Refined Greek Week yields Greek Fest

For a long time, Greek Week was an affair overflowing with competition between rival fraternities and sororities. There were Greek games that involved tug-o-war, a pie eating contest and even relay races; a lip-sync contest was also involved. This spring, however, the Greeks have been asked to neutralize their competitive nature and participate in "Greek Fest," which will focus on togetherness and comradery.

The first reflection of this comradery was Monday, April 19, when all Greek organizations made and erected Greek-lettered banners for their own Greek organization, when Greeks wore their letters with pride. Wednesday was the only day of competition with a tournament of mud volleyball. For this event there was a $30 entry fee. Also, this event was not limited to Greek organizations; the community was encouraged to get involved. The Greek Fest, aside from the weeklong Penny War Fundraiser to decide the coveted Greek God and Goddess, was an attempt to stretch the plethora of events that decided the Greek God and Goddess last year. Just to name a couple of events, there was a lip-sync competition and a round of questions and answers. The winners last year were Eric Lobbis of Sigma Phi Epsilon for Greek God and the Greek Goddess was from Phi Sigma Sigma, Paris Athenian. At the Student Center on the back deck Thursday, Greek awards will be distributed to the most deserving fraternities and sororities on campus. There is a semi-formal attire restriction, so if one should attend, it is imperative to follow the dress code. In comparison, but without the garment boundaries, Friday will be the Greek Cup presentation ceremony on the Prince Lawn.

Friday is also CINO Day, but this year without the beer garden. Changes are evident in every aspect of this week but not everyone is complaining, such as Mike Erwin, a freshman Sigma Phi Epsilon brother. "As a first time member, I'm excited and it is going to be a cool week seeing all the Greeks come together."
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CRIME LOG

University Place

1. 3/28/04 Incident Type: Larceny
The victim stated to police at 4 p.m., that unknown person(s) entered his room and removed the speakers. The room had been parked outside of Maple Hall.

2. 3/29/04 Incident Type: Larceny
An X-Box, controllers, seven games and sunglasses were taken from a University Place apartment by unknown person(s). The door to the apartment was unlocked at the time of the incident.

3. 3/30/04 Incident Type: Larceny
The victim stated that between 12:30 p.m. on March 3, 2004 and 12 p.m. on March 5, 2004, three of her books were taken from the P.E. Center. These books were some that had been sold back to the campus bookstore on March 11, 2004. A suspect has been identified and the case is under investigation.

4. 4/01/04 Incident Type: Drug Policy Violation
The Residence Life staff contacted police at 1:07 a.m. to assist in a dorm search in Santee Hall. During the search, some green leafy substance, a small scale and a cigar box containing "blunted" cigars were found.

5. 4/01/04 Incident Type: Larceny
The victim stated that while he was playing pool in the Student Center at approximately 3:55 p.m., unknown person(s) took his book bag.

6. 4/02/04 Incident Type: Larceny
The victim stated that he left his book bag in a friend’s room in Elm Hall. When he returned from lunch, two of his books were missing. The Department of Public Safety was notified by the campus book store that two books had been sold back there. The incident is still under investigation.

7. 4/07/04 Incident Type: Drug Policy Violation
At approximately 2:40 a.m., an officer went to Santee Hall in search of subjects who had failed to stop at the Residence Hall checkpoint. At that point, another suspect came out of one of the rooms. The officer asked the man for his ID, and when he went to get it from his room he actually ran down the stairs. The suspect was caught and in his possession was a blue cup containing a green leafy substance which was later identified as marijuana. The subject was given a state citation for simple possession of marijuana and released.

8. 4/07/04 Incident Type: Drug Policy Violation
At approximately 3:05 a.m., the RHC and an RA were investigating a drug case in Santee Hall. Upon entering the room, they found various containers of a green leafy substance and various types of drug paraphernalia. All of the contraband was transported to the CCU Public Safety building.

9. 4/07/04 Incident Type: Larceny
The victim stated that she parked her vehicle near Keanor Hall and went to class. When she returned from class, she noticed that her vehicle license plate was missing. The plate was entered into NCIC.

10. 4/08/04 Incident Type: Drug Policy Violation
During a room search in Cypress Hall, the Residence Life staff found several plants suspected of being marijuana. Various quantities of stems, seeds and other drug paraphernalia were also found. All evidence was confiscated and tested positively for marijuana.

11. 4/08/04 Incident Type: Burglary
The victim stated to the officer that during Spring Break unknown person(s) entered his dorm room and removed some diving equipment.

12. 4/09/04 Incident Type: Theft of a Computer

Complainant stated to police that the monitor and CPU of a computer were present in a room in the Science building the previous day, but the next they were gone.

13. 4/13/04 Incident Type: Larceny
The victim stated to police that someone unknown entered his dorm room in Dogwood Hall and took his Play Station 2. The door was unlocked and his roommate was in the area at the time.

14. 4/13/04 Incident Type: Larceny
The victim stated to police at 4:25 p.m. that while he was at the small gym of the P.E. Center, unknown person(s) took his gym bag which contained a pair of sandals, two watches and his Coastal ID. The bag had been left unattended at the time it was taken.

15. 4/13/04 Incident Type: Drug Possession
A CCUPD officer was called to Santee Hall at 9:40 p.m. by the RHC who had confiscated a bag of a green leafy substance and a Busch Light can that had residue on it. The property was transported to the Public Safety building and secured.

16. 4/14/04 Incident Type: Assault
The victim stated to police at 3 p.m. that while he was asleep, his roommate assaulted him with a fire extinguisher. He and his roommate then pushed each other and he eventually went to the ER because of the incident. This took place in Santee Hall.

Crime Log compiled from police reports and interviews by assistant editor Jessica McMurrer
College students and suicide: What you should know

By LaKesha Summers for The Chanticleer

According to the Jed Foundation, suicide is the second leading cause of death among college-age students. Among college students, 7.5 out of every 100,000 take their own lives. There are almost 1,100 suicides projected to occur on campuses this year. There are four male suicides for every female suicide. However, at least twice as many females as males attempt suicide: NARSAD statistics revealed that in 1998, suicide killed more young adults than AIDS, cancer, heart disease, pneumonia, birth defects, stroke, influenza and chronic lung disease combined.

Suicide is associated with depression. A person that takes his or her own life usually does so during a depressive episode. Unfortunately, the majority of people who commit suicide are not in treatment at the time of their death. This is one of the reasons we stress the importance of seeking treatment for depression. There is a myth that people who talk about suicide do not do it. NIMH stresses that if someone communicates a suicidal warning, they are most likely to attempt suicide.

Most suicidal people give clues about their feelings. Don't be afraid to ask someone you are worried about if he or she is thinking of taking his or her life. You cannot make someone suicidal by asking a direct, caring question. Tell your loved one that you are worried and give specific reasons why.

When talking to someone that may be suicidal, NARSAD says to stress that he or she is very important to you and to other people. Encourage that person to get help through a psychiatrist, social worker, clergy member or other mental health professional. Coastal offers counseling services for students that attend Coastal Carolina University. The Counseling Office of Coastal Carolina University offers a variety of services for students, including personal counseling, crisis intervention, personal growth and enrichment, drug and alcohol education, stress and test anxiety management, and study skills. The services are offered through individual, group and classroom presentations. Students may schedule appointments by visiting the Student Health-Counseling Center at 204 University Blvd. or by calling 349-2305.

Why not vote?

By Whitney Mervy for The Chanticleer

While there are plenty of young adults between the ages of 18-24 who are registered, many do not take advantage of this hard-won privilege. According to the US Census Bureau 50.7 percent of the population aged 18 to 24 was registered to vote in the 2000 General Election, but only 36.1 percent turned out to vote. Compared to 78.8 percent of the 65-74 age group who were registered, 72.2 percent of those voted. Many young adults feel that their needs are not represented in politics today. The statistics tell us why.

The US Census Bureau reported that the top reason people do not vote is they are too busy or they do not know where to go. Many of these problems can be solved by doing research at a library or accessing federal or local government websites. You can also call your local state house and find out if your state allows mail-in or absentee ballots. Ryan Bellamy, 25, is a recent college graduate and a resident of Horry County. He feels that voting is something that should not be taken for granted.

"For so long, African Americans didn't get the chance to vote and many people were hurt or killed winning that right. My mother and grandmother stressed that should not be taken for granted. Voter turnout tells us there is still much apathy in the young voting population. In the 2002 SC General Election 1,116,936 voted in the state. Only 24,567 of those voters were aged 18-24. The largest voter turnout was 472,896 ages 45-64. In Horry County, 54,058 turned out to vote. The lowest turnout was from the 18-24 year olds with 684 votes. The 45-64 year olds had the biggest turnout with 21,938 votes. Steven Hager, a Coastal Carolina junior, voted in the last presidential election but says his voting days are over.

"After the last presidential election I don't believe in our current voting process. I have lost faith in how we elect our politicians. The elected officials do not care about what their constituents think, they just do the job for name recognition," said Hager.

Another Coastal Carolina student, senior Jordan McDonald, also does not plan on voting this year. She feels that there is no unbiased information available for the public to gain real insight into the candidates.

"There is no good database for people to make real informed choices. You can't trust the candidates' commercials to know the truth about the candidates. Most young people I know feel this way," said McDonald.

It may seem like a daunting task finding out about the candidates but it is not impossible to come by. You can go to the SC House of Representatives site. According to this site, Horry County is represented by six republicans and one democrat; each representative's voting record and the bills they have sponsored are listed. You do not have to be well versed in politics to understand the site.

For the out-of-state student who wants to be informed about his or her local going ons, visit the Project Vote Smart website. They claim to be a nonbiased resource for finding out all about the candidates. They offer short biographies, campaign finance information, issue positions, and voting records to make sure the voters can see all sides to their candidate. If you want to do more than vote and join the forces of the political movers and shakers, you just have to be 25 and a US citizen for seven years to be elected to a post in the United States House of Representatives, and just 30 to be a US Senator. In South Carolina you can be a member of the House of Representatives at the age 21, and Governor as young as 30.

In a recent poll of 23 students with an average age of 23, conducted by the author, 18 were registered voters.
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Financial Aid Reminders

- Check your Coastal email regularly for notification of important Financial Aid information! If you do not know your Coastal email address, please contact Student Computing at 349-2908 as soon as possible.

- Reminder for May 2004 Graduating Students: If you have Perkins Loans or Stafford Loans, the Federal government requires you to do Exit Loan Counseling. For your convenience you can go to www.mapping-your-future.org and click on exit counseling. Please complete exit loan counseling as soon as possible since failure to do this may result in a hold being placed on your academic records. If you require additional information on your loan indebtedness, please log on to www.naids.ed.gov and access your information by using your FAFSA PIN number. If you do not know your FAFSA PIN, you may also apply for it at www.pin.ed.gov.

- If you have not done your 2004-2005 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), DO NOT WAIT! Do your FAFSA today! Do your FAFSA electronically and save approximately three weeks processing time. Start as soon as you do your 2003 taxes. If this is your first time doing the FAFSA electronically, you and (if applicable) your parent will be required to apply for a PIN number on www.fafsa.ed.gov.

- Scholarship Reminder: Applicants who submitted a scholarship application will be notified on or around May 1 of the results of their applications by email. For the most current information on University scholarships visit our web site at www.coastal.edu/finaid.

- Summer School is fast approaching! The following are two important points to be aware of if you are going to use financial aid for summer classes:
  1. The 2003-2004 FAFSA must be completed for Summer school financial aid.
  2. May 28th is the deadline date for submitting your Summer application for financial aid. These forms are available in our office or online at www.coastal.edu/finaid/forms.html. Please bring your Summer class schedule to the financial aid office in order to complete your Summer application. It is mandatory to complete the Summer application in order to receive financial aid for Maymester, Summer 1 and Summer 2 terms.
  3. If you are receiving a tuition waiver, you must contact Financial Aid to determine your eligibility for Summer school.

If you have questions about any of the above information or about Financial Aid in general, please contact our office at (843) 349-2313.

Job Talk

By Mollie Fout
for The Chanticleer

Reminder About Career Services
The staff of Career Services extends warm congratulations to the graduating seniors for May 2004 and our heartiest best wishes for a successful job search or transition to graduate school. If you have not established a file with Career Services, want to update a resume, need individual assistance to develop job search strategies or just want to touch base with your Career Services Coordinator, contact Yvonne at 349-2341 to schedule an appointment. The Career Services office operates throughout May, June, July and August and serves CCU alumni for placement for one-year following graduation.

National Association Job Survey Results
Employers expect to hire 11.2 percent more new college hires in 2003-2004 than they hired last year, according to the results of NACE's Job Outlook 2004 Spring Update survey.

This is a slight dip from the 12.7 percent growth in hiring employers anticipated for the year in August 2003. But it is important to focus on the fact that the hiring outlook remains positive. Overall, 51.5 percent of responding employers expect to hire more new college graduates this year. Most employer members of NACE are large, national organizations with College Relations & Recruitment Programs. You can visit the NACE Job Choices web site by clicking on the Job Choices icon on the CCU Career Services homepage at www.coastal.edu/career to find more information about the employer partners.

Use Career Resources Lab to find Summer Employment/Internships Career Services has utilized MonsterTRAK to post many internships and full-time jobs this year, but employers sometimes prefer to fax flyers or job descriptions for Summer Jobs and local internships directly to us. These "hard copy" job listings can be found in binders in the Career Resource Lab located in the Prince Building, Rm. 117. The Lab is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Stop by anytime to see the new opportunities.

Carolina Professional Career Expo
Imagine thousands of college graduates from nearly 200 colleges and universities in North and South Carolina arriving at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center to meet and speak with 75 to 100 recruiters from nationally recognized corporate employers and federal agencies and imagine that you are there. This exciting, first-of-its kind event in South Carolina is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5, 2004 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Timing of this event is designed to give you a "head start" on the crunch of the 2005 Spring recruiting season. These large employers plan their hiring needs and recruitment activities three to six months in advance, so mark your calendar now. Watch the CCU Career Services web site for regular updates about the employers who will be attending. Plan to have your resume and "interview suit" ready for this full semester mega-event.

Voting, from page A4

Voting is one of many rights we take for granted. It seems like everyone has always had the right to vote. Historically speaking, women have only been able to vote since 1920. In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution provided the rights for African American males to vote. It wasn't until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that local laws and practices that made it difficult for minorities to vote were addressed. The youth of today have an obligation to honor those who lost their livelihood and their lives to give us the opportunity to have our opinions heard.

OOPS!

- In the Thursday, April 1 issue of The Chanticleer, the front page photo should have been credited to Paul Robinson, staff photographer.
- Also in that issue, the heading "Editorials" on page B10 of the Squawk! section should have been "Letters to the Editor." Both pieces featured on this page were outside submissions. Please remember to read the disclaimer for Letters to the Editor on the bottom of page A3.
- The photo of Brett Grandstrand on page A12 of the Sports section should have been credited to the Coastal Carolina 2004 Baseball Media Guide.
Kimberly Jones, 28, was charged Wednesday, April 14 with conspiracy to commit perjury. Kim allegedly made false statements and obstructed justice while testifying on her relationship to the suspected shooters, Damion Butler and Suif Jackson. Her manager, Butler, bodyguard, Jackson, and friend, Monique Dopwell, were also charged in the case. Early Wednesday Kim surrendered in Manhattan. After appearing before a judge and pleading not guilty to all charges, Kim was released on $500,000 bond. Kim and her attorney are confident these charges will be dropped.

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen star in the new action comedy “New York Minute.” This film follows 17-year old sisters Jane (Ashley) and Roxanne (Mary-Kate) Ryan on a wild trip through the streets of Manhattan. Jane, the uptight overachiever, is up for a scholarship at Oxford University and has a major speech to give while her laid-back sister Roxy hopes to get backstage at a video shoot and slip her demo tape to the band. But when things don’t go as planned, the sisters have to join together to fix things. While on the journey the sisters find unexpected love and they realize anything can change in a “New York Minute.”

Kwame Jackson, 29, a Harvard graduate, may have been fired by Donald Trump on the “The Apprentice” last Thursday, April 15, but he is in high demand elsewhere. After being fired from “The Apprentice,” Kwame and the other contestants attended an after party where he was offered many high paying jobs. One of these included managing one of the portfolios of Mark Cuban, the billionaire owner of the Dallas Mavericks. Kwame was also offered $25,000 for a week of his time helping KFC launch their new oven-roasted chicken. Kwame’s answer to whether or not he will accept the offer was “Once we negotiate a higher fee, yes.” This is probably not the last we’ll hear from Kwame.

What’s after “The Apprentice” for Kwame?

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Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen’s first grown-up film

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Point/Counterpoint: Yes or no to a summer fling?

Take advantage of summer with a fling

By Randy Engstrom

Yes, it’s true; summer is right around the corner. When summer enters one’s mind, one may reminisce about past summers and how much fun they were. This includes all the great baseball games, barbecues and beach activities. These, however, are not the only things linked to summer fun. Summer flings are ranked up there on the list of what to remember about those glorious days and nights of summer. I am here to advocate the exploration into what I call the “summer work out plan.” All I have are positives for giving into the summer fling.

For starters, summer flings are just plain fun. How could one not have fun meeting a cool guy or girl, hanging out for a day, and then inviting him or her back for a little late night rendezvous. Summer flings are great for many other reasons besides the obvious “fun factor.” They are a great way to meet new people, not only from the local area, but also worldwide. Once new people are met, new experiences cannot be too far behind. Other people will broaden your horizons. They bring a little something different to the table, so to say. They may show you things you have never seen before, that you will remember about those glorious day and nights of summer.

Variety, there I said it. Yes, variety is one of the top reasons for exploring your options in the summer months. Variety in all sorts of ways. You can encounter the short, tall, exotic, dark, light and everything in between. Variety can be had not only in taste of the opposite sex, but the location of sex as well. When summer enters the picture a multitude of interesting locations become available to do your thing.

Are you thinking you will have a rough time meeting some summer flings? Well don’t. When summer is among us, so are your options. It is reasonable to believe that many other people are looking for a similar adventure. A person could not even be looking to hook up with another person and out of nowhere it’s already in the works. There is even the possibility of, dare I say, more than one a day. Your once empty little black book then becomes your best friend. Sure you may not remember all of the people’s numbers you got, but that’s all part of the fun too, isn’t it? So get out there, do your thing, and be safe.

Enjoy summer without the fling

By Chris Brown

Now that the summer break is just a few weeks away, I feel it is my duty to talk to you about the reality of summer flings. Yes, a summer fling can be great fun, but there are also negatives that many of us don’t think about.

So what could possibly be wrong with having a few summer hookups? Well, the first thing that comes to mind is the present threat of sexually transmitted diseases. I know this isn’t what you want to hear, but I have to bring it up. There are a whole lot of nasty critters out there and if you sleep around you’re bound to run into one of them. Most of the people that you meet in Myrtle Beach are going to be from different parts of the country and there is no way of telling who or who they have been doing before they met you.

My counterpart would argue that variety is one of the top reasons for the random summer fling. I agree that it is nice to diversify your life, but you have to remember the effect that a little variety can have on your reputation. Once word gets around that you get around, it is going to be very difficult to find a respectable date. Another issue with variety is the fact that in Myrtle Beach it is sometimes difficult to tell how old a girl really is. I know this sounds horrible, but in this day and age with fake IDs being as common as we all know they are, it is very easy to make a mistake. You could easily walk into a club one night, meet a girl, and only the next day do you find out that she really was only 16. Now you tell me, is a summer fling really worth jail time?

So what else could be wrong with the summer fling? Well to start there’s the unknown boyfriend/girlfriend factor. Have you ever been out at a bar or club when all of a sudden a girl or guy catches your eye? You walk over, start up a conversation, and just when things are starting to go really well, the jealous angry boyfriend/girlfriend makes his or her appearance. This is added drama that personally I feel just isn’t worth it.

Those of us who work during the summer months also know that it is a time when the money starts rolling in. If you are caught up in a summer fling, then that means that a majority of the cash you’re earning will be going to buying drinks and trying to please that potential fling. This is money that could be put to better use by saving it for the next school year. I have named just a few of the problems that can go along with summer flings. In the end, it is your choice and whatever road you take remember to be safe and have fun.

CD Review: Cypress Hill’s “Till Death do us Part”

By Matt Caruso

Cypress Hill has been known internationally for their unique style of combining rap, rock and Latin beats to make platinum selling albums for many years now. They are also most known for their anti-police and pro-marijuana lyrics. In their new album, “Till Death Do Us Part,” they don’t stray too far away from this customized style.

The new album is unique from past albums because it incorporates an added reggae vibe. The disc was released on March 23 of this year and has only recently reached radio stations with the new hit single “What is Your Number?” about picking up girls in the club scene. This song has been playing on almost all rock, rap and top 40 stations around the States.

Sticking with their pro-marijuana lyrics which have made them famous, songs such as “Bong Hit” and “Ganja Bus” feature reggae god Bob Marley’s son Damien Marley, and gives the songs a real island vibe. One song that really sticks out is “Busted in the Hood,” because it is a remake of the Beastie Boys’ “Paul Revere,” only more updated from the version originally released in 1985. The song was actually co-composed by Adam Horowitz (a.k.a. AdRock), one of the original Beastie Boys to give it the original sound. Many of the songs like “Latin Thugs” and “Street Wars” are reminiscent of past Cypress Hill songs with that grim gangster style and hard bass beats loyal fans have grown to love. I really like these songs because they combine American rap and Spanish rap with a flow linking them to their Spanish roots like no other rap group could ever do. All in all, this album is a great buy. Cypress Hill fans and reggae fans alike will love this CD as it is the perfect music to play when cruising the streets or to just “chill wit’ da hommies.”
By Ashley Batliner  
Squawk! editor

Prepare for finals with study tips:  
Finding the right time, place and way to study

With the end of the semester approaching, one thing seems to be on the minds of all students - finals.

Vonna Gengo, the counselor and coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, has many great study tips for both students with and without disabilities. Gengo, along with many other experts, believes that time management is the key factor to good studying. The key to time management is to have a schedule with fixed blocks for class, eating, relaxing, watching television, doing laundry and the many other things your day may include. It is important to set realistic goals and not to schedule more hours than you have available. Also, allow flexibility in your schedule, since something unexpected may arise. Two or more sessions are more effective than one long session. When you study, stop and rest for a few minutes every hour, giving your brain a chance to take a break.

When you sit down and study, study the difficult or boring subjects first. Students usually study what they like first, yet the difficult courses often require the most creative energy. Many people learn best in daylight hours; therefore, schedule study time for the difficult subjects when the sun is up. People benefit from different times of the day; some study early morning and some late at night. The key is to find when learning is best for you. Also use time between classes or breaks to work to review class notes. A solid review of a lecture can be completed in 15 minutes or even five if you are prepared.

The next important factor is where to study. When you use the same place to study, your body and mind become trained, allowing you to focus your attention more quickly. Avoid distractions such as eating, watching television and talking on the phone while studying. It is also important not to study where you sleep - avoid couches and beds as study spaces. A better place to study is a desk, a kitchen table or the library. Libraries are designed for learning: they have good lighting and the noise level is low. Upon entering a library, your body is signalled to get to work.

Another consideration during study time is making sure you get an adequate amount of sleep. The average young adult needs six to nine hours of sleep each night in order to do his or her best each day. If you are sleep deprived, you will not remember or comprehend what you studied. If your professor makes his or tests based on the lecture, spend your time reviewing class notes rather than trying to read all of the chapters in the textbook. However, it is important to pay close attention to the clues a professor may give out regarding test material.

Don’t spend the night before the test trying to acquire and learn last year’s test. You will only discover that professors usually do not use the same test. Give yourself five minutes before the test to relax. If you cram right up until the test, you are more likely to confuse yourself. If you follow these tips you will be more prepared and ready to take your finals.

While taking your tests, remember to breathe. If you do not know the answer to a question, move to the next question and come back later. Circle the question, though, so you do not forget and leave it blank. Do not panic, and remind yourself that you are well-prepared. If you are allowed to, ask questions during the test. This might clarify the question being asked. And lastly, stay for the entire session. Reread the questions and your answers to them, making sure you understand what the question is really asking and that you have answered it accordingly.

Gengo reminds students to get good sleep, a good breakfast and to study hard for their approaching finals. If you would like more information on study habits and test taking, you can visit or call Vonna Gengo at the counseling center, or visit http://www.makingitcount.com.
Undeclared majors may have the advantage

By Nicole Romeo

It is no secret that enrollment at Coastal Carolina University has increased, and it may not seem surprising that retention has increased overall since 1996. What may be surprising is that more students are starting their college careers as "undeclared" freshmen.

Coastal Carolina University offers 37 majors to students, yet, undeclared is the third largest amongst first-year students. According to Dr. Linda Hollandsworth, Director of Student Academic Support Services, the major is comprised of 200 students out of a total first-year population of 1,300.

"Nationally, approximately 30 percent of first-year students are undeclared. At CCU that percentage is roughly 20 percent," said Hollandsworth.

First-year students who enter a university as "undeclared" may actually be at a slight advantage over the average college freshman. According to the National Association of Academic Advising, 50 percent of first-year students change their major up to three times during the course of their college careers.

“When first-year students enter as ‘undeclared,’ they have the distinct advantage of being able to satisfy the core curriculum requirements while deciding on an academic major during the first year,” said Hollandsworth. Students who begin course work in one field of study and then change to another, especially more than once, are at risk of losing credits, a fact that may be contributing to the national statistic that it is taking students longer than the traditional four years to obtain a degree.

Erin Segars, a senior eager to graduate, said, “I entered into CCU in the fall of 1998. Since then I have explored five different majors. This has been very difficult. I knew that when I graduated I wanted to have a degree that would allow me to be happy in the post-graduate world. Now, as my graduation day is finally approaching, the one thing I wish I had done differently would have been to enter as an undeclared freshman and stayed that way until I was sure of what I really wanted to do.”

At Coastal, undeclared majors have a valuable resource at their disposal. The First-Year Success Seminar for Undeclared Majors strives to provide students with the guidance and resources they need to choose a major, ideally, by the end of their second semester. Teaching teams consist of a Coastal faculty member and a trained peer mentor. According to Hollandsworth, "Since the program was implemented in the 1997-98 academic year, the retention rate for undeclared, first-year students has increased 27.1 percent."

CCU junior, Nicky Welo, said "I started out as an undeclared major and was a student of the success seminar. By the middle of my second semester, I decided to declare history. Even though I started out as undeclared, I’m still on schedule to graduate within four years."

First semester freshman, Cara Holland, said that "the Freshman Success Seminar has really opened up my options to choosing a major. Hearing the guest speakers [who visit the class] talk about opportunities in each major has really led me in the right direction." Heather Creel, also a freshman, agreed with Gray.

“The class has helped me narrow down a major by bringing in a faculty member and students from each department to talk about the majors offered here,” said Creel.

Support for the program has come from the administration as well.

"We have support from the administration, especially President Ron Ingle and Provost Pete Barr, who recognize the value of the mentoring relationships offered by the program," Hollandsworth acknowledged.

She also praised the faculty for being unusually dedicated to the success of their first-year students.

“The teaching faculty in the success seminar program volunteer their time to teach and advise these first-year students while maintaining their own scholarship and academic course schedules,” said Hollandsworth.

Students should not feel that just because they are undeclared, that they aren’t on the right track to graduating within the traditional four years. Having the “First-Year Success Seminar” firmly in place has made all the difference for many students. The word “success” says it all.

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Do I seem intoxicated?

Comedian Will Marfori on life, the Chanticleer and Cerebral Palsy

By Brian Tracy

"I have CP. It's not an act; I'm going to be retarded all night."

With that opening line, comedian Will Marfori captured the audience in the Wall Auditorium on Wednesday, April 14, and continued to keep them laughing all night long.

Will makes the distinction that he is not a "disabled person who happens to be a comedian," but that he is a "comedian who happens to be disabled."

Using his comedy, he not only makes people laugh, but educates them that disabled people can do everything non-disabled people can do. His intense tour schedule takes him from California to D.C., stopping at colleges and comedy clubs all over the US.

Cerebral Palsy is a condition that affects movement and coordination within the brain, which leads to degenerated dexterity in tasks ranging from using scissors to even walking or balancing. Having CP however, doesn't stop Will from making an audience laugh.

Quips: "What does having CP mean? I'm the only person in my family who's an Olympian: I beat a blind kid in archery!"

The room fills with laughter and guffaws. Most people are scared to laugh at jokes about disabilities. They wonder if their laughter can be construed to mean they are insensitive or cold-hearted. But Will makes them understand that it's alright to laugh.

At about the halfway point of the show, Will looks at his watch and says, "I've still got 30 minutes left? Crap, I ran out of jokes!"

But without missing a beat he launches right back into the show.

Somewhere in a show, most comedians on a college campus ask the same question: "What is your mascot?"

Needless to say, the entire audience began laughing. Some called out "angry chicken," "crafty rooster," and a few "Chanticleers."

"A Chanticleer? What the hell is that?" Will asks.

He jokes about the name, and then he makes the funniest chicken sound and flaps his arms as wings. The audience loves it.

As the show ends, Will talks about his website and touring, telling everyone to come see him again. He then slips out a t-shirt, and tells everyone what it says. On the front in big bold letters it reads: "I'm not drunk;" on the back, in front of a cartoon picture of Will, it reads: "I'm just special!"

And Will is one of those special people who have the ability to make people laugh.

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Comedian Will Marfori had Coastal students laughing on Wednesday, April 14 when he came to the campus. Marfori has Cerebral Palsy and uses his disability as part of his act.

Photos by Paul Robinson/staff photographer

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3pm

It has begun. No turning back now.

First thing's first: call for free para.

The perks of the paper!

1pm

Call 'Dame's.

We're going to need more socks.

 Noon

Don't be deceived. This is the temperature OUTSIDE.

Time for a break.

2pm

We've reached an all-time high: 97 degrees!

On top of that, it's crunch time.

Layout will have to be done in minimal clothing.

4pm

As it should: the strange heat wave calls for some investigation. Our editor-in-chief, Anne Marie, assembles the thermometer.

Photographer Paul and Squawk! editor Ashley at our weekly meeting. Oddly, the office seems to be a little warmer than usual. Break out the ice pops!
WHAT!!!
Art. ed. "It's as hot as balls up here!"
Art. Dir. "Well, it's hotter than balls. I'm not sure balls get this hot."

We dedicated staffers work anyway. Art. Dir. Yvonne sits with lights off and her trusty fan by her side.

4:14 AM bag from the freezer and a lil' love from the fan cools Anne Marie as the temperature only begins to rise.

2:00 AM We're even more unattractive. We're hot, tired and stinky, to our leather chairs. Time to go home.

This is what happens when we're overworked and our office windows cannot be opened. We venture outside for some cool night air. What's this? Anne-Marie has found "monsters" in the fountain. She bravely does her port by fing'ring them out with her flip-flop.

Anne-Marie Yvonne and writer Mike the "polymer roping champ" play in the fountain in Spade Park. Look how easily we are amused.

Our advisor comes to check on our progress. This is Stelo. She likes to make sure we're on top of things on deadline weekend.

The stress is mounting. It's Sunday night and we're nowhere near done. Looks like it's going to be an extended deadline.

At 6:00 AM art is placed. Articles are turned in (for the most part) and we go home.
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Taurus (April 20-May 20): You have a lot to accomplish in the next couple of weeks and you are feeling a little overwhelmed. You just need to slow down and take one obstacle at a time. Once you knock a few things out of the way, you will feel a lot better. Don’t forget to take time to strategize and plan your day. Be ready around the 28th to be faced with a decision about your future. Try not to let this decision add more stress to your life; instead remember you already know what you want.

Gemini (May 20-June 20): A few months back, Gemini, you lost touch with a great friend. Although you both have busy lives and less time for each other, it is important that you cherish old friendships. This person has been there for you all of your life and if you push them away now, you will always regret it. Around the 1st you will need someone to talk to, and there is no one better than an old friend.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You are the type of person that likes to work hard, but you like to see the results of your work quickly. Sometimes in life you have to work hard for a long time before you see results, especially in school. Just because you might not be seeing quick results from your hard work does not mean that it will not pay off in the end.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 23): There may be a bumpy road ahead of you, but you have plenty of people around to be there for you. There is one person in particular that wants to be there for you, but you seem to feel differently. Instead of pushing this person completely out of your life maybe you should see that the amount of love they have for you is unreal. Enjoy and cherish that love, Leo, because it doesn’t always come around that easily.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21): Virgo, you have done a lot of thinking lately about what is truly important to you and what you want. Now it is just time for you to take the time to plan out how you are going to achieve those things you want. You have lots of energy right now, so it is the perfect time to think realistically about your goals. Sometimes the least appealing might actually be the answer to what you are looking for.

Libra (Sept. 22-Oct. 22): You are about to close one chapter in your life and open a new one; whether you are moving, changing jobs or completely changing what stage of life you are at, keep an open mind. Many new opportunities arrive when you make a major change in your life, Libra, so look at each opportunity as it is the next stage in your life. Anything can happen if you just let it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are searching for love as if it is the most important aspect of your happiness. Perhaps you are focusing on the wrong thing in your life to bring you happiness. Scorpio, it is important to find happiness in yourself and not always look for love. Once you are truly happy love will find you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20): You are at the beginning of a new relationship and are wrapped up in the new love. New love can be a great feeling to have and can also take up a lot of time. This is not a bad thing, but you have many other things in your life right now. The relationship has the potential to be a truly great thing, just be careful not to let the other great things in your life fall apart.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19): You have been feeling very frustrated lately over a problem you are having. You know some information that you would really rather not know. You feel obligated to tell your friend what you know, but at the same time it is the last thing on your “to do” list. An important rule to remember is if you would want your friend to tell you, then your friend wants you to tell them. Stop worrying so much and just do the right thing. Good things will come of it in the end and you will feel much better.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17): Family tension is surfacing in your life, Aquarius, and you feel somewhat responsible. Let these things in your life fall apart. You and...
Staff Editorial

So here we are at the end of another semester. Did it go by just as fast as the first one of the year? It’s certainly possible. Did seniors make the most of it, as their last semester as Coastal Carolina University students? And what about the freshmen? Was it a good end to their first year as part of the Coastal family? We hope so. And what about those that are somewhere in between, where the point of finding the familiarity has passed, but while there is still time left to discover? Hopefully for them as well, this semester closed out another great year at Coastal. And so we all dive head-first into exams, with some hesitation and procrastination we’re sure... and the week we all fear may be feared for something other than ominous bubble sheets and #2 pencils.

It is a time of change for some of our Coastal friends. For them it is time to conquer the world. They are moving to the next step on the staircase of life, as we wave goodbye and cheer them on, giving them our hopes for the brightest futures possible. Even if next year is a returning year for some of us, there are changes ahead for us all. Who knows what the next year at Coastal will bring? Certainly another great influx of freshmen will be something we’ll encounter. There will be new goals, reunions with old friends, more classes and busy schedules... and again we’ll find ourselves in the same place we found ourselves this year. Maybe we’ll be at the end again, wondering where the time went, and if we spent it well. Surely if you were to look at a clock on the wall, its hands wouldn’t be spinning nearly as fast as, in retrospect, they seemed to spin. But that’s the surreal nature of life, and it is for this reason that we must make the most of each day we have. The Chanticleer staff wishes everyone the best of luck with exams and boundless amounts of summer fun.

THE LITTLEST EDITOR SPEAKS: THOUGHTS FROM JESSICA McMURRER

Recently I have been experiencing a sharp, stabbing pain in my head. Now, I've had headaches in my life but nothing quite like this pain so I was freaking out a little. I did some research on the Internet to find out the causes of headaches and if this pain meant anything. I have a brain tumor. Well, it is most likely not a tumor, but simply the product of stress.

I realized that I was under some stress - a lot of unnecessary, self-inflicted stress, most of which was stupid stress. Just a word of advice to keep from being bad: make sure that the person you are dating and the person you like are the same person. It’s very helpful.

This great realization came to me on Wednesday night, which is "The O.C." night for me as well as for many of you. I’m sure. While watching, I remembered something from a previous episode, "angst-free Ryan week." As with most of the wonderful "O.C." quotes, this one was courtesy of Seth Cohen in an attempt to have Ryan stay out of trouble for a short time. Of course, as always is the case when Ryan Atwood is involved, it was a foiled attempt, for angst follows that boy from Chino to Newport and everywhere in between.

"The American Heritage College Dictionary" defines angst as a noun, a feeling of anxiety or apprehension often accompanied by depression. So after putting two and two together, I decided that "headache-free Jess" had to become "angst-free Jess." I even came up with some simple guidelines to follow to help me accomplish this.

This is when you all come into play and can truly benefit to all of this babble. Now that it is close to the end of the year, I know that the stress is mounting for you all. Final exams are coming up; graduation is soon for those of you who get to take that walk; it is time to figure out where you will be living for the next few months and what job you will be doing to pay the bills. Talk about stress! These stressors are a part of life right now and they are things that you will have to deal with at one point or another. But, if you lessen the amount of unnecessary stress, you will most likely reduce the amount of stress overall. So here are my steps to have some "angst-free Jess" time:

1) No Fighting

Fighting causes stress, duh. The end of the semester is a common time for friends and roommates to fight. It makes sense because you’ve been living with someone or a group of people all semester or all year and now the time is almost up. You and your roommates are so anxious to leave that the thoughts of going home are just about all you can think about, so then you forget to take out the trash or your roommate forgets to wash his or her dishes. And then you both get mad and have a major bitch-fest.

Instead of following this unproductive path, try to resolve the problems calmly and without major conflict. Since you could be living with one of these people next year, it would not be in your best interests to pick a fight now because that will just give you problems when it comes time to live together again next year.

2) No Love Interests

As good as it is to have a relationship or to have a friend to sleep next to, I have discovered that it just causes more stress and confusion in my life. This semester I have been finding myself involved with "the bad boy," also known as the drunker, the smoker and the womanizer. These are not quality traits in a companion and have therefore caused me stress. I worried about my boyfriends hanging out with other girls and feared that these new friends were taking my position. I worried about my boyfriends getting drunk and being stupid. I worried about my boyfriends getting in trouble for drug possession.

Without the boyfriends, I will have much less stress; I will get more sleep at night and I will have more free time now that I'm not worrying or spending time with my boyfriends.

I'm not saying that those of you who are in relationships should end them just so you have some more free time. But I do suggest that all of you singles out there make wise decisions when selecting who you date or just hook up with on a Friday night because if the person is not quality, you will just have more troubles than you want come Saturday morning.

3) Avoid Stressful Situations

If you know that you and one of your friends are going to end up fighting when you see each other at the party, do not go to the party and you will avoid that stress. For me, I know that I will get stressed when I go to the club with my guy friend and he flirts more with a scantily clad beautiful Brazilian chick than with me. And seriously how is a skinny, appropriately clothed white girl supposed to compete with that? I do not blame him for hitting on her, but it still stressed me out. So to resolve or at least avoid that unnecessary stress, I will not be going to the club with him. Not only will I have reduced angst, I will also save money. And saving money is the opposite of a stressful action.

4) Find a Happy Place

This happy place can be an actual place or just a happy state of mind. It is important when trying to stay angst-free to be happy. When you feel the stress of school, friends, family or work bearing down heavily upon your shoulders, escape to your happy place to retain a sense of calmness. Your happy place could be the beach, the mall, the gym, your couch and a good movie or baseball game, your favorite book that you know by heart or a good long chat with a friend about the good ole’ days of high school. Wherever or whatever it is, immerse yourself totally in your happy place and focus on it until you no longer feel the pressures of what you are trying to leave behind. For me, my happy place is usually in front of the glowing box that is my television. I find that if I immerse myself in the lives of the people in the shows or movies, I momentarily forget the troubles of my life and the angst is reduced. Now granted, watching a Red Sox game is usually a stressful event, but it is relaxing to completely focus on the game instead of the non-sports related stresses of my life.

Along with a physical happy place or action, try to think about happy thoughts instead of the stressful ones. If you are graduating and are unsure of where you will be working after the big day, there is no point in working yourself into an anxiety attack over it. All you can do is fill out the job applications and hope for the best. Instead of constantly fretting over the future, try to focus on the present and situations that you can control. For instance, I could worry myself into a brain hemorrhage over my mounting credit card bill and how I intend to pay it, or I can focus on the fact that the bill is growing as a result of my 20 day trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands that will be happening in less than a month, and for which I have been waiting my whole life. In just typing those words, a great feeling of calm and joy came over me. It does not really matter that I will have to get a second job and have no money-spending fun this summer. I’m going to the land of tortoises, marine iguanas, finches, blue-footed boobies and penguins, and I’ll be earning college credit at the same time.

Well there you have it, the steps to help you become "angst-free." I hope it works for us all because I sure know I could use a day without a terrible headache. And I’m sure you would all like to have as little stress as possible so that you can fully enjoy the beach and the sun.
Letters to the Editor

While reading the April 1 edition of The Chanticleer, I found myself flipping through the pages reading some of the jokes and riddles and laughing at the April Fool’s stories that made it to the pages. I then turned to an article and saw a familiar face with an extremely distasteful heading. In reading the article, the humor that saturated the previous pages immediately turned to disgust and disbelief. The article that I am speaking of was about our new Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Lynn Willett.

This article spoke of her being unavailable to students and her lack of participation in school events that did not involve people of higher statuses. Not only was the article repugnant, but it also wasn’t even signed by the student that chose to record such horrid, and in my opinion, false ideas. I could not believe the lack of respect that filled the article and the false statements about her success at Coastal. I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Willett on several occasions. I am one of the 13 students that form the newly formed Student Advisory Council. I, however, have an extremely different opinion on the work that our Vice President has done during her brief time at Coastal.

I first met Dr. Willett over the summer at Student Affairs convocation. Dr. Willett met with the RAs and expressed her genuine interest in the work that we do, as well as the welfare of the new and returning students. In our initial meeting, I learned a lot about her ideas and plans for a better Coastal. When it came time to open the residence halls, among all of the hurry and confusion of moving in, 1,200 residents, Dr. Willett was out, at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning, walking around the dorms, talking to the RAs as well as the new residents. She remembered my name and was able to recall many of the topics from our previous conversation. She made an effort to get to know as many new people as she could.

A few weeks later I saw Dr. Willett at the Minority Mixer, and then we had another brief conversation about many things in general. Not only did she take the time to attend an event that is not greatly accepted by the campus at large, but she also gave a speech on the success of minorities at Coastal. In her first few weeks, she had already researched and developed a clear understanding of many of the statistics about Coastal students and their success.

Willett has been at Coastal for a number of basketball games, football games and other campus events that few administrators attend. She is extremely supportive of students’ ideas and goals as well.

One must keep in mind that Dr. Willett has only been at Coastal a few months. In her short span here, she has had to help find a Director of Counseling Services, a part-time psychiatrist for Counseling Services, a new Director of Residence Life and a new Dean of Students in addition to getting to know the ins and outs of this University. In the past week, Dr. Willett had to leave her office for a few days to attend a conference in Denver in person as a new Director of Residence Life. If she is not in her office every time you want to speak with her, it is simply because she is out trying to make sure we have the best people in all positions. In my opinion, the job of Vice President for Student Affairs is not to stand in the center of Prince Lawn and shake the hand of every new student, but to be our voice in board rooms, in the meetings with those higher officials, and to fight to get what the students want and need to ensure our success and satisfaction at Coastal. It is more important to realize that she knows many students, not only those on the Advisory Council, on a first name basis and that she is just as interested in getting to know you as you are in getting to know her.

Emma Sellers, student

[Editor’s note: The piece in reference was a letter to the editor, not an article]

A Culture of Bad Faith?

If I’m picking up my pen, as it were, with some trepidation. Seems it’s virtually impossible to say or do anything here without stepping in — something. To the point of working in a “culture of bad faith” (I’ll explain). But I’m picking up my pen anyway.

Politics, partisans, cynics and various ghosts of troubles past hereabouts will be dis-appointed with what I have to say. Sorry, I am not an internal candidate for an administrative position. I am quite capable of standing on my own two feet as a Senate committee chair, thank you. Yes, I have some concerns about whether the needs of students here are being met, otherwise I wouldn’t be chairing said committee. Anyone who knows me is aware of my greater and lesser misgivings about the way “Singleton Hall, Inc.” operates. And no, I’m not the least bit naïve about how far principal will get you these days. But I’m picking up my pen anyway.

My specific issue is with the very submission of the letter entitled “Where’s Willett?” which appeared in the Squawk! section of The Chanticleer, April 1. I wonder, firstly, what standard does a student or anyone else in the campus community write such an editorial on an anonymous basis? That doesn’t absolve the editors of their responsibility for deciding to run it; that raises other ethical questions, which I’ll leave to others to debate.

The larger issue on my mind is the standards by which we conduct ourselves as a campus community, especially in instances where there is substantive disagreement. When I came here ten years ago I’d already seen and experienced enough of academic politics to make me a hopeless cynic (thankfully it didn’t take). But it’s my experience here that hit me the hardest, most recently, is that our community doesn’t have a place for someone’s heart is in the right place, whether I agree with her priorities, managerial style and specific actions. I, too, regret the decision of a number of key personnel in Student Affairs—really good people—to move on. But I’ve been around long enough to know when someone’s heart is in the right place, whether s/he has the stuff it takes to make progress, move forward, and, yes, grow and adapt and learn along with the rest of us who are committed in good faith to this project called CCU.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mike Gilbert, Chair, Faculty Senate Student Life Committee

Dear Students of Coastal Carolina University,

We as college students are asked daily to think. Our professors place tasks upon us that force us to use our minds and analyze various scenarios. However, when we stop outside the classroom many of us often do not use those same analytical skills. Many of us do not think about the socially accepted behaviors that many students partake in. Students often fail to realize that the socially acceptable behaviors of college students are not necessarily acceptable behaviors in society as a whole. One such behavior that many students find acceptable is the entrance into dorm rooms unannounced. Not only do students fail to understand that this behavior is unacceptable, but they also fail to realize that it is unsafe and quite dangerous.

The action of entering someone’s dorm room unannounced can be quite risky. Unknown to you are the elements of who and what is inside of the room, and unknown to the tenant of the dorm is your intention and actions. Being that neither of you know what exactly to expect, this scenario could lead to a world of trouble. For instance, if a young man enters into a young lady’s dorm room, who just happens to be undressed, he can face serious charges from the University that can range from trespassing to harassment and/or stalking. If the young lady happens to press charges, then the ramifications increase. The police then become involved and an arrest could take place. All of these consequences can result from simply not thinking about the appropriateness of a regularly practiced behavior in the dormitories.

Another way to analyze the situation would be to look at society and the world as a whole. Would entering the home of anyone, especially an unknown person, be acceptable outside of the college realm? More often than not the answer is no. The consequences for individuals entering any random someone’s home can be quite steep. The individual usually would face a criminal charge of breaking and entering and upon conviction may receive jail time. Once again, the seriousness of this situation is evident; however, many college students are not realizing that the same rules apply in the dormitory as do in the outside world. An additional outlook on the situation of entering dorm rooms would be to look at it form the aspect of abuse. Many physical and sexual abusers enter rooms unannounced and use that as a means to physically and sexually assault the victims. Although many college students are not intending any type of assault, intentions are often hard to determine. Therefore, many times those in position to make a judgment on this type of incident side with the victim because of the necessity to protect the safety of all students.

Entering dorm rooms of other students unannounced is an often practiced behavior in the dormitories at Coastal Carolina University. However, many students do this without analyzing the seriousness of the action until it may be too late. The analytical skills that students are forced to use throughout college should not only be used in the classroom, they should be applied in every aspect of life. Through the use of analytical skills and wisdom many students who have found themselves in trouble, in relation to this offense, could have alleviated themselves of the consequences that are issued for the safety of the entire student population at Coastal Carolina University. This, I encourage each student at Coastal Carolina University to think about any possible consequences, no matter how harmless the intent, before proceeding into any situation.

Sincerely,
Patrick Vick Hall II
Thursday, April 22, 2004

Squawk!

Lollita,
I've heard some of my friends talking about fisting their girlfriend or seeing it on porn. When I fisted my girlfriend with two fingers she really enjoys it, of course, but I was wondering if more fingers would be better or maybe even whole fist?

The More the Merrier

Dear Blow,
First off, I suggest talking to your lover. If he is more experienced than you, he is the perfect resource for finding out how he likes to be pleased orally. Have him give you lessons and ask him about what he likes and how you can improve. Not only will this help your performance, but it will also bring you closer in your relationship. Or better yet, if you have him give you oral sex, you can learn what he does and then mimic that on him.

The first thing to consider is your position. A basic and very effective position for oral sex is to be between his legs, facing his body. This can be done with him on his back on the bed and you on your stomach or he can be standing or sitting and you kneeling in front of him. From this position your tongue will have direct access to the parts of his penis and scrotum which are the most sensitive. The angle also helps to prevent the head of the penis from rubbing against your pubic bone. In the "Guide to Getting it On!," this technique is suggested because it allows your mouth to focus on the highly sensitive areas of the head and just below the head of the penis, and the added action of your pumping will also increase your lover's enjoyment.

Next, form a ring around his penis with your lips and begin moving your head up and down, but not to a point that is beyond your comfort level. At this point you can begin the sucking action, but really the motion of your head will be enough to create natural suction in your mouth. While doing the up and down motion with your head, use your tongue to lick, flick and otherwise tantalize his penis. You could act as though you were French kissing the head or do a long lick along the seam of his penis that runs from just below the head to halfway down the scrotum. You can also pay special attention to his testicles with your tongue, as this will surely feel great for him and will give your jaw a bit of a break.

There are many other actions to incorporate into oral sex, including playing with his nipples, his anus or humming while sucking. Also you could have an ice cube in your mouth or drink something warm before you go down on him or you could twist your head. All of these and more can be mastered with time and experience. But for now, I'm sure the simple pleasures will work very well for you and your partner.

Blow Boy

Dear Lollita,
I recently began my first gay relationship. My boyfriend is a great person, and he is very understanding that at this point I am still very skeptical of having anal sex. Before this point in my life I never had any serious relationships with girls and I never received a blowjob, so now I have no idea how to give my boyfriend one. Please help me.

- Blow Boy

Dear Blow,
First of all, I don't think it's right for you to be doing this, especially with someone you have a relationship with. It's important to have open communication and to make sure that both parties are comfortable with what they are doing. If you are still unsure, I suggest talking to your boyfriend about it and working together to find a solution that works for both of you.

- Lollita

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Are you looking for a light comedy to fill your day with friends?

“Dinner and a Movie”

“The Whole Ten Yards” and Beef O’Brady’s

By Randy Engstrom

Are you looking for a light comedy to fill your day with friends?

“The Whole Ten Yards,” may just be the thing you are looking for. It is rated PG-13 and has a running time of an hour and 39 minutes. “The Whole Ten Yards” has a strong cast of actors including Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry, Kevin Pollack, and Amanda Peet.

First, I need to let you know this is a sequel of a movie that came out in February 2000. “The Whole Nine Yards,” incase you have not heard of it. So that will tell you not to just head to the theater if you haven’t seen the first one. Second, if you had to choose between the first and second, the obvious choice here would be to see the first. Sequels are basically the production company’s way of squeezing the money out of something until it’s bone dry. There is an abundance of sequels, but only a few live up to the first.

“The Whole Ten Yards” picks up where the last movie ended. It is the same cast of character, except now there is a whole new mob involved too. Oz (Perry) has a wife who gets kidnapped by the mob. This then leads Oz having to ask Jimmy the Tulip (Willis) for his expert help. Jimmy had been an assassian, but is now retired from the business. His wife, however, who also happens to be Oz’s old dental assistant (Peet), is now in the assassination business. This movie is full of connections, which lead nowhere. It is a very slow starting film, and I found myself wondering when the good stuff was going to happen, or even if this was going to be good at all. This movie has no surprises, no substance and a faulty story line to boot. Sitting through it, I found myself getting some what annoyed.

This movie did have some up sides, however. I really enjoyed the duo of Perry and Willis. They compliment each other well. It is hard not to laugh at Perry, who is full of so many facial expressions and witty banter. And hey, the girls are hot in this movie, so that’s always plus.

For this movie I would suggest maybe a rental; no purchase necessary unless you are looking for a dust collector. But, hey, if you are looking to go the whole ten yards, maybe you should head to a sports bar. Sports bars are not only great atmospheres, but they also have great food as well. Nothing beats a good game around the bar with some good appetizers and drinks. For this necessity I hit up the recently opened Beef O’Brady’s.

Beef’s, as I will be calling it throughout the rest of the article, is located in the Carolina Forrest plaza. As you enter the place you will see a bountiful amount of TVs circling the room. When I went, there wasn’t very much action going on. The place seemed dead. I was waiting at the front for someone to come and seat me, but I guess they were expecting anyone because no one looked my way for what felt like an eternity. Once seated, however, the service really laid it on. My waitress was very polite, and took care of all my dining needs.

They advertise the place as a family sports bar, which really doesn’t do anything for me. But what they do have that peaks my interest is $1 Natty Lights all day, everyday, and they have good food. The food is typical bar food, but I love that stuff. It’s all pretty much the standard, so you can go hang out and get a meal that is above average without losing an arm and a leg to your bill. This is a great place to go if you are tired of going to the same watering hole in day and day out.
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Week one of the baseball season is over and I am all ready to throw my computer out of the window! A long time ago, before the Internet, people used to watch baseball for fun; they used to follow a team and have a favorite player picked out by the end of Spring Training. But now it’s “I got him on my fantasy team,” or “he is no good, I traded him for more pitching.” I have had enough of this, so take your stats and your charts; fantasy baseball is all that I loathe about sports right now.

No longer do fathers teach their sons to love the area team, but they teach their children to follow a group of individual players on make believe teams. They read fantasy magazines, they draft players, they make deals, they chart games and they lose touch with life as we know it. They sit around making telephone calls and arguing over free agents, like Brian Cashman and Theo Epstein would do it in the real Major Leagues, only it is not the majors. It is not even close; it’s six guys in a living room chomping down on pork rinds and throwing back Nasty Lights. It is computer geeks and math nerds.

Baseball once stood as our national pastime; now it has become stats and figures signifying nothing. People don’t reason and deduce any more, they just add and subtract. “Fantasy Points” are based on categories that couldn’t be important to anyone unless it was forced into a game developed to promote stats like RBI and runs scored. It no longer matters which team wins or loses; it just matters only that their fantasy players pile up the more strikeouts per inning and hits with runners in scoring position than the other guy.

I long for the days when people would just sit around and watch opening day, not spending their days stat tracking their players.

Opening day means something special and personal to every single person.

To me, opening day was the start of summers with my two lifelong childhood friends, Brett and Adam. Opening day meant the beginning of our nights outside playing games like man hunt and flash light tag then hanging out with the blonde neighborhood girls past the usual curfew. Please forgive me if this starts to get somber, but my friend Adam died a couple years ago. He was only 18 when he died. It seemed like he’d barely lived, mostly because he hadn’t. It happens all the time in every neighborhood and every community. He didn’t feel right so he went to the doctor. The doctor said it was one thing but it turned out to be something much worse. It was Leukemia. They operated. They thought it helped. It didn’t. I think about Adam three times a month, and I have been wondering why his death affected me so much.
“Liberty” for which it stands - until now

By David Wetzel

For the majority of the last 10 years it seemed impossible.

Edging closer, year by year, the Coastal Carolina women’s outdoor track and field team has finally put the fire out on the Flames. Coach Alan Connie’s squad earned its first conference title, which Liberty had won in the previous 10 seasons - the entire existence of outdoor track and field in the Big South.

“I didn’t happen over night,” said Connie, who has coached every one of the 11 squads CCU has fielded. “It’s been a 10-year process. It takes a lot of people working together toward a goal.”

The team is embodied primarily by the same athletes who stole the indoor track and field championships from Liberty in February - a title the Flames had held in each of the sport’s four years of existence.

“We knew when we won the indoor title by 50 points that we had a chance [to win the outdoor title],” said Connie. “We also knew we had a big target on our back and Liberty came at us with everything they had.”

The 10-year reign was the longest conference championship streak in the Big South Conference and the Lady Chants outlasted the Flames by 17 points. The win enabled Connie to complete the triple crown, winning conference titles in cross country in the fall, indoor track and field in the winter and now outdoor track and field in the spring.

“Back in August, we set a goal to win all three,” said Connie. “It’s tremendously satisfying, especially when you set a daunting goal like that. It takes commitment and dedication to accomplish something like that.”

By winning the discus and hammer throw, Amber Campbell was named Most Outstanding Field Performer to highlight a group of 13 All-Big South Conference Honorees, who combined for seven individual wins.

Other Coastal Carolina winners included: Kim Nemergut in the 800-meters, Claudia Witte in the 10,000-meters, Danaja Grandovice in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Marylin Testa in the pole vault and Chastity Johnson in the long jump.

With the long awaited win, Connie’s expectations for next year will remain high when he loses his three seniors this season.

“You can be sure that it will be a goal,” Connie said. “When you do it once, you want to do it again.”

Although the Big South Conference has been decided, the season has not come to an end. The ladies travel with the men’s team, who finished second in conference championship, to the Penn Relays Carnival in Philadelphia, Pa. today.

The boys of summer in full swing

By Aaron Milz

Like many college students, players for the Coastal Carolina baseball team will be working hard this summer to pay for next year’s classes. Although their version of work could also be considered play.

The Chanticleers will be playing games far past the last spring semester exams, as far as to the end of June. Most of the players will be playing into keep scholarships that the school has granted them. Though not waiting tables or flipping burgers, this type of “work” is not all fun and games.

The majority of the summer half of the season will be playoffs, in which the Chanticleers have been picked to win the Big South Conference Tournament for the fourth consecutive season. Following the BSC Tournament is the NCAA playoffs, which include the Regionsals, Super Regionals, and the College World Series. The Chanticleers were eliminated last year in the Regionals by Eastern Michigan.

This time of either winning or going home can prove to be a very stressful time to the players, especially those looking to make a career of the sport. A lot of expectations have already been placed on the team, as they were ranked 33rd in the nation in the Baseball America Preseason Poll.

The team will look to junior pitcher Jake Hurry to lead the team deeper into the playoff free. Hurry is 4-0 on the season, with a 2.97 ERA in 57 innings pitched. This is in contrast to opponents 6.35 average ERA against the Chanticleers.

The squad will be led offensively by junior Brett Grandstrand and sophomore Mike Constanzo, who lead the team in batting average and home runs respectively. Grandstrand is batting .360 on the year and also leads the team in doubles, with 14 total two-baggers. He was also recently named Big South Player of the Week on April 13. Constanzo is second in batting average, at .369 and leads the team with 13 home runs.

The team will finish out the regular season with a three game series at home against High Point, May 21-23. The BSC Tournament will begin May 26. Birmingham Southern is currently first in the BSC while the Chanticleers sit fifth with a conference record of 6-5.

Women’s tennis team advances to finals

By Randy Engstrom

The women’s tennis team has a lot to be happy about this season. These ladies are working their way through the Big South Tournament with ease.

The Lady Chants tennis squad entered the tournament seeded second. They earned that ranking by going 17-5. Their only losses came in away games. The team owes a lot of thanks to Big South Player of The Year Medina Bajrambasic. Bajrambasic was also named first team All Big South in doubles with her partner Marie Mattrak. Bajrambasic was also honored by earning a first team singles. The Coastal women have advanced to the finals in Rock Hill, S.C. and will be playing top seeded Winthrop. The Lady Chants have played Winthrop once this season at Winthrop and lost to them 1-6.
By Danny Nolan and Randy Engstrom

Nolan-OK, boys. It's time to get this started with our little knock off of PTI. Too bad my Wilbon is Randy from Dinner and a Movie. OK, lunch meat, you got anything to say?

Engstrom-Awww thanks, you're too nice, what an introduction. Here's the low down if you haven't been fortunate enough to watch PTI. Certain topics will be brought about, and we will share our feelings on the subjects. Let's get this thing going, I still got to run to see The Whole Ten Yards.

Nolan-We begin with the loveable Cub. They have been all but handed the World Series by Sports Illustrated and ESPN magazine, it's my idea the bigger the hype the bigger the flop. OK, Randy, you know we are a big Cubs fan. Have they been jinxed out of the World Series?

Engstrom-Jinxed out of the series? No, but you are right, my Cubbies have been getting a lot of attention as of late. What is the deal with this? I'm tired of seeing fans hopping from team to team. Sure, I could have left my loyal roots as a Cubs fan and switched to a Yank fan in the down times, but I didn't because it is my team and I'll support them through the down times and the high times. It's our time now, back off.

Nolan-Well, it's true, people love a loser. Just look at the girls Steve-O from Jackass gets, but that love will start to wane when the Cubs start to implode under the pressure of winning the World Series this year. Let's face it, Mark Prior is hurt, Greg Maddux looks like he is throwing batting practice and the bats aren't hitting yet. Derrick Lee, the new big bat, can't hit and he was traded for Hee Shop Choi, who has become the next Babe Ruth for the Marlins. With all that in mind, can the Cubs still win the World Series?

Engstrom-Not that I'm biased or anything, but yes, the Cubs will reach the World Series and win. It is all about the pitching and team chemistry. Prior will be back on the team racking up wins along with the rest of the staff; Kerry Wood, Clement and Zambrano. The team is eager to end this so-called curse. Go Cubbies.

Nolan-You are such a homer.

Engstrom-Yeah, yeah. All right then smart guy, let's hear what you have to say on the subject of soccer. Who's going to be the better soccer star: the 14 year old Freddy Adu or CCU's very own Joseph Ngwenya?

Nolan-Well right now both guys combined playing time wouldn't be enough to make a 30-minute meal, but I would have to go with Adu because he is already a soccer star. He was on Leno and has Nike soccer commercials. As good as Ngwenya can be, he cannot save soccer in America; only a phenomenon like Adu can.

Engstrom-I agree, if either becomes a star it would have to be Adu. He is so young and already competing among and against men who have been playing before this kid even got his mom a kick in her belly. But will he live up to the hype? And more importantly, will soccer become a more popular sport in America?

Nolan-Flat out no. Pele, the world's greatest soccer player couldn't even save soccer in America. Soccer is an entertaining sport to a few people 'like myself, but to most of America is dull and grown out of. Every kid under the age of 14 plays soccer, but they grow out of it...for sports with more action.

Engstrom-Yep, but on behalf of Danny and I, we would like to congratulate Joseph Ngwenya on making it to the MLS.

Nolan-Alright, Sir Randall, the Lakers hate each other. I am guessing Shaq wouldn't spit on Kobe if he was on fire. With all the problems between Kobe and the Lakers, can they put it all behind them and win the NBA championship?

Engstrom-What kind of question is that? That would be like asking me if the Bulls will win the championship when Jordan was on the team. All these problems you speak of disappear once they are on the court. And you want know who will be taking the court in those hideous 'Laker uniforms? Kobe Bryant for starters, then tons in Shaq, The Mailman, Gary Payton and Rick Fox. Oh and did I forget to mention they are coached by one of the greatest of all time, Phil Jackson, who has a championship ring for each one of his fingers? Need me to add anything else?

Nolan-Good, I hope he has. I am not a fan of him or the Lakers.

Engstrom-OK, it's time for the big finish.

Nolan-Melo or Bron for Rookie of the Year. Who you got?

Engstrom-King James, of course. I had high expectations and he passed them with ease. Who you got winning the next major; Mickelson or Tiger?

Nolan-I'll take Mickelson, to keep his amazing year going; Tiger is lost with his hot nappy. 2004 NBA Champions who you got?

Engstrom-I'd like to say it's Garnett's year, but the Lakers are the Yanks of the NBA. Think you can predict the World Series teams?

Nolan-Give me the Astros and the Angels. And we're out. That's it - I win.

Former Harlem Globetrotter Tracy Williams: A true source of Inspiration

By Fran Reynolds

The Chanticleer in the Edwards Building Recital Hall, former Harlem Globetrotter Tracy Williams gave a motivational speech based on his life experiences.

Williams grew up in Beaufort, N.C. and attended James Madison and Campbell University.

Williams started playing basketball at a young age, but was not always very successful with it. As he became older he began working very hard at the sport and eventually landed himself a spot on a team called the Harlem Globetrotters.

Williams' main job now is giving motivational speeches, which takes him on trips all over the world and the U.S. In addition to giving speeches, Williams has also begun hosting basketball camps for underprivileged children, works with the television station HBO, and has begun a foundation with his wife that helps needy children develop necessary learning skills.

Williams himself had a troubled childhood and never really did well in school because of the people he associated with. He stated that this was the source for his desire to be so successful in life. He decided to take control of his life and create new habits for success.

Williams stated, "Being surrounded by so much negativity drove me to believe in myself and made me want to prove that I could achieve any goal I set for myself."

Williams told the audience that there was one lesson he learned that was very important, "Do not only dream to be successful, but seek to be significant as well."

The key to Williams' success in so many areas is determination and the willingness to give. He believes that the only way it is possible to make a life is by giving to others as much as possible because this defines you as a person.

When asked how to achieve superior success Williams stated, "Sit down and make a list of 5 things that you would love to accomplish in your lifetime, and then narrow those down to the most important ones, but make sure they are really big dreams to aim for. Get creative and follow through with your goals so you are able to share whatever gift you may have with the whole world. That's what I did and I love my life!"

Williams also stated that he believes that talking is everything; the right words make good communication, and good communication produces a beautiful life. He also made sure to let the audience know that life was not about happenstance, it is about control.

Williams stated, "Don't let the circumstances that surround you control your life. Invest in your mind, maximize your use of time because tomorrow is not promised, and believe in personal growth because these things will make you a wealthy person."

Before leaving, Williams left his audience with one last tidbit of advice.

"Information without application leads to frustration, so make use of every moment and go out smiling," he said.