convinced that the figure on the beach was a ghost. Cleveland told him that a ghost could be scared off by firing a gun at it.

Avant reasoned that the form might be Ruth, but Cleveland insisted that his wife was inside resting. Avant ran in to the house, retrieved his shotgun and fired at the woman. Ruth bled to death on the steps leading up from the beach to Sunnyside.

Ruth’s death ensured that no one in the Bigham family would testify against Cleveland’s brother.

Ruth’s murder was found accidental, as Avant and Cleveland claimed they believed her to be a burglar. It is said that Ruth’s ghost can now be seen walking along the Murrells Inlet shore at twilight, still wearing her swimsuit with Cleveland’s gray coat covering her shoulders.

Do lights turn on after you leave a room? Does your left hand sometimes seem out of your control? Maybe that scratching you hear outside your bedroom door at night or the mysterious apparitions you see on the beach that are gone once you blink aren’t all in your head. Not to scare you, but Horry and Georgetown Counties collectively is thought to be one of the most haunted areas in the United States. So before you step foot outside, maybe it wouldn’t hurt to say a prayer. Because you never know who, or more importantly, what may be lurking around the corner.
Halloween in college: parties, pranks and drinks

Still searching for something to do on the best holiday in October? Here are a few fun suggestions from those of us here at The Chanticleer.

Enjoy.

THE HALLOWEEN SCENE

By Majed Fick
staff writer

While some of us will be out trick-or-treating for the fourteenth year in a row, other college students will be looking for the biggest parties in the Myrtle Beach area on Halloween night. For some, a blockbuster video “scary movie” night will be in order. For those of us who plan on the party scene, this night is just another reason to get wasted and puke all over the costume we spent hours brainstorming and preparing for.

So what’s the best way to accomplish any of these great feats?

Here are few ideas on places to be in Myrtle Beach during Halloween week.

For those who desire nothing more than to get high and watch a giant pumpkin skate around while singing trick or treat smell my feet ongs: The Ice Castle Theater will be hosting “Halloween on Ice” all of Halloween week. Tickets are available online at tickets.com.

Rock and Roll at the Hard Rock Cafe: Ten Miles High and Four-Way are jammjinn’ out on Halloween night. Doors open at 10 p.m. right after the costume contest in Celebrity Square.

For all the clubbers: Halloween at Club Kryptonite will be the place to be. A $5000 cash prize costume contest will be held. Plus, to all the fellas out there who would like to meet the Los Angeles Lakers Girls, they are hosting the party. Oh, and ladies don’t worry, they didn’t forget about you. A casting call for the hit TV show “The Bachelor” will also be held at Kryptonite this night.

To all the Phisherman out there: Be sure to check out Phish’s Trey Anastasio who will be playing at the Asheville Civic Center in Asheville, North Carolina on Halloween night. Tickets are available at alphatickets.com.

Halloween at the House of Blues: Counting Crows will be playing on Halloween eve, and the Little River Band will have a show on Halloween night. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Tickets are available at hob.com.

To all: Have a great Halloween and drink one for me, but be sure to be safe and smart on this great occasion.

Tricks are so much more fun than treats

By Nicole Service
editor-in-chief

Trick or treating began as a way to keep kids busy so they wouldn’t pull pranks on Halloween. So it should come as no surprise that Halloween is one of the best days of the year to fool someone.

These pranks aren’t necessarily Halloween-oriented, but they are fun, safe and good for a laugh (for the prankster anyway). And they’re easy to pull off, minimal planning required.

1) Tie a rubber band around the spray nozzle of the sink. Wait for someone to turn on water. Hilarious.

2) Put a tint of green food coloring in the milk. Change expiration date. When people point it out, insist that nothing is wrong and drink it. Then run to bathroom.

3) Place plastic or rubber bugs underneath door handles. Everyone is squeamish about some insect, so play on that. Lifelike snakes can also work.

4) Answer the door for trick or treaters saying “Trick or treat!” excitedly. Then act very confused.

5) Prank phone calls. Dial up a friend and whisper “seven days.” See movie review on page B2.

Yes, they’re juvenile. Yes, they’re silly. Yes, they will work, and no one will be mad at you for too long.

We all regress sometimes. On Halloween, we actually have an excuse.

Taste of the Season

By Tommy Brandon
staff writer

The cool, northeasterly wind blows autumn our way, ridding our mind of whatever hopes we may have had for hanging on to the summer. Across the Grand Strand, fall leaves, pumpkins and cornucopias are popping up on neighborhood porches and ocean front balconies. I guess it’s now time to battle back the chill of winter, so why not get in the spirit of the season?

During the semester most students will take any opportunity for celebration, including the simple change of seasons. This fall Liberty Steakhouse and Brewery, located inside Broadway at the Beach, has given the scholar three reasons to celebrate autumn’s arrival. Each season Liberty does its best to bring an authentic Oktoberfest to Myrtle Beach. What Liberty lacks in decorations and traditional music they make up for with their seasonal brew.

This year Liberty introduces three seasonal ales for the connoisseur to sample, and I felt it was my duty to sample each of the ales, in some cases sampling multiple times to be positive of my judgement. The first was a piney German Alt that perfectly personified the soul of what a stout German lager should be. Its distinctive hop accompanied by its deep pine aftertaste makes this authentic alt a treat for the palate.

The namesake ale of the festival was the Oktoberfest. This malted, amber lager was brewed from authentic German hops providing a robust flavor with a light-refreshing aftertaste that leaves the celebrator waiting for another.

Saving the most authentic sounding brew for the last, I was astonished to find that my expectations of the Hefe Weizen were far from accurate. Expecting the ale to be as thick as molasses and stout to the taste, I was shocked to see the light colored brew the barkeep had poured for me. At first taste the brew was sweet with a lemon ring, however, after almost half was gone the brew changes directions and became tangy.

Not usually caring much for lighter beer, the Hefe Weizen unexpectedly brought on an onslaught of sensational taste buds and gets my vote as the best brew of the Oktoberfest.

All of these nicely brewed concoctions for Happy Hour prices puts a big smile on the face of the celebrator. But hurry! These seasonal brews won’t be in stock for much longer.

If you happen to miss these brews, fear not, Halloween is around the corner and you know what that means... Pumpkin Beer!
Every Halloween I have this stupid tradition of compiling a CD of heavy, dark and crazy music that attunes to the mood for the holiday and season. Call me strange, fine, but hey it’s an annual thing. And if I have 80 minutes of music to work with this year, so be it, it is going to be the best compilation of Halloween music ever.

Well, maybe not ever, but it’ll be good enough. So here, right now, are my picks for if I could, there would be 666 minutes (for effect people), but instead I’ve only got 74.

Now in order to make this specific set the music doesn’t necessarily have to be creepy music. It can be atmospheric or dark, brooding or eclectic. You may not agree with this, you may not know half the bands on here, but that is the point. This is made especially to open your eyes to some music that normally doesn’t get the attention of the mainstream or for that matter many people’s ears. So sit back, enjoy the read, and feel free to download the music at your leisure.

(1) Black Sabbath: “Black Sabbath” - The ultimate in heavy metal music, the definitive song that began it all. It begins with the downpour of harsh drops of rain and then assaults you with eerie guitar complimented by just threatening drum and bass backing. Ozzy’s voice has never been so distant and sinister. This song should make any respectable metal comp.

(2) Rob Zombie & Alice Cooper: “Burn Baby Burn (Hands of Death)” - Samples of cathedral bells and crowds chanting, Cooper and Zombie sharing the mic. Absolutely hypnotic. Haunting and relishing in pure horrorville, this song is one of the best Zombie has ever recorded in his solo career, and not many know of it’s existence.

(3) White Zombie: “Black Sunshine” - A full throttle, pure schlock metal piece of campy fun, White Zombie at their best. With Iggy Pop guesting, it’s no surprise the song is my favorite from the band’s career. It’s creepy, laughable and crunchy all at the same time. Zombie’s lyrics with their funky rhyme makes you bang your head and sing along. This has made my Halloween compilation since I started it back in 1998.

(4) Misfits: “Halloween” - No compilation can be complete without this song. “Bonfires burning bright, Pumpkin faces in the night, I remember Halloween!” The chant that rings in every self respecting punk and metal heads ears throughout countless Halloweens. A fast paced, dark and jagged song of trick or treating and rau­cous mayhem.

(5) Danzig: “Twist of Cain” - Danzig at his finest. Brooding and decadent with violence, a song about one’s struggle to overcome primal urges... eating too much candy on Halloween? Not what the big guy was thinking. I’m sure, but good nonetheless.

(6) The Cure: “Pornography” - The Cure’s haunting and poigniant piece about desire and murder, not considered their finest hour, but that doesn’t matter, it’s my personal favorite. The song’s keyboards and synths drone over the guitars to make them almost unlistenable and Robert Smith’s vocals croon of deception and dark things unknown to man. Perfect gothic beauty.

(7 & 8) Joy Division: “New Dawn Fades” & “Decades” - Two songs made by the initial godfathers of gothic music. An epileptic, suicidal lead singer who wrote the darkest and most painful music ever, accompanied by eerie organs and droning guitar work. Never has a band established a mood like these men did, “Decades” gets about as creepy as you can go, just knowing it was lead singer Ian Curtis’ final bout.

(9) David Bowie: “The Heart’s Filthy Lesson” - A lustful and gratuitously potent industrial piece by Bowie. The song just feels dirty, feels guilty and sounds gritty. Something Bowie had established as a sexual enigma, but never in this way. This way makes it sound full of sin and disgust.

(10) Ministry: “Tonight We Murder” - Very unsettling with a disturbing vocal performance by frontman Al Jourgenson. This song works with the combination of Ministry’s performance and the song crafted by My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult, it makes for something unbelievably mindbending.

(11) My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult: “X-Communication” - As mentioned before, a band responsible for eerie soundscapes and disturbing lyrics of sex and violence. Would you expect anything less on a Halloween compilation?

(12) Big Black: “Kerosene” - A little known 80’s indie-industrial metal band fronted by Steve Albini, the producer of such greats as Nirvana’s “In Utero,” Bush’s “ Razorblade Suitcase” and The Pixies’ “Surfer Rosa”, this song is just malevolent. It’s about pyromania and boredom, figure the rest out for yourself.

(13) Point & Click: “Tomahawk” - Mike Patton of Faith No More’s newest side project brings a wonderful delicacy of distant vocals, beautifully haunting atmospheres and songs of murder and indescribable lewd acts. A great song.

(14) Godhead: “Eleanor Rigby” - The original version of this layers industrial samples and keyboards with a gothic vibe that puts a lot of contemporary goth acts to shame. It’s a great cover of an already dark Beatles song. Perfect for this compilation.

(15) Nine Inch Nails: "SIN" - Reznor at the beginning, straight from the debut album and not to mention one of NIN’s best songs. Sweet keyboards with a daunting vocal track not to mention great lyrics make this song a fine pick.

(16) Slayer: "Raining Blood" - Who leaves Slayer off of any metal comp? People who’ve never heard of them... This song has been the lead off for the final track on all of my comp’s, it belongs there with its head smashing drum line, unnaturally fast guitar riffs and apocalyptic lyrics of hell on earth. Not to mention the intro and outro of rain falling. Thrash and shock rock at its best.

(17) Ensturzende Neubauten: “Armenia” - Who? Yeah, I know you’re asking this to yourself now, but this band hails from Germany’s industrial dance scene with Kraftwerk and KMFDM. One of the lesser known, but if there is any song that combines kitchen knives slamming into cutting boards, eerie synths and keyboards, bloody murder type screams and various indescribable objects that are so unconventional it makes the music seem that much more original, well, it’s this one. Not to mention the lyrics are in German, making them impossible for most of us to understand.

There you have it. Not the perfect compilation for Halloween music, but something to listen to on that night where you go dance, party or sit around in a graveyard, abandoned asylum or house waiting for something to happen. Make it fun, listen to some good music. It only makes Halloween scarier.
Postmortem release:

A familiar voice reaches the airwaves from beyond the grave

By Shane Greenfarb
staff writer

It's 1990, I'm seven years old and a friend's older brother plays the record "Bleach" for me. It's a recording from a little known Seattle band named Nirvana. The band dabbles in punk aesthetics with self effacing lyrics and a penchant for loud guitars. At seven what do you think when you've grown up on Dylan, Neil Young, the Beatles and the Stones?

Wow. Almost one year later, "Nevermind" catapults onto the charts and "Smells Like Teen Spirit" is all over the radio waves. And so my childhood began, and forever my life was changed. Music became more than an inspiration but a way of life.

Now a little more than a decade later, I feel like that little seven year old boy again, when "You Know You're Right" blared onto the airwaves this past month, it made me think, "Things have never been so swell." This latter is a quote from a song I heard from a live mp3 of the last show the band played before frontman Kurt Cobain killed himself in 1994.

I had listened to the song despondently for quite awhile when it came up that Courtney Love, Cobain's widow, was battling former band members Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic for rights to the catalogue. When it became known that there was a studio version, I wondered what it could possibly lead to. Love wanted a greatest hits set, Grohl and Novoselic demanded a commemorative box set to debut on the ten year anniversary of "Nevermind."

Both will be getting their wishes.

Oct. 29 is the release date for the greatest hits, single CD package entitled simply "Nirvana," part of Love's bargain. A video will be available in early 2003 and a box set in 2004.

Personally I look forward to the video and the box set, because to me there can be no definitive Nirvana greatest hits package. All its stuff was, well, great. The song that caused all the controversy was the last recorded aforementioned track, "You Know You're Right." The song was recorded two months before Cobain's death, and no one bothered to question what it might be about. Some speculate about his marriage to Love, or her in general, and some even said it was just about the pain and anguish of his life. He died without giving an answer.

Now all these years later, Nirvana is back on the radio with a "new" song, and it seems almost fitting. Will they revolutionize music as they did once before? Anything is possible at this juncture.

What is clear is that Cobain himself would just want to see his fans happy. The box set is arguably a better idea as there are a handful of finished tracks recorded by the band prior to Cobain's death, not to mention tons of rarities, live tracks, b-sides and one-offs.

The bootleg "Outcesticide" is a popular item that has sold increasingly over the years in small record shops and on E-Bay and has been the only relative key towards Nirvana outtakes. It will be interesting to see what does show up, especially to a fan like myself who has most of them on PC.

Preferably a better deal than the greatest hits not just because of the fact that all of their stuff is just too damned good, but because "You Know You're Right" will show up on the box set, and what for the fans that want the song on CD and own all the Nirvana material? Wait for the box set. It'll rival anything intended in the past.

It's a great surprise to see Nirvana, Audioslave, Pearl Jam and Jerry Cantrell sharing the airwaves. Grunge did die with Cobain in 1994, but it doesn't matter as the sound and the scene still strive on with strength and perseverance today. Nirvana back on the radio waves makes plenty of kids from the early nineties smile, when rock was about real angst and hardships not invented or lamented by false spotlighted loose talents. It's back to the days when you could safely say music was about the songwriting and the craft, not the trend and making the scene. Nirvana, who broke the mold and sparked a musical revolution, is changing this life all over again.

It only makes me sad I missed them on tour.
Don't play with your Foo

By Shane Greenfarb
staff writer

Living in the shadow of the biggest band of the '90s hasn't been an easy task for Dave Grohl, frontman for the post-alt grunge band, the Foo Fighters. Yet he's made the best of it and managed to begin a following all his own.

After forming the Foo Fighters in the wake of Kurt Cobain's suicide in 1994 and Nirvana's untimely demise, he set out to form a sound that was original outside of the grunge plateau. The band has come this far and it almost seems like there is a place in the books for the Foo Fighters, and with the recent release of their fourth album, "One By One," it seems they've fermented their place already.

Grohl recorded several independent tapes with friend Barrett Jones gaining the attention of several record companies. Following this Grohl recruited Sunny Day Real Estate bassist and drummer Nate Mendel and William Goldsmith respectively and former Nirvana guitarist Pat Smear, forming the Foo Fighters, named after a UFO research team.

The band recorded their eponymous debut, released in 1995 and gaining platinum status by 1996. It blended a healthy mix of Nirvana's heaviness, the load guitars and punk ideals, but with stronger pop melodies and mellow breakdowns. The album launched a big hit in the single "Big Me" with a campy video spoofing the Mentos commercials.

The Foo's followed up with their sophomore effort, "The Colour and the Shape," with the departure of William Goldsmith and Pat Smear and their being replaced by Taylor Hawkins of Alanis Morissette's band on drums and Franz Stahl, who soon vacated his position with the band. The band trudged on and recorded "Nothing Left To Lose" as a three piece riding on the success of "Everlong" from their previous effort and "Learn to Fly" on their third album.

It wasn't until the Foo's began to tour with the addition of Chris Shiflett on guitar that problems began to arise. Hawkins overdosed, and a legal battle ensued involving former Nirvana member Krist Novoselic and Grohl with Cobain's widow, Courtney Love. In this time period, Grohl took up tenure with the Queens of the Stone Age as drummer and delayed the fourth album from the Foo's.

Finally, "One By One" arrived this October, and it is well worth the wait. It is good to finally hear a definitive sound from this band that has been the ghost of Nirvana since it's initiation into the music world. Yet Grohl himself doesn't seem that reassured. In the first single from the album, "All My Life," he utters "I see your ghost..." and you know he can't shake Cobain, and you realize it may be easy for the audience but not for the man who has lived it.

The album has a great taste of experimentation. The songwriting is solid, the songs themselves tightly arranged and the album itself consistent, the most consistent since the band's first outing. "Tired of You" drives and smacks you in the face with it's guest appearance by Queen's Brian May. It also has no drums, something unnoticeable for the songs pure display of fury.

But the songs themselves don't let go of Cobain. "Lonely As You" and the sweet piece "Halo" each feature blatant references to the long gone but not forgotten idol. Songs like "Overdrive" compliment "Bowl Away" with the melodicism and the heaviness. The epic closer "Come Back" is the most ambitious Foo song, closing in at almost eight minutes and ascending towards a progressive feel that Nirvana never dared touch. Though there should be no comparison to the two bands. That's just blasphemous.

Whereas Grohl drives from pure experience, ("Low" is like "Nothing Left To Lose" and "Stacked Actors" takes a direct hit at Courtney Love, damn right), he also has a way to reach out and relate to the fan just like the best of all songwriters. And that is what makes him so talented, not the fact that the man sings, plays guitar, bass and drums, but because he can write lines like "Blame it on the past, it's the last place I knew you," and it hits you that it can be about anyone, not just Nirvana's frontman.

Have the Foo's broken Nirvana's everlasting grip on alternative music that haunts them so? In a way, yes, but while they are a phenomenal outfit and this album is a great listen and a welcomed addition to the shelves this year, it's apparent even to Grohl that they will never outshine Nirvana.

Then again will any alternative band formed in Nirvana's dissipation?
**Scorpio (October 23-November 21):** You will become frustrated in 501 traffic and cut off a SUV with tinted windows. A gypsy woman will be driving it, and she will put a hex on you that will damn you the next time you drive on 501. Later that night, the steering fails, and you run into the construction zone and die.

**Sagittarius (November 22-December 21):** You will be enjoying a delicious piece of candy when the doorbell rings. It will be a man saying that he is delivering your favorite candy to you, so if you are eating candy, you can have a truckload of it. You eat it all that night and die.

**Capricorn (December 22-January 19):** While at the movies, you have to get up to go to the bathroom. When you flush the toilet, a hand reaches out and pulls you down the drain. You enter another dimension and would escape safely if the water was not so polluted. You drink it and die.

**Aquarius (January 20-February 17):** You are standing on the beach taking pictures, when you accidentally catch the transvestite that walks from 48th to 40th North. He flips out and charges at you with a bottle of nail polish. You trip over a seagull, bash your head and die.

**Pisces (February 18-March 19):** You will attempt to steal a rival club’s football and fall into a well while you are running away. Fortunately the well is only eight feet deep, but you freak out because there are snakes in the water. You have a panic attack and die.

**Aries (March 20-April 19):** That pesky tickle in your throat is not the beginnings of a cold. It is the dreaded East PeeDee Virus, a mutation of West Nile. Your brain explodes and you die.

**Taurus (April 20-May 19):** You will be checking your mail when a goblin jumps out of your box. He steals your thoughts, clips your fingernails, hits you over the head with a Colt 45 and dances on your shoulder. And you die.

**Gemini (May 20-June 20):** You will be looking up at the sky one starry night when you notice a shooting star. Only it is shooting right at you. You try to escape, but it seems to be following you. It crashes into your stomach, and you die.

**Cancer (June 21-July 21):** You will enter a karaoke contest, and they make you sing a Mariah Carey song. You try to hit the high notes, but you end up popping a lung and you die.

**Leo (July 22-August 22):** You will be hanging out with your significant other when they tell you that they have a terrible secret to reveal. Then they peel off their face and reveal that they are an alien. They steal your organs to take back to the mothership for research and you die.

**Virgo (August 23-September 21):** You will be waiting in line at the drive through at your favorite fast food joint when the ground starts to shake. The fattest man in Horry County cannot wait for his turn, and he stands between your car and the intercom. His arm fat suffocates you and you die.

**Libra (September 22-October 22):** You’re going to die. Twice. Sorry.

Have a happy (albeit deadly) Halloween!
Dear Lollita-
I read somewhere that eating exotic foods can really liven up your sex life and make you more attractive to women. I think all guys would like to know what kinds of food exactly does that.

-New Love Recipe
Dear New Love-
I hate to tell you this, but basically substances that have earned reputations as aphrodisiacs are usually greatly exaggerated or completely false.

Let's back up. An aphrodisiac (named after Aphrodite, the original goddess of love) is a food, drink, drug, scent or device that claims to increase libido or improve sexual performance.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, the reputed results obtained from using edible aphrodisiacs, or even non-edible ones, are based completely in folklore. Sort of like a sexual urban legend. The FDA concluded that there is no scientific proof that any over-the-counter aphrodisiacs work to treat sexual dysfunction, nor can aphrodisiacs make you more attractive to the opposite sex.

So why are these substances so popular? Obviously the idea of eating a tiger penis, a rhino horn or a mandrake root is not appealing unless you are going to win $10,000 on “Fear Factor” for engaging in such acts of stupidity. If these things don’t work, why do people continue to boast their effectiveness?

Sex therapist Anne Hooper explains that substances that resemble or exaggerate the shape and size of human genitals are associated with great sex simply because they are phallic symbols. Some substances, such as mandrake, chilies and spices increase alertness and energy and lead to sweating, all signs of sexual activity. The rhino’s horn and tiger’s penis contain small amounts of calcium and phosphorus, but in such small amounts that they generally do not affect physical performance.

If you are looking for a quick fix to your sexual frustration, sorry fella, but you’re not going to find it in anything you can buy at your local grocery store. But there is hope. John Renner, founder of the Consumer Health Information Research Institute, said, “The mind is the most potent aphrodisiac there is.”

So it’s like you’ve been told since you were in kindergarten. You can do anything you put your mind to.

Dear Lollita-
My boyfriend is so moody lately. He yells at me for no reason and always claims to not feel well. He’s only 24 years old, but he claims to be too tired to have sex. He does have a pretty important job, but I’m to the point where I don’t even know if I should believe him.

-Burned By My Boy
Dear Burned-
You are probably not the only one feeling burned. It sounds like your boyfriend is suffering from good, old-fashioned burn-out.

According to Hooper, when a person has been under severe, prolonged stress, both his physical and mental health can suffer. Burn-out people are typically mildly to severely depressed, lethargic, apathetic, irritable, prone to catching mild illnesses such as cold and apt to lose their sexual desire.

These are also signs of Dengue Fever, but unless your boyfriend has been in the tropics recently, we’ll stick with calling his general “ugly” burn-out.

As a good girlfriend, your best route to go with this is understanding. Be sympathetic. Let him know that you understand he is stressed out and that you are here for him.

Also keep in mind that while women are naturally predisposed to talk through their problems, men are much more reluctant to admit when they are overwhelmed because it makes them feel vulnerable. Be considerate of this and realize that if you press too hard, his feelings of vulnerability could easily turn to feelings of hostility toward you.

On the flip side, you are a sexy, independent woman and should not have to be in a one-sided relationship. Suggest that he look at his stress objectively and try to figure out a way to reduce it. If his depression worsens or he has erectile difficulties, it may be time to send that boy to a doctor.

Lollita is a licensed doctor or psychiatrist, although she is a licensed driver. She is just a single, hot, funny and knowledgeable girl that gives advice on everyone’s favorite topic for free. So if you have a serious problem go see a doctor. If the material in this column offends you, swing your vote. 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 206 of the Student Center. You can also email Lollita at chanticleer@coastal.edu.
Sex, Drugs, and the Demise of a Friendship

By Amanda Silva
for The Chanticleer

How many people can honestly say that they are still best friends in college with someone they grew up with? Not many. Maybe one of you moved away, or you got into an irreconcilable fight or you simply grew apart. I used some of those excuses for “best friends” I’ve had, but there is only one person who I can still consider my best friend through all these years.

And now a traumatic event may never allow our friendship to be the way it was before.

Tina and I have been best friends since the day I was born. It may sound hard to believe, but it’s true. Our mothers are best friends, and her mother is my Godmother. We were always together when we were little. Our mothers used to dress us in identical outfits before taking us out. I remember going to the circus once. We had polka dot sundresses. We looked nothing alike in appearance; I was darker skinned with curly black hair, and she had light, pale skin with thin blonde hair. We used to swear we were sisters, and no one could convince us otherwise.

When we were about four, Tina’s family moved from Connecticut to Vermont. I was devastated. Vermont might as well have been the North Pole. Despite the distance, we still kept in touch. We wrote letters to each other and talked on the phone as often as our parents would let us. As the years went by and we got older, we didn’t talk as much. You know the hectic life of a 10-year-old, what with soccer practice and Brownie meetings to attend. We did not stop talking completely, just not as often. The time between visits grew longer, but whenever we saw each other, it was like we never parted.

As high school started and we grew up, Tina and I went our separate ways, more than just physically. I graduated high school with good grades, a lot of extracurricular activities and plans to go on to college. She barely graduated high school and was deeply involved in smoking pot. Later, she became addicted to heroin. I will never forget when she told me she was doing heroin. I drove to Vermont to go to her sister’s wedding, and we were driving around, catching up on everything and joking with each other.

Then Tina turned serious. She said, “Mandy, I have to tell you something very important, and you have to promise me you won’t get mad.” Naturally I promised. Then she told me that she did a whole bunch of heroin in the past two days and got really sick. She thought she was going to die. Tina showed me her swollen feet, and we began to cry.

It all went downhill from there. She began to steal money from her family and do things for money that you should only see on TV. She became a full-blown heroin addict by the age of 20. She was in several rehab centers that just blew her off and in the hospital several times for overdose.

The last time I saw her was last year, right before New Year’s Eve. I called her mom to see how she was doing and was informed that Tina’s situation had gone from bad to worse. She was severely depressed and suicidal, and all she did was sleep, take painkillers and shoot up. Being her best friend, I made the five hour trip to let her know that I loved her and was there for her. All that trip did was put me 50 dollars in the hole, and I had to witness my best friend try to sell herself for drugs then sit there after she gave some guy a blow job and watch her be high.

Of all the years we have been friends, we had never lied to each other. Why would we? That night, she lied to me about the kinds of drugs she was doing. I was so angry at her not just for lying, but for doing heroin. I lost it completely. We had a huge fight, and I screamed like I’ve never screamed before. I stayed the night because I was afraid of what she might do if I went, but I left the next morning, still angry. We made up, of course. I can’t stay mad at her. We have been through way too much. She promised to try and change, and that was all I needed to hear.

Try as she might, it was hard, and something truly horrible happened this past summer. Tina got a phone call and was told she could score heroin for really cheap, so naturally she went. Two girls picked her up and brought her to a hotel. The drug dealer gave her some heroin, they partied and had a good time. All of a sudden, the dealer lost it. He forced her to shoot up more heroin, and because she couldn’t keep up, he beat and raped her. After a while, she blacked out. When she woke, she was completely naked with her hands and feet tied together.

She was somehow able to break free and call for help. She was beaten so badly that her body was completely covered in blood, her skull was cracked open, and when she was finally cleaned, her entire body was bruised.

This ordeal was impossible for Tina to deal with. Not a day passed that she did not have a flashback. She isolated herself in her house except to go to therapy. Every time we talked, she cried. It was hard just listening to her experience, and I can’t imagine having to live through it. I was always trying to say something to cheer her up, like counting the days until I came home for Thanksgiving or just saying that I loved her and was there for her.

One night, my roommate and I were getting dinner at Broadway, and I saw two little girls dressed in the same exact outfits like sisters, and I immediately thought of Tina. I called her right away, and we reminisced for 15 minutes about the goofy, ugly clothes our parents dressed us in, but we were so proud of all the crazy things we did when we were little. Before everything happened.

A few weeks ago, I got a letter in the mail from her. It basically said that she loved me and (cont. on facing page)
"It isn’t just in the movies. My story is true."

how happy she was that I was her best friend. It gave me a funny feeling, but I was so wrapped up in my life that I put that thought aside. The nagging feeling wouldn’t go away, and I knew that something was wrong. But whenever I called, there was never an answer.

Finally her mother called me. She told me that on Sept. 25, Tina took two bottles of prescription pills, waited a little while, then went upstairs to tell her mom. Before she could even say the words, she passed out. Her mom found the suicide note near her, and it took the ambulance 20 minutes to get to her house. She was in a coma for almost two weeks. Now, she has severe brain damage. The doctors still are not sure how much of a recovery she will make. And I wonder how our friendship can ever be the same.

The answer is simple. It cannot.

I didn’t write this for people to feel pity for me or even for Tina. I wrote this to show people how much you should value a friendship because you never know when you might lose it. I was angry with myself because the last time we saw each other I was angry and yelled at her. Now I am happy that I decided to call her right away and let her know about the two little girls who I saw because that made her day. Her mom told me that it made her week. Tina called everyone she knew and told them that story.

I wrote this to let people know the effects that serious drugs have on your life. It isn’t just in the movies. My story is true. I also want people to know that suicide is not the answer. There are so many other options out there. You just have to look or get someone to help you look as soon as you can. Please, don’t wait. Everyone who loved Tina tried to find her help, but it was too late. She already had made up her mind.

Before you decide to take your own life, think of the people you love. Like it or not, your life is a part of theirs.

Resources for dealing with a drug problem or a friend with a drug problem:
At Coastal: Dave Gilfillan, Drug and Alcohol Counselor; 949-2340; dgilfill@coastal.edu
For information: DrugAbuse.com; www.drugabuse.com
For intervention: The Intervention Center; www.intervention.com
For treatment: SAMHSA Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator; www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov

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FROM THE SGA OFFICE

Hello fellow Chants! I hope your semester is going well. I wanted to let you know that your SGA is working hard for the student body. In a recent breakfast with Dr. Ingle, the Executive staff proposed plans for an expansive deck addition to the student lounge. The deck will serve many purposes. I envision the deck providing a venue for outdoor events and serving as a focal point for students to congregate during the school day. Although the timeline for the construction of the deck is still in the making, the proposal was approved.

SGA PRESIDENT

BRIAN NUNEZ

In addition, SGA has focused its attention in making our Student Center more student-friendly. The game room is currently undergoing a face lift and a new computer lab will occupy the old SGA office near the Student Center main entrance.

Furthermore, I would like to remind the student body the Student Government Association/ Omicron Delta Kappa cosponsored forum will take place on Oct. 31 at 1:30 on the Prince Lawn. The rain location is the Wall Building. The forum is titled "The impact on growth at Coastal Carolina University." I encourage the student body to take part in this campus’s events.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Can't rain on my...research? Students in the computer lab of the R. Cathcart Smith Science Building hide under umbrellas due to the leaking roof of the building.

THINGS YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT

If there’s one thing I know, it’s that everyone loves food. Two recent developments in the world of food caught my attention, things that perfectly illustrate the differences in the creative minds of America and those of other countries.

When you think of junk food, what springs to mind? Little Debbie cakes, potato chips and candy bars are all members of the fifth food group, but one stands out among them all as the pinnacle of achievement in the science of junk food. The Hostess Twinkie.

An oblong golden cake filled with sweet pastry creme—what’s not to love? Of course, Twinkies are also probably one of the most unhealthy foods on the face of the planet at 160 calories each, which is why I find it staggering that someone has found a way to actually make them worse.

The staff of a New York restaurant decided on a slow night to buy junk food and throw it in the deep fryer. The end result: the fried Twinkie. Yes, a Twinkie encased in a crust of greasy batter. Heart attack, anyone?

First, the Twinkies are impaled on sticks and frozen. Then they are dipped in batter and fried. As a nice finishing touch, powdered sugar is sprinkled atop the treat.

Now, thanks to state fairs across the United States, the fried Twinkie stands poised to take over the country. It’s already made a big splash in the stomachs of Arkansas state fairgoers, and will likely spread to Arizona, Kansas, California and Washington.

Even Hostess admits that a steady diet of the fried Twinkies should be avoided at all costs. But as unhealthy as the food might seem, this is still probably the greatest sense of accomplishment mankind has felt since discovering fire. I mean, we’ve fried everything else, right? Can’t you just see the inventors sitting around coming up with this? "Fried Twinkies?! How could we have missed that one?" It’s like the next logical step in junk food evolution.

From the American "let’s try to create the perfect junk food/killing machine" mentality we turn our attention now to Japan, where scientists are actually trying to achieve something beneficial for mankind. Japanese scientists have managed to discover the enzyme in onions that makes people cry.

This could be the first step in producing a new onion. A superior onion. One that would have all the flavor of the old onion, yet none of its inherent flaws. The scientists believe that the enzyme is not a critical part of the onion’s flavor and could be removed genetically to create this new marvel of science.

I’m still getting over the seedless watermelon, which I think has held the top spot as the greatest achievement in the food industry for a few years now. But this super-onion could change all that. Finally, men everywhere will be able to prepare onion-related meals without worrying about their masculinity coming in to question. And women... well, women will have one less reason to cry all the time.

So you see, the future of food is an uncertain, harsh place. All at once optimistic and dark, beneficial and detrimental, let us pray that the balance is never upset, or else we may be eating Twinkies for three meals a day.

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UNC Asheville, Liberty Picked First in Basketball Preseason Polls

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—UNC Asheville’s men’s basketball team and Liberty University’s women’s basketball team have been chosen first in their respective conferences’ annual Preseason Polls. The announcements were made here today, as part of the 2002-2003 Basketball Tip-Off Media Luncheon.

UNC Asheville’s Andre Smith, a 2001-2002 First Team All-Conference selection who was named men’s Preseason Player of the Year. Other members of the men’s Preseason All-Conference team include 2000-2001 Player of the Year Torrey Butler of Coastal Carolina, Dustin Van Weerdhuizen and Joe Knight of High Point and Raymond Arrington of Radford. UNC Asheville was picked first in the men’s poll with eight first-place votes. Winthrop, last year’s champion, was second, and Charleston Southern was selected third. High Point, last year’s runner-up, was fourth and Elon was chosen fifth. Coastal Carolina was the sixth selection. Radford was tabbed to finish seventh and Liberty was picked eighth.

Coastal Carolina’s Nikki Reddick, the 2002 Tournament MVP, was named the women’s Preseason Player of the Year. She is joined on the Preseason All-Conference team by Elon’s Holly Andrews, the 2001-2002 Player of the Year. High Point’s Narelle Henry and Radford’s Amanda Nebly were also selected to the team. Liberty’s Katie Feenstra and Kristal Tharp rounded out the Preseason All-Conference team. Liberty was picked to win its seventh Big South women’s basketball championship. Elon, the tournament runner-up, was chosen second. High Point was tabbed to finish third and Coastal Carolina was picked fourth. Winthrop was selected fifth and Radford was selected sixth. Charleston Southern was chosen seventh and UNC Asheville was eighth.

The Preseason Polls are conducted by the League’s Head Coaches and Sports Information Directors. The Preseason All-Conference team and Preseason Players of the Year are selected by the Sports Information Directors. Birmingham-Southern is still a provisional member and is not eligible for the Big South Championships this season.

Coastal, Winthrop Men’s Soccer Top NCAA Statistics

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Coastal Carolina and Winthrop’s men’s soccer programs currently occupy the top two spots nationally in scoring, according to the NCAA statistics released Tuesday.

Coastal, who has the highest winning percentage in the nation at .964, is the highest scoring team nationally with an average of 3.26 goals per game. Winthrop entered the week tied with UC-Santa Barbara for second in the nation at 3.25 goals per game.

Coastal, the only other undefeated team in the nation besides Wake Forest, is led by junior Joseph Ngwenya, who leads the nation in goals with 19. He is also second in the nation in scoring at 3.29 points per game. Only Alecko Eskandarian of Virginia has a higher average at 3.33 points per game.

Coastal Carolina also entered this week of play ranked 15th in the latest NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) poll.

Winthrop is led by senior Francis Wakhisi, who is tied for sixth nationally with 2.50 points per game.

Devine Honored As Big South Women’s Soccer Player Of The Week

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Coastal Carolina’s Rachel Devine was named Women’s Soccer Player of the Week on Monday.

Devine came off the bench to score two goals, including the game-winning tally in the 4-1 win over Charleston Southern on Thursday. She is currently third on the team in scoring.

Each Monday during the season, the Big South Conference will post a weekly women’s soccer report. The Wingate Inn Player of the Week, League notes, results and upcoming matches will all be featured in the report.

Ngwenya Named Men’s Soccer Player Of The Week

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Coastal Carolina’s Joseph Ngwenya was named Big South Men’s Soccer Player of the Week for the League’s seventh week of the season.

It was the second time Ngwenya has won the honor.

Ngwenya recorded his second hat trick of the season in the 6-0 victory over ECU. He also tallied one assist against the Pirates. Later in the week, he netted a goal in the 3-0 win over Liberty. His 19 goals and 46 points are the second-most in a single season in CCU history. He is now tied for fourth all-time in goals scored with 37, ranks ninth all-time at CCU in points with 71 and 10th in career assists with 17.

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Hampton, Pierce Earn Volleyball Weekly Awards

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Coastal Carolina’s Jennifer Hampton was awarded her third straight Volleyball Freshman of the Week honor and Winthrop’s Logan Pierce was named Volleyball Player of the Week the Big South announced on Monday.

Hampton averaged 2.9 kills, 4.6 digs, and 14.6 assists per game in three matches this past week. She had a career high 51 assists (for three game matches) in the match with UNC Wilmington. Her .583 hitting percentage in the match with High Point was also a career best for a match. Hampton hit .441 in the three matches, committing just three errors in 34 tries.

Pierce recorded back-to-back double-doubles to lead Winthrop to wins against UNCA and Birmingham Southern. She hit .372 with 43 kills and 24 digs during that stretch. She had a team-high 28 kills and hit .389 in Winthrop’s 3-1 victory over Birmingham Southern. Pierce also has gone 12 straight matches with double-digit kills.

Each Monday during the season, the Big South Conference will post a weekly volleyball report. The Wingate Inn Player of the Week, the Rookie of the Week, League notes, results and upcoming matches will all be featured in the report.

Clark, Page-Jones Earn Golfer Of The Week Awards

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Radford’s Chris Clark and Tamara Page-Jones from Coastal Carolina earned the Men’s and Women’s Golfer of the Week awards respectively.

Clark finished in a first place tie with a three day total of 208 at the Sonic/Chattanooga Challenge. He entered the final round with a one shot lead thanks to a second-round six-under 65, but shot a final round two-over 73 for the tie. Clark lost the playoff for medalist.

Page-Jones had her third consecutive top ten finish of the season with a 226 at the Lady Pirate Fall Intercollegiate. Her score was 13 over par, good enough for a tie for eighth place. She leads the team with a 75.6 stroke average.

Each week during the season, the Big South Conference will post a weekly golf report. The Wingate Inn Golfer of the Week, results and upcoming matches will all be featured in the report.
Women's soccer guaranteed winning season

By Jessica McMurrer
staff writer

Coastal's women's soccer team won 4-1 against Charleston Southern University Oct. 17. Mary Jo Hajek scored the first goal in the first half. Less than one minute later, freshman Rachel Devine scored a goal.

In the second half, Devine scored again. With less than 10 seconds left in the game, freshman Roberta Parsons scored a goal to give the Lady Chants a 4-0 lead. Seconds before the final whistle, an own goal was scored by Coastal to make the final score 4-1.

Two days later, Oct. 19, CCU lost to Elon by the score of 0-3.

Devine was named the Big South Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Week. She is currently third on the team in scoring.

On Oct. 25, Western Carolina was the first team to score, but Coastal Carolina was the last team to score for a 2-1 victory.

WCU took the lead in the first half. After halftime however, Coastal evened the score when Kristen Wisse scored on a header off a throw-in by Marissa Kovac. Less than seven minutes after this goal, Kovac scored the game-winning goal off an assist from Devine.

The Lady Chants faced off against Chattanooga on Oct. 27 here at CCU. The first 45 of play were scoreless with both teams playing tough defense. An hour into the match, freshman Brandi Warren scored her first career goal off a feed from senior Kristin Wisse. Ten minutes later, Wisse would give Coastal a two-goal buffer that would prove to be the final goal of the game. Goalkeeper Candice Doten contributed four saves. CCU beat Chattanooga 2-0.

The Lady Chants now stand at 8-5-3, making this the first time in three years that the team is guaranteed a winning season.

The team will end the regular season on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. here at Coastal against Indiana Purdue.

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Writers, photographers, designers needed.
By Betty Turner  
staff writer

Lady Chants volleyball moved into the top Big South Conference spot during the fourth week of October by sweeping Charleston Southern, High Point, Elon and UNC-Wilmington in 3-0 wins over each.

The team has won nine of their last 10 matches — seven of these with a score of 3-0, having fallen to Liberty on Oct. 3 with a score of 3-1.

CCU faced UNCW (5-15) on Oct. 15 and was led to a 3-0 victory by Jeanne Lambert, Jennifer Hampton, Katie Knutson and Carly Draught.

Three days later, the team faced off against Elon (2-6) and walked away with another 3-0 sweep led by Lambert, Hampton, and Knutson.

The Chants took another 3-0 win defeating High Point (1-6) the very next day, led by Knutson, Lambert, Hampton, Draught and Sarah Bennett.

On Oct. 22, Knutson, Lambert, Hampton, Rebekah Shipman led the team to a 3-0 sweep over Charleston Southern (1-7), CCU's second win over CSU this season.

Last week, CCU was tied with Winthrop for the lead in Big South play boasting conference records of 7-1 each and ahead of the third seat UNC-Asheville (5-2). The CCU wins over both Winthrop and UNCA were named Big South Freshman of the Week for the third consecutive week and for the fourth time this season.

The Big South Conference reported on Oct. 21 "Hampton averaged 2.0 kills, 4.6 digs, and 14.6 assists per game in three matches... She had a career high 31 assists (for three game matches) in the match with UNC Wilmington. Her .583 hitting percentage in the match with High Point was also a career best for a match. Hampton hit .414 in the three matches, committing just three errors in 34 tries."

"The Lady Chants' momentum was stopped with a surprise upset from Birmingham Southern on Oct. 26. For the first time in six tries, the Panthers beat the Chanticleers. The wins by Birmingham were barely squeezed out as they beat CCU 30-25 and 30-28 in the first two games before Coastal killed them in game three, 30-17, racking up a .457 hitting percentage... Going into the game, the Lady Chants had a 7-1 conference record behind Winthrop, 8-1. This loss will not affect conference standings. The team's next matches will be at home on Nov. 5 against Radford (2-5, 6-18) and on Nov. 2 against Liberty (3-2, 11-13). The match against Radford will begin at 7:00 pm; the match against Liberty will begin at 2:00 pm. Both matches are in CCU's Kimbel Arena.

X-country prepares for BSC Tourney

By Nicole Service  
editor-in-chief

CCU's men's cross country team placed a respectable 13 at the Auburn Invitational on Oct. 19. With a time of 24:06, sophomore Terah Kichpiris placed sixth overall.


In Terre Haute, Ind. on Oct. 19, the Lady Chants ran their way to a 21 place finish at the 2002 NCAA Pre-National Meet.

Freshman Anne Marie Moutsagna led the team with a 12 place finish in a time of 20:38 for the 6,000 meter course.

Other Coastal finishers were Kara Koppell (92, 21:59), Kim Nemergut (104, 22:06), Lindsey Kozlowski (113, 22:27), Lythra Ritter (126, 22:37) and Jessica Goodden (206, 23:19).

Both teams will be competing in the Big South Conference Championship on Nov. 2 in Rock Hill, SC.
...and taking names

Syrtacuse: 3-1, Indiana Purdue: 2-0, Mercer: 3-1, William & Mary: 4-2, Old Dominion: 4-0, Marshall: 4-1, Kentucky: 2-1, Elon: 4-2, Radford: 4-0, Charleston Southern: 2-1, UNC Asheville: 2-1, East Carolina: 6-0, Liberty: 3-0, High Point: 5-0

By Nicole Service
editor-in-chief

Two weeks ago, on Oct. 16, Coastal men's soccer was ranked number 17 in the nation as they went into the home match against East Carolina. It took 17 minutes before Mubarak Chisoni scored the first point off an assist from Joseph Ngwenya. One minute later, Ngwenya scored, and he added a second 34:23 into the game, giving CCU a three-point lead at halftime. Freshman John DeVae added another goal to start off the second half. Ngwenya would score once again in the second half off an assist from Chisoni. To give Coastal a nice, even six points, Justin Stone scored at the end of the game off an assist from Bobby Crowo. CCU annihilated East Carolina, 6-0, giving the team a 12-0-1 record for the season at that point.

Though the win did nothing to improve CCU's standings nationally, that did not stop the team from trampling Big South rival Liberty on Oct. 19. The first half of the game was tight with neither team able to score a goal. Coastal got the boost it needed on a Liberty own goal at the start of the second half. Ngwenya doubled the score with his 19 goal of the season off an assist from Chisoni. Crowo would add the final nail in Liberty's coffin with his first goal of the season, with another assist from Chisoni. CCU improved to 13-0-1 and moved up two spots in the ranks to number 15.

At home against another Big South foe, High Point, Coastal commanded the game on Oct. 26. With an assist from Crowo, Ngwenya scored his first goal 27 minutes into play. Six minutes later, senior Tobin Whitmarsh scored off a pass from Thomas Rutter. In the second half, DeVae scored early, fouled by a Ngwenya penalty kick point. This goal, his 21, broke the CCU single season record for most goals scored, previously held by Eric Schmitt, 1992. With 50 points, he also broke the single season scoring mark, held by Ryan Walker, 1995. Stone scored his second goal of the season, giving Coastal a 5-0 win and improving the record to 14-0-1.

CCU students are excited about the possibility of the men's soccer team winning the Big South Conference Championship.

"We'll win the Big South," said Charlie Roberts, injured player. "Have you seen that number 18 (Ngwenya)? Incredible."

Many fans see the status of the team as dependent upon how CCU fares against the University of South Carolina on Nov. 1.

"They're playing well as a team," said Vassil "Vasko" Velethkov, CCU student. "They'll definitely win the Big South this year. They're just too good. As far as the NCAA tournament, I guess it all depends on how we do against USC."

But fans believe in the Chants.

"We are winning it all this year, definitely," said student Vidal Thorpe. "Fish-poss to USC."

-photos by Ray Brown (from top) Johnny Il hovers over his opponent during the game against High Point. The Chants control the game. Dario Graziani gets the ball downfield despite a broken nose from last week's game. The Chants take the ball downfield and score yet another goal. The team questions the referee about a call. Joseph Ngwenya does some footwork with the ball.